

Blessed New Year - 2023!





Dear friends,

As we have come to the end of 2022, we would like to spend a moment in looking back over the past year. It is with grateful hearts that we reflect on God's guidance and the ways in which He has opened opportunities for the gospel message to spread.

We opened the year with a special focus on prayer. The last couple of years our church has been participating in the 10-days of prayer worldwide initiative, which has turned out to be a real blessing. Being united in prayer enables us to focus on what matters most in life.

During the first months of the year a lot of interactions, meetings, and Bible studies were still happening online. Some Covid restrictions were still in place which made bigger gatherings challenging. I was happy for the speaking opportunities that opened in different parts of the world and am grateful for the technology that makes this possible.

In March Covid restrictions were lifted and we were able to travel to Copenhagen for a short evangelistic series. We had a very engaged group of young adults attend the meetings and this resulted in lots of meaningful and deep conversations after each Bible presentation. We would be talking for hours, and it was refreshing to see the eagerness of the attendees. The church in Copenhagen did a great job following up the meetings and a few of the people started attending the church on Sabbaths.

Both Silvia and I were blessed to be engaged in personal Bible studies throughout this year that led to baptisms. It is such a joyful moment to see a person take the step of entering a lifelong covenant with God, publicly expressing this through baptism.



In July we held our 10th Living Water Summer Camp at Fyresdal. The main speakers focused on the book of Revelation as we studied through the second half of this book (12-22). Our theme was "Almost Home". We experienced God's blessings through powerful Bible preaching, great fellowship, and the beauties of nature. It was special to see that this year's camp attracted several new believers, and it was so encouraging to listen to their testimonies.

During the summer we traveled to Sweden for an IMPACT event. IMPACT is a youth led movement of young people who have a heart for mission. Each year they choose a different location and seek to make an impact through a variety of outreach projects. This year Lund, in Southern Sweden, was chosen. We enjoyed the prophecy art gallery and health expo, two of the activities that enabled us to make new connections with the community. Since we were already in Southern Sweden, we attached a vacation week and travelled to the island of Bornholm. We spent our days exploring the beauties of this island and enjoyed the amazing scenery.

During the fall months we held a 20-part evangelistic series in Hønefoss. This series entitled "Hope for the Future" was spread over 10 weeks. A lot of work had been put into preparing for these meetings. For many months we held a variety of shorter outreach events to create connections with people we could invite. We are grateful for the group of people who came to the meetings, and the core group who came throughout the entire series. All presentations (in Norwegian) are also available on livingwater.no. We pray that this resource will continue to reach people throughout Norway.

In the end of November, we travelled to Austria as I had been invited to speak for the week of prayer at Bogenhofen. It was the second time for us to visit this beautiful Adventist campus. This time my theme was centered on the parables of Jesus. I preached a series entitled "Stories that transform." During the week many precious decisions were made for Christ. Our last evening was very special as young people came forward to dedicate their lives to Jesus and expressed their desire to give a year in mission service.

As the year began to come to an end, I had the privilege to teach at Matteson mission school. We journeyed through the Old Testament book of Daniel together. The students were so keen on studying these themes that they even arranged some extra hours to go deeper into some of the prophecies. Their questions and reflections were well thought through and it was encouraging to see young people with a love for God's Word.

We closed the year with a special Christmas program in Hønefoss church. The church was open on Christmas eve for anyone who felt lonely, had no place to go, or simply wanted to fellowship with others. We enjoyed great food, fun fellowship, and meaningful conversations. Time was spent on reflecting on God's precious promises. People are somehow a bit more open to these things around Christmas time.

Now we are getting ready to attend the ASI Convention which will take place over the next few days. It is always a huge blessing to enter the New Year together with brothers and sisters in the faith.

During this year a lot of new content has been added to our website, so please check it out and share it with friends. As we move into 2023, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and prayers. May this New Year bring you closer to Jesus as you seek Him. We are no doubt living in exciting times as the gospel is spreading around the world, preparing people for the soon coming of Jesus!

Greetings,

Daniel, Silvia, Elias, Enoch

