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Dear mission partners and friends,

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.'

Psalm 105:1

We are truly grateful for what the Lord is doing in Uppsala, Åkersberga and Stockholm city. Sometimes it seems like small and insignificant steps in the process of making God's name known to the people we work with. But seeing how his work is changing people's lives, gives us such a great joy and huge inspiration to do this important work for his glory.

Bible study group in Uppsala

Up until now in our bible study group in Uppsala we have been working through different courses such as 'Christianity Explored', 'Personal evangelism', 'How to handle difficult questions' and are now doing the course 'How to read the Bible'. Later, during the autumn/winter, we'll do 'Our identity in Christ' and 'the Lord's Prayer'. As the group in Uppsala is growing there will come a time where we can start thinking about a church plant. So please help us to pray in that direction.

Bible study group in Stockholm

New for this semester is that we will start another bible study group, this time in Stockholm City. As we have a growing group of people who are attending Emmaus Church, but live in Stockholm city, we have decided to hold a midweek bible study group there too. We have around 10 people and will start with a 'Christianity Explored' course. This bible study group will also be open for English-speaking people. We can't emphasise how excited we are about this group and its development.

Evangelism

In our previous newsletter we wrote about building bridges to our community. As a result of Emmaus church's outreach with the children's choir we now have three mums who have signed up to our 'Christianity Explored' course in Åkersberga in September. Our hope and prayer is that more parents will sign up to the course and we would especially like to see some of the men come aboard too.

Children's ministry and outreach

Even though we have a full schedule of activities this autumn we will still have couple of main outreach events such as children's party 'Hallåvån' on 30 October, and our Christmas family service with the children's choir in December. We will also have some family services as that is the

service that most non-believers (families usually tied to the children's choir) are choosing to attend. Those services are always evangelistic and with a clear gospel message.

Café church

Once a month we have something we call 'Café church', which is an evangelistic outreach and at the same time a church training opportunity in gospel apologetics. And we have 'FIKA' (a very important Swedish word which means coffee break and fellowship). FIKA at Emmaus always involves, coffee/tea, sandwiches and cakes we produce a table talk where we discuss difficult questions that people may have about Christian faith and/or other existential questions.

Teaching and training

You all know that teaching and training has always had a special place in our hearts and we are happy to announce that we will start our first training session with leaders in the church this autumn. The first teaching will be on how to organise and lead a bible study group. The material we will use for this training is the 'Grow Group' course and notes from our other course, such as 'Bible discussion leading'.

Farewell and welcome at the same time

As we start this new term we had to say farewell to Mathias and Sharelle who moved 400km south from Uppsala. Mathias was part of the leadership team in the Emmaus Church and Sharelle was helping among other things with organisational questions concerning our registration as a church. The good news is that Mathias got a full time ministry job in the Swedish Church and can go for ordination in two years' time. We are sad for the loss of good leaders but God did not leave us short, at the same time we said goodbye to them we said welcome to Ionut and Annelie, a new couple from Dublin who moved to Stockholm to be part of our ministry. Ionut has been an apprentice in our partner church Immanuel Church in Dublin and both are a great blessing to us in Emmaus Church and the bible study group in Stockholm.

Finally, we also want to thank you for all your prayers, love and support. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Chris and Lotta and Obi Wan Kenobi

PRAYER POINTS

- We are grateful to the Lord for our bible study groups, and what God is doing in people's lives.
- Please pray for the Stockholm City group.
- Please pray for all those who will attend our 'Christianity Explored' courses this autumn
- Pray for us and the training we are preparing.
- Pray for our children's ministry: the children's choir, and for our weekly children's programme
- Pray for the upcoming "Hallåvän" party 30 October,
- Pray also for our children's workers, Kaisa and Dorothy.

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