

Planting seeds

The challenge of re-evangelizing Sweden - Gospel training & discipleship ministries

GOSPEL WORK IS HARD

Psalm 114

WHO DOES NOT NEED PATIENCE?

Planting new seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is hard work. Working with people takes time and, you sometimes spend

more time listening than talking. Prayer plays also an important role in reaching out as we are dependent on God's work in people's hearts and minds, so you need a lot of patience, just like an farmer.

This is where we

are right now in our work in Sweden. We have several non-Christians, all very different with different backgrounds, but we are here to patiently share the Gospel with them. We see all the ups and downs in their lives. In one moment we see how they respond to the Gospel and that something good is happening and then in the next moment you are back to square one. But overtime you start to see small changes in the right direction and you see God at work in their lives; it is not just what you share and all the questions you try to answer that has an impact but how God works in the circumstances of those individuals.



ONE TO ONE

In our little church in Åkersberga we are praying for several families that we are working with. Kaisa who is our Children's worker, is also taking time to do one- to- one with a woman who is new to our church and to the Christian faith. She came to both of our outreach events and is now going through Christianity Explore with Kaisa.

We are also starting the Christianity Explore course in Uppsala and are doing it one to one with people coming to the bible study group. We are also training people there to work with the CE course.

HOLIDAYS LIKE EASTER IS A GOOD PLACE TO START



Obi-Wan Kenobi in his new hunting grounds.

Our families in the church live very busy and demanding lives so rather than having a lot of activities we need more to encourage them and see how we can help them do more things for the gospel. We decided first to look at big holidays, like Halloween, Christmas, Easter and to see how we can use those for outreach, especially with children. We did an outreach during Halloween last November and now we have done a similar outreach this Easter. Both yielded result and we are very encouraged.

TO DO EVERYTHING WITH A GOSPEL INTENT

But as a new church plant we struggle with few resources and we currently live in a wider area around Stockholm which both stresses and challenges things a bit. As we are only few

people in the church but with the vision to reach out to the unreached, we are tempted to look for other Christians to help us. Yes, we do need more help and to build the team, but still our focus has to remain on the people we want to reach. That's why we decided to make the Gospel our first priority in every

ministry. Everything we do should be missional and gospel driven; the Sunday service and preaching, teaching, training, one- to- one, bible study groups, womens' group, children's ministry and so on. It is a great challenge for us and we need now to persevere in the ministry we were called to do.



Kaisa teaching the children the meaning of Easter

**OUR VISION
IS TO BE A
GOSPEL
DRIVEN AND A
MISSIONAL
CHURCH**

PRAYING POINTS

- Pray for the Emmaus church in Åkersberga, that we can reach out to the local community and that we can be faithful in our ministry.
- Pray for more people to be able to move to Åkersberga (us included) and that the church team will grow.
- Pray for the people we meet one- to- one to come to faith in Christ.
- Pray also for the bible study group in Uppsala, that it will grow and people will come to Christ.
- Continue to pray for our finances.

Yours in Christ

Chris & Lotta and Obi cat



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