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“For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”
-2 Cor. 4:18

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Lay-out: Silvia Pel
Reality Check! Yes, it can be very helpful at times to be confronted with reality. As followers of Jesus our picture of reality needs to come from the Scriptures. However, in my interactions with Christians in different parts of the world I sense a disturbing problem. It’s a problem that I am not except from myself.

As Christians we often live in two worlds. There is the “real” world – the tangible things around us of which the sum makes up our lives. This is everything from food, clothes, education, work, and so much more. Then there is the “Biblical world” of faith, which we enter now and then, particularly once a week when we go to church. Here we read and hear about God, angels, miracles, eternal life, and such. Many of us have leaned from a young age to compartmentalize these two worlds and live in one while believing, somewhat, in the other. But they stay two distinct worlds and rarely do they interact or merge with each other. Subconsciously the scriptures describing the “Biblical world” end up getting a place of fiction rather than reality. It happens so easily that we buy into, what I like to term, the: “just in case” theology. We want to get the best out of this world, still believing the gospel, just in case. We put our bets on heaven. After all, the description of heaven is amazing. But we also put our bets on earth. After all, if it is all not true, at least we had a good life down here. We put one foot in this world and one foot in the Biblical world. We separate our “spiritual lives” from our “normal lives” – Just in case! But the fundamental question remains: Are there two worlds? – Can we live two lives?

Paul, the apostle, writes that we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men (1 Corinthians 4:9). In other words our lives, lived on this earth, are on display for an on-looking universe. According to scripture God, and innumerable angels, see all we do. We might at times attempt to live in two worlds, but if we truly believe scripture there is only one reality. It’s the one the Scriptures reveal. Everything we do and everything we are is part of this one reality. We need this awareness – A “Reality Check”.

Once this happens our spiritual eyes are no longer blinded. We look at the world around us with the eyes of faith. Our glasses, you could say, are the scriptures. They interpret the world and the universe, as it really is – A battle zone between Good and Evil. When we go through life with this continual awareness we will want to know the will of God. Not only once a week in Church, but in every instance of our lives. With the awareness that innumerable angels are watching our lives, we can gain assurance that we are not alone in the challenges we face. The cross of Jesus is suddenly not just a relic of the past. Our lives change when we are fully aware that the tomb is empty and that Jesus is alive and accessible to us through prayer. We gain confidence and boldness once these realities become real to us! And this “Reality check” is not to happen once, but by God’s grace, we can experience it day by day.
Sunday, April 7, we began a series of meetings with the title “There is more between heaven and earth”, in cooperation with pastor André Scalfani and 4 SDA churches in the North of Norway. It was encouraging to see a continual flow of people coming from the street. At 7 pm the hall was filled with about 60 visitors. People followed attentively and expressed their excitement after the meeting. A journalist was also present, actively making notes and taking pictures. A positive article appeared in the newspaper, and through divine leading we also got to advertise in the newspapers webpage for free for almost a month.

The attendance kept pretty steady throughout the series, even though it naturally dropped a bit as testing truths were presented. We had an interested and diverse congregation. “I am not religious, but I am a spiritual seeker”, one curious participant exclaimed. “I am a confirmation teacher in the State Church. At these meetings I gain valuable information which I can pass on”, another young lady shared. “It is seldom that I meet Christians with so much in common, speaking about the prophecies and Jesus’ soon coming”, said another faithful visitor. “I came here with quite different expectations”, a fourth visitor admitted. “I thought this was something alternative, spiritualistic - and I have been searching in these circles the last years. But I realise you are Christians
and use the Bible. What I heard tonight touched me. I grew up as a Christian, and I believe God lead me here. I would like to attend a Biblegroup!

It is such a blessing to get to know precious seekers after truth! We also made good friends with an Iranian family. They invited pastor André, his family and us for lunch. It was exciting to hear about how God had been leading in their lives - and their journey from being Muslims to accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. André offered to continue to study the Bible with them. They eagerly accepted. But they did not only want to keep the light for themselves. It turned out that the husband was the ‘leader’ of a house group with other seekers with Muslim backgrounds, and they were thankful that André was willing to teach them all.

Another couple came faithfully to the meetings every night. The last night, however, they had another appointment. They so badly wanted to hear all the meetings, and found out that we were having these meetings simultaneously in different cities. They drove all the way to Sortland (4 hours return) to attend the last meeting!

