

# The Grotkes

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# Norway

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Greetings from Norway! Summer in the northern latitudes must be experienced to be fully appreciated. The common, almost unconscious theme that disguises itself in the exuberance of 20 hour days is: work hard and fast for winter is coming. This urgency to use the heat and light to every advantage can sure wear a body slap out! Couple the physical with the spiritual urgency and, simply put, just pray for strength and energy for your missionaries. Matt 26:41 "... the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Praise the Lord that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

## Ministry

While there are the inevitable adversaries and trials in God's work, there are also the incredible moments of seeing the evidence of His work and words. I want to briefly tell a bit more about Deborah. She was born into a massive family of Muslims in Rwanda. I believe her dad had 8 wives. From childhood she questioned the Muslim religion and cried out to the real God. As a young lady, she found Jesus Christ, fell in love with Him, and of course wanted her family to receive Him. As a result, she was repeatedly beaten and totally abandoned as if she were "dead" by the rest of her family. Her testimony, "I don't care if you beat and kill me, I will not give up Jesus!" She met Kenneth who was in Rwanda for university studies, got married, moved to Norway, and has been searching for a church for 2 years. God put us together during one of our street meetings. She loves the Lord Jesus Christ and desperately seeks to know Him more. We don't agree on all doctrines, but we praise God for her and pray He (not dumb over-zealous missionary) will reveal His truth to her.

Another blessing: Three weekends ago, after street preaching in Oslo, Stephan and his family met another believer "in the way." While Tabitha ran into the grocery store, Stephan gave a gospel witness to a man on the bench beside him. After some time, another man (Morten) appeared with a hat that said in English, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He joined in the conversation and helped Stephan witness to the man. He has faithfully attended church the last two Sundays! He got saved through preaching on YouTube, and is a KJV believer that ran into Stephan in a city of 1 million people! I don't know what the odds of crossing paths are, outside of God. He has been saved 5 years, and has been refreshed by our church. Isn't God good?!

For three months I've been covering various topics on the local church including its Purchase, Place, Purpose, Preparation, Participants, and Pastor. The Lord has given me a few more messages on Planning, Practices, and finally, its Presentation to Christ. In our Romans studies we are just finishing chapter 4. God provided cheap enough rent that we have now added Wednesday night prayer meetings to our schedule.



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## Home

Susanna finally graduates high school this year! (She was supposed to last year, but we postponed that.) Enjoy the attached pictures. Holly and the kids have a lovely garden growing. I'm attending a course to give me the required endorsement to pull a trailer with my Norwegian driver's license. Holly passed her theory test for her driver's license. She still has to take an icy-conditions class and retake the practical driving test before she gets her license. Holly was also able to finish an A1 language class, and Susanna has finished A2. B1 is the desired level of achievement! Please pray for all of us learning the language. Even though all the adults and teenagers can speak English, Norwegian is still very important to get to know people.

The blessings we enjoy are from God's hand and we know you are a tremendous and needful part of His hand of provision. Our humble thanks and appreciation for making this part of God's ministry a reality here in Norway. Thank you for cards, letters, emails, prayers, and support. May you be encouraged and made bold in these last days to "earnestly contend for the faith." God is still on His throne and Jesus Christ is about to stand on His right hand and shout "Come up hither!" Are you ready?

Love in Christ Jesus,  
Brother Daniel and Family



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