

Scandinavian Ministry Update

The Milanowski's

*"Count your blessings, name them one by one! Count your blessings, see what God has done!
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!" (Lyrics from Count Your Blessings)*

Keep it going!

Prior to our arrival to Norway, we have been praying that we can be the mobilizers for the NextGen ministries beyond the four walls of the churches. However, this has been a very difficult task, since we have sent out messages to a large number of NextGen workers and organizations with no replies at all. Later, we learned that this is not the typical way for Norwegians to network. Then, we started to attend as many external NextGen meetings/activities as our schedule permitted, on top of hosting "fika" (coffee/tea time) among NextGen workers. In this our 3rd year of ministry, we have begun to see results, praise the Lord! We are now more connected with NextGen workers from other churches and organizations in Oslo; and are co-hosting events with them.



Sports is a big focus for families in Norway. We have connected with KRIK (Norwegian Christian Sports) and are looking into start a joint program for our fellowship in Bergen. KRIK would like to extend their program to ethnic churches; and we are trying to reach out to young families in the community. After much prayer and discussion with KRIK and co-workers in Bergen, we are planning a new joint venture program starting January 1, 2020! Please pray for a blessing from this partnership.

God's Love is So Amazing!

~ Ivy baptized 2 sisters at our Bergen fellowship church in June. This was the first baptism since our Bergen fellowship officially applied and was accepted to membership with the NCCC family! We were all encouraged by their testimonies, and the song they sang as a response to their dedication to the Lord.



~ It was wonderful that God provided Rev. Gus Fung and his mentee (Nissi) from UK to come to Oslo and facilitated a mission course – the Unfinished Story. Thirteen brothers and sisters attended the course; and 6 of them also received the facilitator's training. "If we do not go, who is going to tell them of God's love for them?" – a statement that poked all our hearts. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for us as we shine for His glory!

~ Ivy has been giving premarital counselling to a young Finnish couple through Skype since January 2019. Online counselling was a new experience for her and is extra challenging when the media equipment does not function properly. Though it was difficult, it was not impossible because our God is amazing. We flew to Finland to anoint their new home and attended their wedding and preached at NCCC in Helsinki on Sunday.



~ Looking at the “then” and “now” pictures of 1)the NextGen Sunday service in Oslo; (# keeps growing). 2)Student ministry in Bergen (due to the limitation of the student visa), will only retain 1 student to continue studies this fall. Yet the ministry is still going strong, 3)Bible study in Bergen is well attended and the number of Bible study attendees has increased by 10 times. We only have room for a picture of 1 of the 3 groups, but we can say that God is our Great Shephard! Please pray with us for more fruit in the future.



Prayer Requests:

- ö We are going home for our 1st Home Assignment from July 10 – October 17. Right away, we will be sharing at Joint Mission Conference hosted by CCACA in Vancouver July 12-14. Please pray for our safety, health, and clear deliverance of messages. If you would like us to come and share with you, what God has been doing on our journey with our “taste of Norway” presentation, please write to us so we can prepare accordingly!
- ö We continue to ask for your prayers over this ministry, and if God moves you to support this ministry financially, you can either: Donate to the Global Advance Fund (GAF): payable to C&MA Canada, Or you can earmark your support to our ministry directly online, just cut and paste this link:

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