It was harder to gather people in the small villages. But despite of a smaller attendance in Bø, Melbu and Sortland, we got to know some precious seekers for truth. We are thankful for your prayers, and encourage you all to continue to pray for the light of God to penetrate all corners of the world.
This year a new Bible training school started in Darmstadt, Germany, called AFCOE Europe. AFCOE stands for: Amazing Facts Center Of Evangelism. AFCOE has already existed in the States for a while, but now it has come to Europe. The first course consisted of 4 months of intense training in the Scriptures and included lots of practical evangelism and outreach.

I had the privilege to teach at AFCOE Europe for a week last May. I was asked to teach the book of Daniel. Each day we studied systematically through this incredible prophetic book of the Old Testament. Each day I also got to know the students a little bit better as we interacted and went on outreach together.

The student body consisted of a variety of European nationalities, though the Bulgarians were the majority. I was impressed with the fact that though several of the students could not speak German they still went on outreach and knocked on doors sharing the gospel with the German people. It was not easy, but their enthusiasm paved the way and God rewarded their efforts. Some of the Bulgarian students ended up meeting Bulgarians and studying the Bible with them. It is always so encouraging to see how God leads the right people to the right place at the right time! I pray that the AFCOE students may continue to carry their enthusiasm for the gospel to places God leads them.
Far out in the beautiful nature of British Columbia, Canada, there is a school that has made an impact all over the world. Fountainview Academy – A place where young people are trained not just in theoretical knowledge, but also in character, to represent their Savior Jesus Christ.

Fountainview is most known for its outstanding music video productions that have been viewed by people all over the world. Seeing young people in their teens singing to the glory of God, surrounded by breath-taking nature scenes, has touched the hearts of thousands. You can view some of these productions by simply going to youtube (www.youtube.com) and type in the search engine – Fountainview Academy.

Last June, I was invited to speak at the graduation convention of Fountainview. I enjoyed the journey to the school as it led me through a stunning mountain area with lakes and waterfalls. When you arrive at the school you kind of feel in the middle of nowhere. But when we drove onto the campus suddenly there were people everywhere. The graduation convention drew hundreds of people including the families and friends of students. I had already anticipated some exceptional music for this event and I was not let down. Before I would get up to preach the students would sing from
all their heart and my heart would rejoice with theirs in worship to God. It was not hard to preach after such music!

I presented one of my new series entitled: “The Shaping Factor”. We looked at what it means to be a follower of Jesus in an ever-changing culture. I could sense that the theme resonated with many, especially the students.

The graduation itself was impressive with a new group of students ready for the next step in life. I pray that God may continue to guide them and that the impressions of their time at Fountainview may have an influence wherever they go.

**MATTESON mission school, Norway | www.matteson.no**

Teaching at the Matteson Mission School in Norway has been a delight for Silvia and I over the last few years. Each class brings a unique selection of God’s hand selected youth ready to be trained to carry the gospel into the world.

This last school year was very special, and yes, that is something we say each year! Through the classes, work time, outreach, free time, meals, and so much more you really share life together. Friendships are made that last.
Last July when the school year closed we had a very special graduation. It included the baptism of two of the students. Both of them shared their testimony of how God had brought them to this moment. Though their stories were very different at the same time God had made a similar impact on their hearts.

Jan grew up an agnostic and thought that Christianity was for the weak who did not manage in life. At the same time Jan had a great burden for justice in this world and involved himself in political parties and environmental projects to save the planet. Michael on the other hand grew up in an Adventist home, but he did not experience Christianity as something personal. He used much of his time in the cyber world living out his dreams of fame.

It is truly amazing and mind blowing to see how God took these two individuals and led them to Himself. Now their talents belong to Him. Jan, besides caring for the environment now acknowledges the Creator and seeks to share Him! Michael, instead of building a cyber kingdom seeks to take part in building the kingdom of God by sharing the gospel message! Never underestimate what God can do!
We are excited to share with you some new resources, which we hope can be a blessing. Our webpage www.livingwater.no is continually being updated. One new addition is a 20-part seminar by Daniel Pel, which recently was filmed at the studio of Amazing Discoveries TV in Canada. This is a relevant and unique series which takes a fresh look at the gospel and the prophecies of the Bible, and connects them to our personal life and culture. You can view the entire seminar at Living Water’s webpage: www.livingwater.no, or order DVDs directly from Amazing Discoveries (www.amazingdiscoveries.org).

