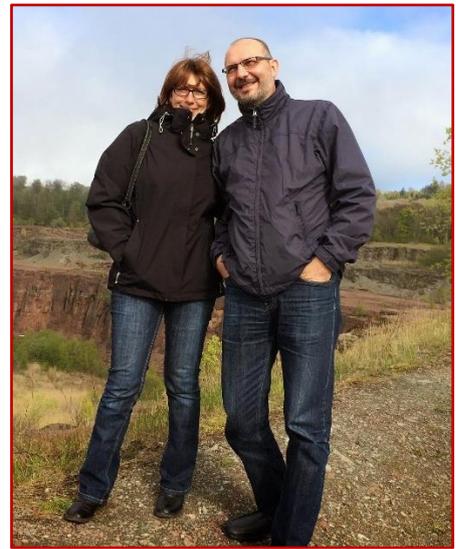


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'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.'
1 Cor. 3:6

Dear partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ,

We and the Emmaus church in Åkersberga send the warmest greetings and love to you all. We think of and pray for you continually, that you will be blessed in all your work and ministry for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Overview of latest news:

We had a very good autumn and winter in 2017; we've had a good start to 2018 too. There has been a strong emphasis on the gospel as we preached through the gospel of Mark in the church services, ran Christianity Explored courses and continued the children's ministry.

In November, we finished the Christianity Explored (CE) course in the Stockholm City bible study group, a group we started in August 2017. We also started another CE course with the parents of children who attend the children's choir 'Skatten Mix' led by Kaisa. While the parents wait for the children to finish, various people from the church spend time with the parents. The purpose is to build trust and relationship with them. As we did this, a great

opportunity opened up as a mom asked, 'What is the Christian faith about?' We had mothers signing up to the CE course. We have been encouraged to see one of the mothers starting to attend the women's bible study. She and her husband and children have also started attending our Sunday services.

This year we had an Easter family service again. We have been encouraged by families returning every year for Christmas, Easter and Hallovän party (a friendlier Halloween for the smaller children). Although we are preaching the radical gospel, both to the children and to the adults, people are still returning. That is encouraging and gives us great hope. We are praying that God will work in their hearts and save them. On the Saturday after our Easter family service we had a brunch at church and invited new visitors to come so we could continue to build relationships.



The work is growing

In January, Lotta lead another CE course in Uppsala, where she also trained leaders how to run CE courses. Daniel, one of our bible study group leaders in Uppsala, was one of the people being trained. He is now running his first CE course with foreign students in Uppsala.

A number of

bible study groups continue to meet. The women's bible study group is currently going through the Lord's Prayer using a course we created. The Stockholm group finished a bible overview, looking at themes that point towards Christ and fulfilment; the group is now studying Galatians. In Uppsala, the group finished a series of bible studies about our identity in Christ and another on the Lord's Prayer. Now the Uppsala group is focusing on how we can improve our personal bible reading.



We have also started to train home group leaders in the church; the work is growing and we need more lay people in ministry. This is a great opportunity to see young believers grow and mature in Christ and to train people to meet ministry needs.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Please pray for the mother who did the CE course and is coming to the church with her husband. She's just had a difficult childbirth. Please pray for her family - that God would work in her husband's heart and save them.
- Pray for 'Skatten Mix' (Children's Choir) and for Kaisa who is building bridges with the parents and teaching the gospel to the children
- Pray for all the people coming to outreach events at Emmaus
- Pray for Daniel who is using the CE course to reach out to foreign students in Uppsala
- Pray for our bible study groups - that Christ will be revealed more and more in the believers' hearts
- Pray also for the home group leaders training

Yours in Christ,

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