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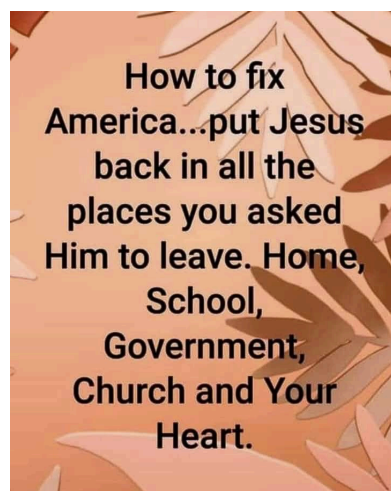
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## Norway News and Prayer Letter Bill Hansen Jan 2025

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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Family,

What applies to America also applies to every other country, city and individual on the planet. The instructions from the Lord to believers is to go into ALL the world and preach the Gospel to EVERY creature. As the old song goes, "People need the Lord". It's not just a line in a Christian song, it's a fact of life. All of us contribute to that goal in different ways, but the objective is the same no matter what position on the team we hold. There are quarterbacks, guards, centers, tackles, ends, etc., but if you don't get the ball across the goal line you don't win the game. There are spectators, too, but they don't move the ball. As much as I enjoy cheering someone else on, or being cheered on myself, without the "team", nothing good happens. The inevitable result is You LOSE. As we follow the Lord, and put Him first in our lives, we win, because He always wins. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1st Corinthians 15:57-58.

With that as an intro, here are some of the things that the Lord has been preparing for my departure to Norway. As you will see, it is definitely the Lord, and not me. You can't make this stuff up.

First of all, a sister in Christ from France, has several friends in Norway and will be (has already started) putting me in contact with them. She is French, but has German and Norwegian heritage, and actually knows a good bit of the language. She often has visited them, and will continue to do so, especially since I will be living there, in order to continue and expand their friendship and increase the opportunity to witness and see them saved. Only one is actually from Bergen, but they like to get together, and distances in Norway are not far.

Secondly, a missionary from Ecuador has been called to Bergen, Norway. He is married and has three children. Shortly after his salvation, his brother, also recently saved, left Ecuador to go to Norway to

work. There, he started his own business, fell in love with a Norwegian, got married, and has been there ever since. Both of these brothers got saved in Ecuador in their early 20's via an American missionary. After his salvation, the brother still in Ecuador also got married and then went to help his brother in Norway. He was there for three years, helped in the business, witnessed for Christ, and learned the language. He then came back with a tremendous burden for Norway. He went to a Bible Institute, was called to pastor and kept praying for the Lord to send a missionary to Norway. When the Lord spoke to him and said, "how about you"? he was surprised and didn't know exactly what to do. He had been pastoring his church in Ecuador for 3 or 4 years by then. Finally, it became clear that he was to go to Norway with his family, and start in the city where his brother was still working, Bergen. He signed off from his church, and started visiting churches in Ecuador and Mexico to get support. While in Mexico, he went to a conference run by John Lawrence, the director of missionary training for the International Board of Jewish Missions. Since John and I are very good friends (he was a missionary in France when we first met), John put Manuel from Ecuador in touch with me. He will be joining the International Board of Jewish Missions, and thereby gain contact with churches in the US for support which should speed up his projection for getting to Norway. Please pray for Manuel and Jenny Merino as they start to visit Spanish speaking churches in the US to prepare to go to Bergen. He doesn't speak English very well, so that limits him somewhat in the US, but there are a lot of good Spanish speaking works in the US.



On the home front here in Tigard, Oregon, I continue to pass out tracts, door hangers, and was able to get into a good conversation with a new teller at the bank where I am now doing business. Please pray for Bruce. Last year, one of the bank counselors (at that same bank) that I had been witnessing to, came up to me and told me that he had received Christ as his savior, and was very grateful for the explanations that I was able to give him. He had been raised catholic, but basically didn't care for it at all. Pray for Zach.

To check off the boxes from the "to do" list: 1. Operate to remove cataracts from both eyes. X  
 2. Get a tooth implant. X  
 3. Get Jeep ready to roll: Breaks, shocks, pwr steering, tires, etc. X

All these have turned out very well, and I thank you for your prayers and the Lord for answering all of them in a marvelous way. I can now read and drive without glasses, the jaw bone is integrating very nicely into the new implant peg, and the Jeep runs like new.

I do have some final check ups scheduled as follows: Final eye check up - 1 April 2025. Final tooth implant work - 3 April 2025. But in the meantime I will be checking out the possibility of a longer

term visa, and a good place to live in Bergen to coordinate with Brother Manuel and his family for the future church plant there. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway after Oslo, the capital. But there are many communities that make up Bergen. Last summer I was in Laksevåg. My mom and dad grew up in Kronstad. Both are in Bergen, just like Long beach and Gardena are both considered part of LA. Additionally, after the inauguration is finished, and the cabinet in place, we will be able to look forward to less crime, and a more stable and less expensive economy. That will help my travel expenses since right now they would be unnecessarily high. So I will be coordinating with you an opportunity to visit, explain a bit about Norway, and enjoy your fellowship once again.

May the Lord richly bless you in His privileged service. Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Bill

"Call unto me and I will answer thee,  
and show thee great and mighty things  
which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3

