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seminar in Lier,  
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*Are not five sparrows sold  
for two copper coins? And  
not one of them is forgotten  
before God... Do not fear -  
you are of more value than  
many sparrows...*

Lk 12:6-7

Living Water is a Seventh Day Adventist lay ministry. Our goal is to reach out with the message of the Bible through preaching, teaching and other mission activities across the world. For more information, please visit our web-page:

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# By faith...



First of all we want to wish you a very happy and blessed New Year! As we move into 2011 it is our prayer that you may grow in grace and knowledge of Him to whom we owe everything. Looking back we thank God for His guidance over the past year and we want to thank you for your continual support of Living Water ministry through your prayers and contributions. This is what gives us the opportunity to continue to reach out with the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming King. Thank you for being part of quenching the thirst of souls by your support of Living Water!

We are happy and grateful to be able to enter into a New Year with renewed energy and vision to serve the Lord in different parts of the world. There are many exciting missions ahead of us and it looks like this coming year is going to be very busy for us. By the time you receive this magazine we will most likely be in Kenya (East Africa). This time we will be travelling to Kenya with a group of students from the European Bible School in Norway. We plan on spending a month in Kenya, first preaching and teaching in Nairobi, the capital city, after which we will travel to the west of the country to conduct three health and evangelistic campaigns simultaneously. The team is excited and so are we. Another overseas mission will be a city wide evangelistic effort in New Zealand from the end of February till the beginning of May. The churches in Kenya and New Zealand are preparing for these missions as we all anticipate and long to see the Holy Spirit work upon the people's hearts in these places. But also closer to home the work is advancing. A Bible group has been started in Lier as you can read about in this edition. Good friends will continue working with these dear souls. We ask for your prayers for these and many other projects coming up in 2011.

More than anything else we need faith to lay hold on the promises of God. It has always been through faith that missions and tasks have been accomplished. Hebrews chapter 11 has been a great inspiration for us. I believe Hebrews chapter 11 is an unfinished story. By faith your name can be added to the list of faithful men and women that trusted in the power of God. The individuals mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 made mistakes in their lives but did not give up. They laid hold on the promises of God, which enabled them to experience the power of God in their lives. It is my prayer that we may do the same in this coming year.



# A new fellowship

We are gliding across the Atlantic Ocean with a speed of 911 km per hour. The information on the screen tells me we are 10681 meters in the sky and it's -50 Celsius outside, which makes me glad I am inside! I should be sleeping, as it is the middle of the night, but have never really been able to sleep on air-planes. I just never seem to get the right position to comfortable doze away. Many thoughts run through my head as I reflect upon the month now already history.

By Daniel Pel

Silvia and I spent 5 weeks in the United States, working with a wonderful team, conducting a series of Bible presentations. Now we are on our way back to Norway but our hearts seem to be with the work and dear souls left behind. The distance between them and us becomes greater even as I am typing...especially when you are traveling with a speed of 911 km per hour! But prayer travels faster than the plane I am in, faster than the speed of sound, even faster than the speed of light. Let's call it the speed of thought! I am reminded of the apostle Paul who prayed for the churches and souls he had ministered to. He longed to be with them all but made sure they knew he was with them in Spirit. What a day it will be





when oceans will no longer part God's people. John, the beloved disciple of Jesus, was banished to the Island of Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation. Removed from friends and loved ones God gave him a vision of the new earth and he describes it as having no more sea. No more separation! Till this time we will like Paul be with one another in the Spirit, which really means united in prayer.

Our time in Washington State was a time of renewing friendships from our last visit a year ago and making new friends. Another series of Bible meetings was organized covering some of the same Bible truths but from a different angle and adapted for both the people from last year and new comers. Since we left a year ago we had occasional been receiving updates of the Bible work that had been carried forward by the faithful team of Countryside SDA church. Some people had shown an increasing interest in the Bible and had grown while others had dwindled in their pursuit of truth and settled for the things of this world. While visiting people we could sense in a very real way the spiritual battle going on in their lives. We knew that our influence would only go so far and that we needed the Holy Spirit. I could at times sense that the people were under conviction as testing and challenging truth was presented.

