

# The Gospel in Scandinavia



2nd Quarter  
Report 2010

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← Norway, had  
record amounts  
of snow this  
winter!



## Attend. & Contrib. Averages

- Sunday AM: 5
- Tuesday PM: 4
- Contribution: \$50

## The End of an Era

It was in 1957 that Connie W. Adams made up his mind to move to Bergen, Norway to preach the gospel. His young wife, Bobbie, although pregnant, said "let's go!" Since that time, except from about 1970-1979, faithful men and their courageous wives have done their best to find the "good soil" in that city. To the praise and glory of God through the gospel, some have been saved in that immoral place. However, as brother Sewell Hall recently said to me, "Scandinavia may just be the toughest place to preach in the entire world." It is an attestation to their faith that my wife's father and grandfather collectively devoted over forty years to the work in Bergen and still faithfully preach the gospel today.

As most of you know, Renee and I returned to the USA after giving almost two years to the work in Bergen. Although we had hoped to stay longer, the government began requiring immigrants to have a master's degree to work with a religious organization in Norway. Since I no longer met their requirements, we had to leave. With no one to replace us, the five Christians remaining in Bergen must,

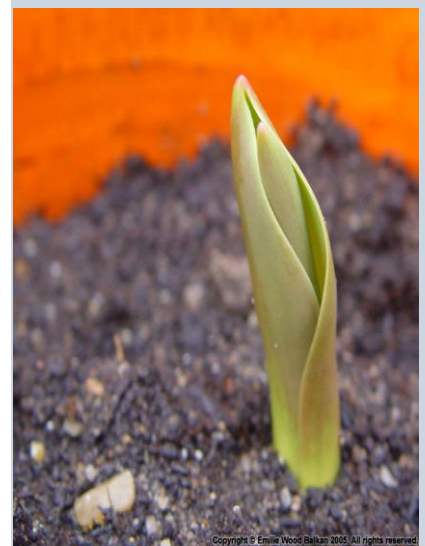
for the first time, continue with no located American preacher to aid them. We have no idea when we or anyone else will be able to go and work with them.

Undoubtedly in the future, some faithful Christians will see the Norwegians and feel "compassion for them because they [are] like sheep without a shepherd" and they will desire to "teach them many things" (Mark 6:34). How will we respond? Or, if it is after our time, how will the future church respond? I do not believe that we can ever write off for all time an area of the world that seems to reject the gospel. New people are born and bad influences die all the time. I believe kicking the dust of our feet is something an individual has to do but not the church as a whole (Mark 6:11).

Lord willing, I will return periodically to teach and encourage the brethren. I hope they will remain in your prayers. If I or someone else desires to try again in the future, I hope you will remember the power of the gospel and seriously consider supporting the effort monetarily and through prayer!

**"For we are God's  
fellow workers; you  
are God's field,  
God's building."**

**(I Cor. 3:9)**



Early Spring



Norwegians watch their chocolate milk levels very closely.

## Visitors and Other News

The **young Lutheran woman from Minnesota** that I told you about before did return to worship with us once more. This time, her grandfather and mother were with us. She has since returned back to the States.

One of Renee's long-time friends, **Fride**, visited with us one Sunday in May. She has been with Renee in the past. She is open to the idea of spiritual things but is not sure the Bible's teachings are correct. I preached a lesson outlining God's Eternal plan as seen threaded throughout the entire Bible and ultimately fulfilled in Christ and the church. I hope that she will meditate on the things we studied.

**Sonata** continues to

worship with the church in Bergen. She wrote us a note after returning from a trip to Lithuania saying that she was glad to be able to worship with the church in Bergen again. I think, as she grows, she will prove to be a great blessing from the Lord to the congregation in Bergen.

**David and Sherri Hurst**, from Somerset, KY, visited and worked with us for a week in May. David preaches for one of my supporting congregations. He preached and taught some Bible studies for us while there.

Please continue to keep all of these in your prayers as well as the continued efforts of the brethren there.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Lessons & Studies

In April I preached on **David's Prayer in I Chron. 29:10-20**, **Teaching Through Song**, **Being a Living Sacrifice (Rom. 12:1-2)**, and **Being Honest**. In May I preached on **I Cor. 11:1-16**, **God's Eternal Plan**, and ended our time in Norway with the same lesson Peter taught before the end of his life – **Be Diligent to Add to Your Faith (II Pet. 1:-11)**.

We finished our study of **I Corinthians** and almost finished **Jeremiah**.

Since returning to the States at the end of May, I have preached often and at various places. In Manchester, TN I preached a two-part lesson on **God's Eternal Plan** and on another Sunday there I preached on "**How Is the Lord's House?**" which examines the state of the church in contrast to Islam. At the East Columbus, MS church I preached on **Be Still and Know That I Am God** and **Be Honest**. I preached those two lessons as well as **Be Diligent** and **Backwards Beatitudes (Matt 23)** for the Hwy. 157 church in Cullman, AL.



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**"The Aim of Our  
Charge Is Love"  
- 1 Tim. 1:5**

## **In Search of a Church**

Since being back in the USA, I have been diligently in search of a local congregation to serve in preaching and teaching. We have visited some already and are in contact with some others. If the congregation where you attend or you know of others who are looking for a preacher, please contact us.

Information about my family and I, audio sermons, and biblical articles can be accessed at:

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.com

Also, I will send references by request.

Thanks and please keep us in your prayers.

Of apostles and preachers Paul said, "let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

(1 Cor. 4:1)

## **Questions?**

As always, if there are any questions, comments, or concerns about us or the work in Scandinavia, please contact us using the information on the left side of this page.

Sorry I had to send the same pictures again. The pc with pictures on it is currently being shipped.