



January- February 2026

Dear Believers in Christ Jesus,

I trust this letter finds you secure in your relationship in Christ, and from that position, enabled to live out the sainthood we are called to. Life does not always meet our expectations, but we can rest in our Savior and knowing we have done our best.

Ministry

Holly and I have been here in Norway for almost 7 years (in April). We have to the best of our abilities held services faithfully, hosted meals, and ministered in many sundry ways almost every week during that time except a short period during covid. The local church has grown and shrank with its usual ups and downs. However, there were a number of factors that reduced and depleted most of our folks in 2025. Very difficult and heartbreaking situations which we tried our best to help, comfort, and minister through. Around a year ago we lost the majority of those who had been attending. Since then, it has been only us and 3 other people. We have started to perceive that it may not be the healthiest situation for everyone (our family included) to be so isolated. In light of everything, we have temporarily suspended the Sunday services. We are taking part in a local evangelism course and visiting with two other local churches in our area. The evangelism course is hosted by church folks and invites the community to a home cooked meal, a short film about eternity, then open discussions about salvation and eternal things. Holly has helped preparing the first meal and there were about 45 people who attended.

Our goals include some things I wish we knew when we first arrived here 7 years ago. Here are some our goals in a nutshell: fellowship with other Norwegian believers who love Jesus Christ, learn more of the nuances of their culture, learn ways how they reach their own, and immerse into their language for awhile.

As our goals have been all along, I want to grow to be more conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and His gospel. Not the gospel of standardized expectations, traditions, or burdensome performances. My heart is to come back from this observation fresh with hopes of finding folks willing to come to Christ, be discipled, and grow a local assembly together.

Family and Norway

Holly and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in March. We will be taking a few days to get away, relax, and appreciate all the Lord has given us together these years. The kids are all healthy and busy with school and music. I recently finished more mechanical work on our 20 year old RAV4 to get it through the biannual inspection. Suffice it to say...salt has much effect on the underside of metal cars!! There have been seemingly endless odds of every sort stacked against us, but I am thankful that through Christ and faithful perseverance, we can win.

The Grotkes

Daniel, Holly, Susanna, Ethan, Molly, Gabriel & Else



Norway

Thank you again for praying for us to do right and carry on here for the Kingdom of God. We appreciate your financial support as well. Please pray for direction for us going forward that in all, Jesus would be pleased, saints edified, and souls saved.

In Christ Jesus,
Brother Daniel and Family



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