The presentations were again held in the Lakeside Middle School in Suncrest. The attendance was not as high as last year but the overall interest seemed to be greater as we had a consistent group coming out each night. The people that came to the meetings were serious about what they were hearing and many of them made decisions that impacted their lives. As the interest grew throughout the series a vision grew in our minds. As a team we had the vision to start a new group, church plant, in the outreach area of Lake Spokane. This became a reality and we found a suitable building for rent and invited the people attending the series at the school to come and worship with us on God's appointed Holy day, His Sabbath. We rejoiced as we had a group of 30 people coming out the first Sabbath! The group has continued to meet since and we pray that all those that attend will find a spiritual home in this church.



# Meeting-series in Lier

It is a clear November night. The temperature is nearing minus 20 degrees celcius. A couple of young people are waiting outside the entrance of the meeting hall at Lier Station. Burning torches show the way... Will any guests brave the cold to attend the evening meetings?

By Silvia Pel



From the 18th of November till the 2nd of December we had a meeting-series in Lier, Norway, together with the European Bible School.



The series was divided into two sections. Each evening began with a health related program, where we dealt with five selected themes in the frame of health and nutrition: "Healthy and simple spreads", "Salad and sprouts", "Meatless lunch",

"Alternatives to milk" and "Healthy snacks for the sweet tooth". The cook at the Bible School shared useful information in relation to the different topics. Then the students entered the scene – a colourful group of young people from different countries. They did an excellent job as demo-cooks and transformed the recipes to

a visual experience, followed by the experience of tasting. The atmosphere was warm and informal, we had opportunity to exchange thoughts and get to know each other better.

All seemed satisfied. They had received food for the body. The next section was intended to satisfy the hunger of the soul. The topics were framed to meet close and relevant questions: "Guardian angels – do they exist?", "Why do innocent suffer?", "Is there life after death?", "What will the future hold?" and "What is the purpose of life?" Daniel had some engaging lectures, well illustrated with Power Point. We earnestly prayed for the seeds of truth to fall in good earth. The congregation was clearly moved.

As we are looking back, we are deeply thankful to our Lord. More people braved the cold than we expected and came evening after evening. And the story does not end here. Several want to dig deeper. We have started a Bible study group in the home of one of the visitors and the first evening 5 of the participants from the meeting series were present. When we had the first follow up of the health section, 10 visitors came all the way to the Bible School in Skotselv to eat lunch with us and participate in further teaching and cooking.

Praise God – His Word does not return in vain! (Is 55:11) Let us be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, secure in the assurance that the work will not be in vain in the Lord! (1. Cor. 15:58)



# Inspiration week-end at EBS

From the third to the fifth of December 2010 we had inspiration week-end at the European Bible School. It was an unforgettable week-end with strong preaching, heart searching appeals and inspiring testimonies.

*By Silvia Pel*



Jan Harry Cabungcal from Switzerland (originally the Philippines) was guest speaker at the inspiration week-end. His profession is neuroscientist, but he has a passion for soul winning. He is a dynamic and inspiring speaker. During the week-end he shared experiences both from the mission field and everyday life.

The theme for the week-end was 'For such a time as this', and Jan invested us with the conviction that we are called to be God's representatives in an endtime perspective. The Scripture was central in Jan Harry's preaching. God has given him a peculiar gift of bringing the message to a practical and down to earth level. The Spirit was clearly present, and many hearts were touched. We pray the revival will continue and cause a deeper commitment, stronger identity and renewed eagerness to share.

# Endtime Youth Evangelism

By Silvia Pel

The Youth Conference called "EYE" was held from December 27 to December 30, 2010, followed by the Matteson Schools New Year gathering. In addition to Scandinavian speakers, the arrangers had invited Peter Bertrus from Australia. Peter is from Gateway SDA Church. From being a little group of young people, this church has had an explosive growth the past years. Today three active churches exist in the centre of secular Melbourne.

