The Grotkes
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Norway

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Dear Saints,

Greetings from Norway. This will be our final prayer letter from Norway, so please be sure to read as I explain and give details about support, plans, etc. As we draw nearer to one of my favorite holidays, I am reminded of the gratefulness we have for the call to Norway and all that the Lord has done through and taught us since moving here among the Norwegian people. All in all, the whole experience has been 'above all that we could ask or think.'

Short NY Trip

I have just returned to Norway from a quick trip to my childhood home in New York. After my dad's passing in May, it became apparent that my sister and I needed to deal with the estate as soon as possible. My dad was a massive collector of just about anything you can imagine, so it was a labor intensive two weeks of cleaning up the property. I will be required to make another trip in the spring to finish the job. I do appreciate all of you who prayed for energy, strength, and safety on this trip.

Conclusion of Formal Missionary Role

We have made the decision to discontinue our formal missionary role. This is a final decision, and we want to clearly communicate this to those who have faithfully supported us financially. Following are some of the reasons for this conclusion:

1) Since moving to and ministering in Norway for eight years, we have realized that we are better suited to supporting existing ministries than starting our own. We have tried to do this, even while busy with our own work. I still believe that the local indigenous people will have the most success at reaching their own with the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2) Because of our commitment to using the KJV, we have tended to attract people from particularly dogmatic backgrounds (aka Stephen Anderson), often paired with conspiratorial thinking. Unfortunately, this has also meant encountering much disagreement within the church and a disproportionate number of situations involving abuse. We have gained experience and knowledge through these situations, and believe that helping people through such circumstances will likely continue to be part of our ministry. Because of many of these issues, we have been left with one or no folks to meet with every Sunday. We concluded that this lack of fellowship and community was not healthy for our teenage children. We have already lost support because of this.

3) Over time, we have encountered teachings and practices within numerous churches that can cause significant lasting harm. We recognize that this does not describe every church, but we have

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experienced these problems often enough that they have profoundly affected our understanding of ministry. We are trying to remain discreet, but we cannot continue to lend our support to systems that we cannot, in good conscience, endorse. We place great importance on autonomy and the freedom to live according to our convictions. If churches intend to be a hospital for the hurting, then the Hippocratic oath "First, do no harm" would be wise to implement.

4) We plan to remain here in Norway living out our lives to the glory of God. We understand that the Lord presents ministry opportunities in many different forms and we will endeavor to follow His leading in them. Although we do not know what the future holds for us financially, we trust that our same gracious Father who worked through you will provide for all our needs.

Conclusion of Financial Support

We now ask that you conclude financial support to the Grotke family in Norway. Our mission board, Bible Baptist Mission has been asked to receive and process your support only through the end of December 2026. Please Note: Support received after Jan.1, 2027 will be returned to the sender. If you are personally interested in continuing to support someone else here in Norway, contact me by email and I can recommend a solid family to you.

Thanksgiving

We want to extend our gratefulness to all of you who in one way or another have supported and blessed us these past 8 years. Special thanks to Brother and Sister Richmond, Brother Coventry, and Brother Dawson for their labor with prayer letters and processing support for us at BBM. Special thanks to all of the churches, pastors, and individuals who faithfully sent financial support and kept us in prayer all these many months. May you be rewarded and blessed now, and in eternity for your efforts. It has been our privilege to move to Norway, learn their language, adapt to the culture, and represent Jesus Christ here. By His grace, we will finish our course here. We trust in His performing work He started in us until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

In Christ Jesus,

Daniel Grotke and Family