



September October 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings again from Norway! The gray and cold are setting in now, but I always enjoy autumn in these northern climates. All of God's most colorful handiwork is on vibrant display, especially in Norway's fjell (mountains). Early October is usually when the colors peak here in southern Norway. In a single setting, can one relish the scenery of snow covered peaks outlined by crimson blueberry plants between snow line and pine forest. Lower in valleys lie picturesque farms, established centuries ago, with sheep brought down from high summer pasture, and Norsk farmers driving very modern equipment in the fields lined with thousand-year-old stone walls. Waterfalls cascade down nearby, feeding the glacier blue rivers. The forest of colors brings praise and adoration to the Creator from thankful lips. If such beauty still exist in the sin cursed world, what must the millennium, new heaven, and new earth be like as Jesus Christ reigns?!

Church and Ministry

We've had some trouble with getting a consistent place to meet these months, but the Lord always provides a place. We have alternating access to three different buildings, of which the last two have been better equipped for our group, as well as cheaper! One beautiful Sunday in September we even met outdoors to sing and preach like other saints in history. In October, we attended family Bible camp again with the Spiren group. They asked me to preach the Sunday services there, so I preached on Lazarus's resurrection and the need for Christian community to lose him and let him go.

The Luchko family of six from Ukraine stayed with us for a month before Norway arranged their temporary housing. Unfortunately, they were moved 24 hours north to Tromsø for now. Please continue to pray. God will allow them to live more permanently near us as church and fellowship are high priority and very precious in Europe! Praise the Lord, we heard just today that they were granted one year to stay in country.

Family

It was great to have Ethan back from Alaska one week in September. He had an edifying time building some warehouses with Christian guys there over the summer. Now he has moved eight hours north to Trondheim with some believers we know and will work through his Norwegian carpenter apprenticeship.

Along with some of the church members, our children have had a round of whooping cough 4 to 5 weeks now. Most are finally on the mend, thankfully.

We just got some interesting news in October from our landlords. They are getting up in years and plan to sell the house and land we rent. Our contract runs out next November and will have been

The Grotkes

Daniel, Holly, Susanna, Ethan, Molly, Gabriel & Else



Norway

six years that we stayed here. They gave us first offer to buy, but the prices in our area are extremely high. We ask you to pray as we seek the Lord's will about where to live. We really do not want to rent super long-term as it seems a foolish loss of money. On the other hand, saving 15% down and buying a place in this area God placed us seems very unrealistic and impossible. We know nothing is impossible for him, so we are seeking his way and open doors. If He want us to move, please pray it works out next summer other than winter, and that he will get us the right place as well as grace and strength to move. We are already so very busy, a move is an added challenge we had hoped to avoid longer!

Once again, thank you very much for praying for us and faithfully giving so that we can be here fulfilling his calling. He is faithful doing his work here in the souls of men and women who receive truth! Keep on for his worthy cause!

In Christ Jesus,

Brother Daniel, and family



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