We are thankful to David Riemersma, a graphic designer, for helping us to design a new logo.
for Living Water, symbolizing the aim of our ministry: When the living water - Jesus Christ - is being shared, it will spread rings of influence. Our desire is to take part in spreading the three angels' messages, found in Revelation 14:6-12, to the world. These messages will prepare the way for Jesus’ second coming.

There are also a lot of other resources on the homepage of Living Water - including audio-files from this summers camp-meeting.

Our prayer is that the webpage may be a tool to share the saving love and truth of Jesus Christ.
By Daniel Pel

Stuttgart, Germany

Last March Silvia and I spent a weekend in what has recently been termed “the heart of Europe” – The city Stuttgart in South Germany. The city is home to over half a million people, including our friends Christopher and Rabea Kramp.

Christopher is employed by the Baden Wittenberg SDA conference as Bible instructor in one of the churches in the city. Besides giving Bible studies to new interests and church members he records weekly programs that are streamed on the internet: www.joelmediatv.de. Joel Media has produced programs that have been watched by people across Germany and the feedback has been great.
One time Christopher actually made an appeal and someone viewing the online streaming responded immediately to the appeal by sending a message through the feedback form on the website. The technician wrote a comment about it, which was seen on a screen by Christopher just as he was about to close the meeting. A special prayer was included for this dear soul viewing online!

Besides observing the ministry activities of this couple and local church we were able to participate in an inspirational weekend. I preached Friday evening and several times on Sabbath. Sunday and Monday were set aside for some more filming of messages that have been uploaded to the Joel Media website. We enjoyed the fellowship of a warm and inclusive church. Though the church building is relatively small the room was absolutely packed with people.

On Sabbath morning I shared about the danger of becoming immune to the gospel. It so easily happens that the basic truths of Scripture no longer have the power they should in our lives. I felt impressed to give an appeal for people to rededicate their lives to Christ. People made their way to the front for special prayer. It was a solemn moment. Tears and joy mingled as prayers ascended to the throne of grace where Christ intercedes for us. No doubt we could sense God’s Spirit working not only the weekend we were there, but through this ministry as a whole. Join us in prayer for Christopher and Rabea as they impact “the heart of Europe” with the gospel of Christ.

**South France**

The last weekend of May we had the privilege of attending a camp meeting in the south of France organized by the Hart family. It was our second trip to Southern France as the same family had invited us a number of years ago in 2009. These yearly camps have been a blessing to Adventist families scattered through out the region.

I was impressed with an old lady close to her nineties who faithfully attended every meeting and was so enthusiastic about the Word of God! We found out that she was not shy to witness of her faith. We pray that the inspiration shared may spread through her and others that attended the camp meeting. Historically France denied God during the revolution but thankfully God has not denied France and is seeking for faithful men and women to carry the message forward at this critical time of earth’s history!
By Silvia Pel

This summer we have been much involved with the IMPACT mission-trips. For those of you who have not heard of IMPACT Norway, it is an independent team connected to SABU (The Children and Youth Work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Norway), which was initiated in 2009 by a group of eager young people, on fire for Christ.

It has been a great blessing to be a part of such a dedicated team. IMPACT has a clear aim: To bring the gospel to the world in this generation. We do not only have a vision, but continually pray for wisdom to develop a sustainable concept - involving a lot of hands-on projects.

“IMPACT Bergen was indeed a highlight for me this summer. Besides the great activities, outreach, and spiritual messages shared every day, I mostly treasured to encounter God anew in manifold ways. Whether it was in united prayer, in Bible study, in deep conversations with newly found friends or in working together with like-minded people in unity... God’s goodness was the primary theme throughout this IMPACT. It has truly made an impact on me and has encouraged me to walk closer with God in my everyday life.”

:: Vanessa Sabo
Four tangible steps are incorporated into the logo of IMPACT: We emphasize conferences and inspiration weekends, where people can come and be inspired. When they have caught the vision, we offer mission trips, in order to live out the fire which is kindled, and experience the joy of sharing Jesus, His love and truth. Many of those who participate on these mission-trips realise that in order to effectively meet people and lead them to Jesus, they need to be equipped for service. Here the mission schools play an important role. During one year the youth get a thorough training, focusing on character development - and they receive valuable tools for soulwinning. The goal is to train missionaries for life - which is the last step in the concept of IMPACT.

Each summer we arrange mission trips different places in Norway - and the concept is fast spreading outside the borders of Norway. This summer there were actually 7 IMPACT mission trips: In Sweden, Denmark, Latvia, Austria, Romania - and two in Norway. I had the privilege of attending IMPACT Haugalandet, IMPACT Bergen and IMPACT Copenhagen.

