

The Grotkes

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Norway

November-December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings from Norway. We pray the Lord blesses the new year for you. Snow has just arrived in our area after record amounts of rain, gray, and mud this season. The super-saturated ground resulted in a huge landslide in a community 1 ½ hours north of us. More than 30 houses were destroyed, seven souls died, and three are still missing. Though small in comparison to other natural disasters God allows, this one is top news here in Norway where few happen.

Ministry

We've had some difficult battles and extra challenges in the work of the ministry these months. Shortly before Thanksgiving, the last six folks attending Bibel Troende Baptist Kirke left, leaving just our family. Covid could legitimately be blamed, but it was just a storm that revealed other problems regarding doctrine and reception to God's words. Disappointing to say the least. We continue to hold services, my family being a captive audience! This, coupled with the second shutdown that started at the same time, has been hard on several of the kids.

In December, we had reasonable success handing out "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Around Christmas, Norwegians are a little more tolerant to the mention of Jesus Christ, though it is often only a forced formality. As Amos 8:11-12 states, the famine here in Europe is not of having God's words, but of hearing the TRUTH! This culture is plagued with wisdom-seeking Gentiles (1 Cor. 1:22) who are "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Timothy 3:5-7 Though I yearn to lead a soul into the "simplicity" of the gospel of Christ, we are constantly faced with smartelic agnostics, and people who have earned their You Tube Doctorate of Theology Degree. We continue to pray and search for any souls that feel they have need of the Saviour.

Family

We enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving with some Christian friends from 2 hours away. Our family thanks the Lord for so many answers to prayer and provisions every day. We took the



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kids cross-country skiing for the first time during Christmas holiday. To many local Norwegians, the seven of us must have been a comical sight, but we had fun and called it an overall success that we plan to try again!

We want to sincerely thank all who gave extra around Christmas. None of us lack anything, because of your kindness. I especially appreciated the timely emails from folks who had no idea what we were going through, yet “my God” supplied even the needed bolstering and encouragement to keep on keepin’ on! We’re so privileged to be a tiny part of His big plan and be co- laborers together with you in Christ. Don’t allow Satan a victory in your mind with all the things God has allowed to come your way from His hands. Press on toward the mark and soon coming Rapture day!

Love in Christ Jesus,

Brother Daniel and Family

Philippians 1:6

PS My new number through Skype is (406) 552-1367 (or Facetime audio works.) Remember we are 6 hours ahead of EST.

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