

The Grotkes

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



Norway

November-December 2019

Dear Saints,

Greetings from Norway! We pray you are off to a good start in 2020 with Paul's 20/20 vision from Acts 20:20! Finishing out 2019 has to have been two of the busiest months of our lives. So much has happened toward our long term goals of living here to preach the word.

Home

On November 5th our container arrived safely after it's 3 ½ month trip from Alaska. But, alas, it could not be delivered into our small yard, so had to be dropped in the parking lot of the Lutheran church 600 yards away. This became one of the many signs that the Lord's hand was involved in providing us a new rental home. It is an amazing story of God's provision. On Sunday afternoon on our way home from church, Holly pointed across the fields to a house and commented how she wouldn't mind living there. That afternoon we were shocked to discover that the same house was listed for rent the day before! Except for God being who He is, it seems unbelievable that we are now in that same house. The previous house was a drafty 1200 sq. ft. house with single pane windows and wind whistling through the walls. The new house is a newly renovated 2500 sq. ft. house with 2 ½ baths. Also, God let us be able to unload our container only once at the new place. I also now have a large office, a garage, and a work room at the new house. Between ministry, moving, and my job we were happily exhausted all of November, with so much to thank God for! November 30th we finished moving into our new home- 5 years to the day since we moved out of our home in Alaska!

Work

My 6 month probation completed, I was heartily taken into the team of "finesnekkers" (fine carpenters) at Byggmester Evensen's. They gave me a raise, more tools, and more responsibilities with their appreciation of my work. My job is how we got into Norway and how we are able to stay, so this is a huge blessing!

While I am busy at work and with ministry, my dear wife and family have faithfully labored in moving, tracting, and preparing meals every Sunday for the whole church. Because



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of a quickly spreading reputation, the 4 oldest kids were able to help a neighbor paint for 2 weeks inside a house he is remodeling. We were able to get to know them and become good friends through this. They promised to visit our church with their two kids. Please pray for all of our new friends, including our new landlords, and a friend of Holly's who is saved, but has many questions on Bible versions and doctrines.

Prayer works! In December I was able to pass my Norwegian driver's test and now have my Norwegian driver's license. The "exchange" for my valid Alaska DL took 6 months and over \$700! It will be the same for Holly. Her test is in March.

Church

Bible Believer's Baptist is maintaining in numbers while we grow in truth. We have covered a lot of doctrine these months and just started Romans verse by verse in Sunday school. Stephan and Tabitha were blessed with a new baby this month. Matthias seems to be growing in understanding. He had been visiting all the churches (including the JW) but he was recently physically excommunicated from the Lutheran state church in Ski for pronouncing truth against infant baptism (at a baptism!) He has been much more faithful to attend our services since then! The Lord is establishing our steps and slowly opening doors.

We want to thank you for your faithful part in this ministry. Many of you sent cards and extra gifts over the holidays for which we are grateful and touched by your thoughtfulness. May our dear Lord Jesus Christ guide you to higher ground this year.

Love in Christ Jesus,

Brother Daniel and family

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