The book of Acts has been a source of inspiration for the founders of Gateway. Their success is grounded in a burden for seeking souls. The church is built on the CARE-group principle, where all members are actively involved in outreach Bible study groups. These small groups are like a home to students, families and singles and meet both their social and spiritual needs.

During the conference Daniel had a series on the book of Romans – a structured presentation of the Gospel. We hope to publish these audio files on our web-page soon, so you can get a taste.

Kenneth Jørgensen and Allan Jensen also shared exciting studies. In addition the program stimulated to personal study and exchange.

For the third consecutive year, the Youth Conference EYE was held in Denmark...



# A divine appointment

The bus has arrived in the centre of Oslo. Mary is lost in deep thoughts, but now awakened by the reality of a new working day. The last days an inner conviction has grown stronger - a realisation that we are indeed living in the end of time. She feels a need of studying and understanding the prophecies of the Bible, but does not know exactly how to start. "Lord, lead me", is her silent plea. The heavenly host is ready to answer her prayer...

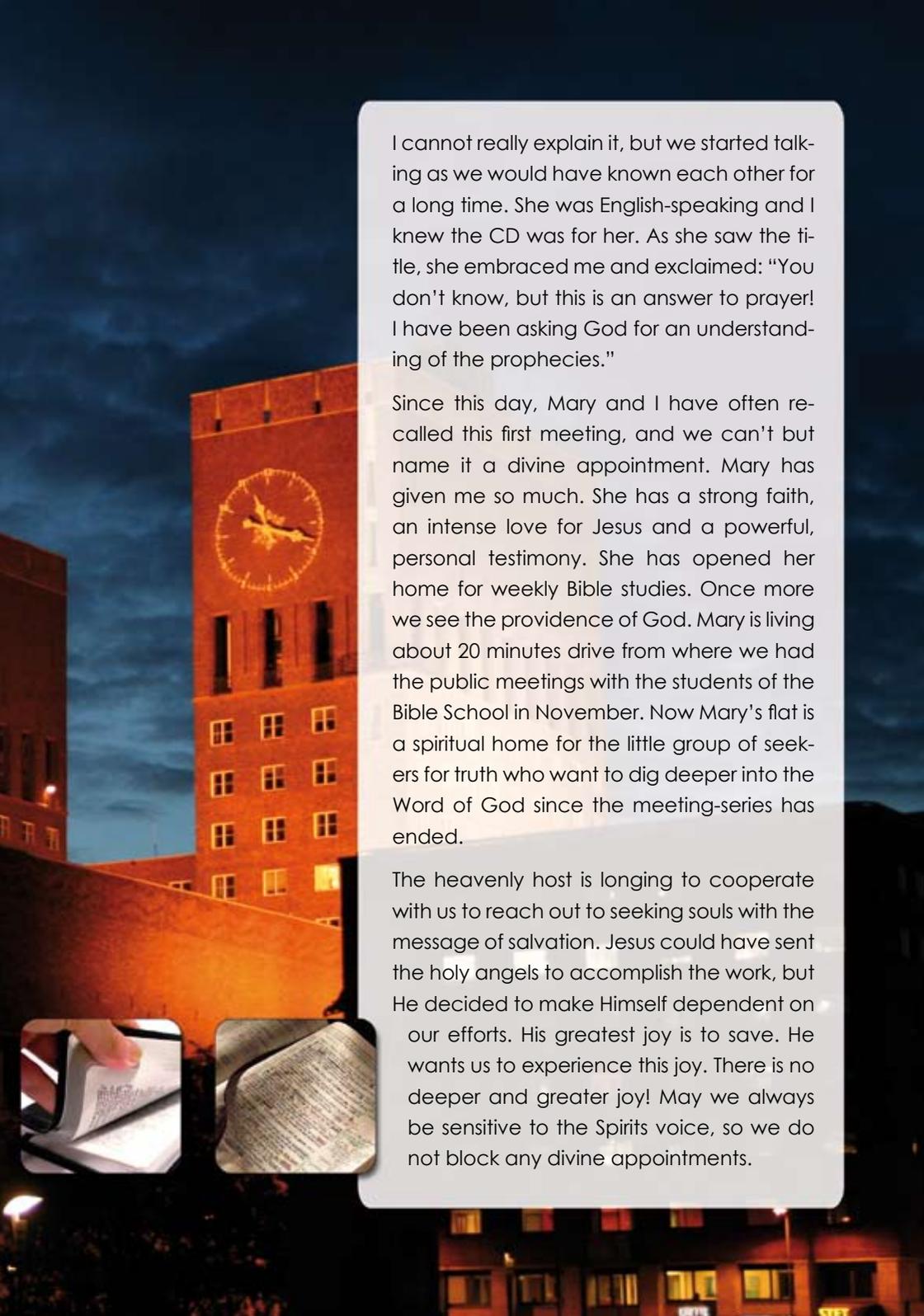
By Silvia Pel

About the same time Daniel and I are preparing to leave for Oslo to pass out leaflets on the street. As usual we ask the Lord to lead us in the works which He has beforehand ordained. I am impressed to bring a Prophecy Unlocked CD with a complete prophetic meeting series Daniel had a few years ago in New Zealand. "But it is in English", I argue in my thoughts.

Fortunately I give in for the still small voice and put the CD in my bag. We are walking up and down the main street of Oslo. It is one of these days where people seem to be so busy and self-centred that they neither have time nor desire to talk about the Bible and salvation. But the heavenly angels are at work. They are reading every heart, and find at least one soul longing for truth.

Mary's working day has come to a close. Somehow she feels a strong impression to take another way than usual – a detour. And just as she is rounding a corner, we bump into each other.