These mission-trips have a threefold mission. Of course we seek to make an impact in the community where we are working. We seek to touch people personally with the love and truth of Christ. But it is not only people ‘out there’ who are be-

“IMPACT Bergen did not only impact Bergen, but much more me. At the IMPACT mission trip I realized how crucial it is that we are daily impacted by the word of God and that I need to be digging deeper into the Bible as before. I am so glad that this mission trip has not just been an event, but something that encouraged and strengthened me in my walk with Christ, and has effects which reach into my everyday life.”
:: Beatrice Rasch

“The authenticity and vulnerable attitude which developed in the group made a deep impression on me. The participants were willing to open up and share about their struggles, weaknesses, unresolved conflicts and disappointments. Many hearts were touched. Tears fell and a deep and solemn, yet hopeful and transforming, time of prayer was the result. I sensed that the Holy Spirit worked in a very special, saving way among us.”
:: David Kingsley
“I was responsible for the HealthExpo during IMPACT Haugalandet. It is a blessing to see how you can reach the hearts of people. One lady had received “The Great Controversy” at the trust-stand. The following night she couldn’t sleep because of what she was reading. The next day she came back and told how the book had transformed her understanding of the Biblical reality. The great controversy had been painted before her eyes, and the puzzle pieces of truth began to fall into place. Amen!”

:: René Havstein
TRANSFORMING GRACE
Speakers: Jerry & Janet Page, USA, and others

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IMPACT - Inspiring Members to Proclaim the Advent of Christ Together.
By Silvia Pel

From the 24th to the 28th of July Fyresdal camp and conference-centre was teeming with life. We were back at this beautiful campsite, which is peacefully and idyllically situated by lake Fyresvatn in Telemark, Norway. You really feel you can disconnect from the stress of daily life and breathe the pure atmosphere of heaven.

We were about 150 participants, with a diverse blend of children, youth, families and elderly. The camp site really fits such a broad spectre, since it offers a wide range from camping to comfort. The beach, fireplace, surrounding mountains, canoe-opportunities and spacious playground for the kids contributes to a relaxed frame with possibilities for outdoors and fellowship.

Emanuel Baek and Christopher Kramp were our guest-speakers. Their messages were solid, practical and inspiring. Every day Emanuel and Christopher held a semi-

“I liked the kids-meetings!”
:: Hannah, 7

“I enjoyed canoeing. The campsite is very beautiful. It was exciting to meet a preacher I had seen many times through the internet.”
:: Johannes, 8

“Very inspiring! I was especially blessed by the youth-meetings with Jeremy. He spoke on Gods plan for my life.”
:: Joachim, 16
nar together with tangible tips on how we can improve our devotional life. The theme was: ‘Living by His Word’ - a good summarization of the presentations.

We enjoyed beautiful song and music. Both Christopher and his wife are professional musicians, and Emanuel played guitar and sang. Dag Norlin was responsible for the music, and together with Vanessa Sabo - another musician - they arranged a mens choir and camp choir. Several youth had brought their instruments, and the kids also contributed with song and other surprises.

We have always seen the need of a solid program for children and youth. Esther Femsteinevik did an amazing job with the youngest. She had obviously invested a lot of hours in the preparation. Rebekka Wallner and Daniela Misiunas ran a stimulating, creative and character building program for the age group 7-11. Jeremy Zwiker has a Godgiven ability to challenge and inspire youth, and we are thankful for his contribution.

The physical food was characterized by quality, just as the spiritual food. Mario Kellmann did an amazing job in the kitchen, together with a hardworking and faithful crew. A big thank you to all who contributed to making the camp a blessing. Last, but not least, we want to thank our Lord! Without His presence and blessing, the camp would have availed little. All glory belongs to Him!

“My wife and I appreciated the spiritual focus which characterized the atmosphere. We enjoyed the meetings. So did our four children. They were eager to reach the kids-meetings on time. We had some beautiful days, enjoying the fellowship with old and new friends. We experienced the camp as very well organized. A beautiful place to come closer to God and meditate on His Word!”

:: Pastor Bengt Fjellberg w/fam
Living Water’s Summercamp 2014

We are happy to announce that we have now booked Fyresdal camp- and conference-center for next summer. You can already mark your calendars: July 30 - August 3, 2014. We are thankful to the Lord for a blessed camp this summer, and by His grace you can expect solid preaching and a varied program for young and old next year as well. Share the news with friends and family!

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