

Scandinavian Ministry Update

The Milanowski's

“Christmas in Norway is based on Christian traditions, with elements of old pagan traditions and Jewish Hannukah. And new traditions are added every year.” (www.visitoslo.com)



Thank you for your prayers towards our children ministry, it is a happy growing ministry! In order for parents to get to know our teaching team, we invited all children and their families to visit a farm as a field trip. During the trip, we got to know the parents; and children were able to connect with us better. The turnout was great! Don't stop! Please continue to pray for the children ministry in both Oslo and Bergen – “Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of

Heaven belongs to those who are like these children” (Matthew 19:14) – we need commitment from parents and cooperation among teachers.

1st Visit to Parents After 20 Months

We went home to visit our parents for the first time after being in Norway for 20 months. It was a surprise visit which became the best Thanksgiving gift for them! Praise the Lord, our parents (from both sides) are slowing down but doing well. We especially thank God for godly brothers and sisters who have been showering them with love and care when we are not home.



The Great Commission

While Glen stayed in Oslo to preach and lead Bible studies, Ivy spent 15 days co-leading a STM trip to Thailand and Indonesia. The first part of the mission trip was to train the young Aka (tribal) leaders living in Thailand. The training camp was intensive and never lack of challenges. Due to

communication barriers, our STM team was surprised to learn that almost 1/3 of the camp participants were not Christians yet. Thank God for the creativities and teamwork among 7 of us (4 from Norway + 3 from Finland), ending the camp with thanksgiving.



On the second part of the mission trip, 4 of us from Norway joined the mission trip hosted by K-Pact to 3 different islands in Indonesia. We served meals to children in the villages, shared testimonies, led a workshop, and preached. Most importantly, we observed and prayed for various mission projects across Indonesia. Please pray for us to see God's will if this is the partnership we should continue.

When ALIVE meets Agape...

There are many churches without a pastor for the Next Gen, and the Nordic Chinese Christian Church in Malmo is no exception. God has given us the vision to extend the love among ourselves to them. Therefore, a visit from ALIVE (the Next Gen in Oslo) to Agape (the fellowship in Malmo) was planned. We spent a weekend together over games, laughter, worship, prayer, and Holy Communion. An encouragement was to see one of the young men who was struggling with his faith greatly on our last visit to Malmo returned to God in obedience after many online conversations/prayers. Another young man came and prayed with us, he shared with us that it was Ivy's message at last year's Easter Camp which woke him up from a journey to the "wrong" path. We pray that we will continue to empower our young people to make a difference.



When we do not see the possibilities...

With our very limited Norwegian, it has not been easy to network with other churches and organizations. However, just when we reached the threshold, we were invited to join the planning committee and speak in a workshop at a cross-cultural, and multi-generational Christian festival in January 2019.

Also, we have been invited to many "Julebord" which means Christmas gathering by different communities such as the International Student Fellowship, Filipino Christian community, Laget (InterVarsity Norway), etc. Please pray that God will continue to open more doors for us to serve Him; and for us to be a blessing in every gathering.



Ministerial Prayer Requests:

ö We are planning for a Jesus' Birthday Party as an outreach for families with children in our community on December 16 before most families take trips during the Christmas break. Please pray for the planning, invitation, and the program.



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