A tall brick building at night, illuminated from within. A large, circular clock face is prominently displayed on the upper part of the building, glowing with a warm light. The sky is dark blue, suggesting twilight. The building has several windows, some of which are lit up, and a series of small, dark rectangular openings near the top.

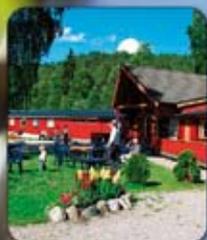
I cannot really explain it, but we started talking as we would have known each other for a long time. She was English-speaking and I knew the CD was for her. As she saw the title, she embraced me and exclaimed: "You don't know, but this is an answer to prayer! I have been asking God for an understanding of the prophecies."

Since this day, Mary and I have often recalled this first meeting, and we can't but name it a divine appointment. Mary has given me so much. She has a strong faith, an intense love for Jesus and a powerful, personal testimony. She has opened her home for weekly Bible studies. Once more we see the providence of God. Mary is living about 20 minutes drive from where we had the public meetings with the students of the Bible School in November. Now Mary's flat is a spiritual home for the little group of seekers for truth who want to dig deeper into the Word of God since the meeting-series has ended.

The heavenly host is longing to cooperate with us to reach out to seeking souls with the message of salvation. Jesus could have sent the holy angels to accomplish the work, but He decided to make Himself dependent on our efforts. His greatest joy is to save. He wants us to experience this joy. There is no deeper and greater joy! May we always be sensitive to the Spirit's voice, so we do not block any divine appointments.



# Living Water's Summertime 2011



**Guest-speakers:**

*Diego & Melissa Silva*

*- a young couple on fire for Christ. They are running a mission project in South America. More info in next edition.*

**Time:** July 6 - 10, 2011

**Place:** Camp-ground 'Vatnar',  
(Reshjenvn. 711,  
Bø i Telemark, Norway)

**Price:** NOK 750,- / person (bed)  
NOK 500,- / person (tent)  
Kids under age 12: Half price  
Included in the price:  
Accommodation & food  
for the entire period

**Kids:** Every day there will be activities and meetings for the kids

**Info:** Contact us for more info!  
(See contact-info on page 2)

**Sign-up:** Please sign up before June 20, 2011 - if possible