
Norway News and Prayer Letter June 2025

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Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, the name that is above all names.

I met with the pastor of the church here in Landas, as mentioned in my last newsletter to you, and we had a good meeting. The church was actually founded by a Norwegian, not the Swedish Baptist evangelists back then, and it was in 1870, not 1878, as I had thought. He actually took down from his shelf an old book about the early days of the church and looked it up while we were discussing it, so we had a good discussion about its history, which he had not reviewed for a long time and it was very interesting for both of us. The doctrinal differences that I had noted in my previous letter were pretty much confirmed, but we both understood that we were family in Christ and that we wanted only the best for him and his congregation and he expressed the same toward me and the new work to be started in another part of Bergen. He encouraged me to become part of their Baptist Federation as well. We both agreed that there were a lot of Norwegians (and others) living around Bergen that needed to be saved and that another soul winning church would be a great benefit.

Since last year, I have been trying to find out information about a property very close to where I was staying back then in the town of Laksevag. After calling real estate agents and talking to city hall, I was still unable to make any contact with anybody that owned it and what it's actual status was. Until last Friday. I went over there to check out the site again, and someone was actually there. I knocked on the window and met the general manager of a company that was now renting one of the buildings. He was very helpful, gave me his own company's email address, asked me to send him an email with my own info on it, and that he would contact the owner and could get me a key so I could look it over to decide whether it was adequate for my project, and what the costs would be, zoning rules, etc. So, please be praying about this development. There are a lot of possible pro's and con's with a situation like this, and I really only want the Lord's perfect will in this thing.



I am down to the final 24 days of my visa stay here in Norway, and the family I have been staying with has been more than generous and hospitable in every way. Although I do contribute to the food consumption part of my stay, they do not like it at all, and insist on supplying everything necessary. The husband, Stian, is Norwegian in the sense that he was adopted by a Norwegian family when he was barely 6 months old, and raised and educated here. He doesn't have any idea who his biological mother or father are, except that they were from Columbia, SA. His wife, Alba, is from Ecuador, and they first met in Bergen when she came to visit about 20 years ago. Spanish is his third language, after Norwegian and English. Stian is not saved, but very open to discussion, but his wife, Alba, and their daughter Kristina, are both saved and faithful to the Lord. She was saved in a strong Baptist church in Ecuador and is very glad to know that we are starting a solid work here which she misses a lot. I have been having Bible studies in their home, with some others, and they love the teaching of the Word. Stian's mom and dad live more than an hour away by car, are very nice people, but not too open to the Gospel.

In this first picture are Stian, Kristina (11), and Alba. The lady on the left, Marie-France, is a sister in Christ visiting us from France for a few days, and helping with evangelism.



In this next picture is Paul, on the right, who is full Norwegian, then next to him is his wife, Francisca, who is saved and originally from Angola, and across from Paul is his son, Roland. Paul is extremely open to the Gospel and was amazed, actually, at the answers that I was able to give him concerning various aspects of Christianity and the Bible, especially as related to science, creation, etc. We are good friends already and have been to their home twice. They live out in the country, about an hour away. Very nice home.



Pray also for Manuel Merino and his family, who are missionaries from Ecuador, recently with the International Board of Jewish Missions. He has been called by the Lord to Bergen, Norway, and is working on his support and visas in order to come to work together with me and start a solid independent baptist church in Bergen, Norway.



Last, but not least, I want to praise the Lord and ask you to pray for a retired businessman named Dave Decker. Originally from Minnesota, but now up in Washington State, we have mutual friends from both Iowa and Minnesota, and he has a tract ministry, or works with another brother who does, and has offered to send tracts to me for free. We recently ordered our first shipment in English, because there are none translated yet into Norwegian, but it's a step in the right direction and we are grateful to him and the Lord for this asset.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you as you look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

In and for Jesus Christ,

Bill

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