

SEPTEMBER



FISKEBÄCKS
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Fiskebäck's Mission Church is taking steps to be a church without walls.

For several weeks now the church planting project has been underway, and it can be rather wordy to always say *the church plant in Brunnsbo* when one talks about the new church plant. So, on Sept 8th the leadership team decided that the church plant should be called "Brunnen—kyrka genom gemenskap" (The Well—church through community). For short we will just call it "Brunnen." The name comes from John 4, when Jesus meets the woman by the well. "The Well" a place to meet both God and others. The funny thing is that Brunnsbo means "The place of the well."



"If you love those who love you, what reward can you expect from that? Do not even the tax-gatherers do that? ⁴⁷ If you say hello only to the people you like, are you doing any more than others? The people who do not know God do that much."

Matthew 5:46-47

Last week I (Aaron) was given a challenge by my DNA small group. The challenge was for me to hang with someone who was from outside the church.

Too often we, who are inside the church, are so busy doing "church" things that we don't have time for our non-Christian friends...I hope that is not the case for you. However, as a pastor it is very easy too ONLY hang with Christians. But how in the world will others get to know Christ if they never get a chance to hang with the people who do follow Him?

When I took my challenge seriously, I learned what Jesus meant in MT 5.46-47...it was more of a blessing for me to serve the happy faces of those I hardly knew compared to serving my friends. I love my friends, but the 'not-yet-believing' guests just appreciated it all the more. I was truly blessed by hanging with people outside the church, I just wish we did it more. It was so worth it!!!

Living out our "sent-ness" is what we are learning and trying to do right now in Brunnen (The Well). If we read through God's story in the Bible we read again and again how God called people and then sent them out.

We have mentioned this before, but we are realizing just how important it is for us to understand and live out both our calling and our sent-ness. God called Abraham and he was sent out as a blessing for the world. God called Samuel and he listened, but Samuel was also sent. Paul was called and then sent. Jesus was called, and sent. Therefore, we too should live in our calling of faith, but then we need to take that calling and ask ourselves: "To whom am I sent to?" God does not just call us and then does nothing with us. He has a plan, and that is to live out our sent-ness...to bring the Good News to those whom God has called us to.

On September 4th Fiskebäcks Mission Church sent the core-group. They did just what the apostles did long ago, they layed hands on the group and prayed for them, and sent them. Instead of Fiskebäck saying, "NO, don't go stay here and help us," they said, "We know God is calling you and sending you, so we give you our blessing to go, so that you can be faithful to God!" The later is much more biblical than the first.

So, called and sent. Is your church only calling people, or is it sending people too? Are you only called...or are you also sent to your neighbor, your co-worker, your relative.....?

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BEING MISSIONAL

“How can non-Christians get to know Christ if they never meet the very people who follow after Christ?”



Our Hope

Our hope is to start a new fellowship in Brunnsbo that reflects God's kingdom in its beauty and diversity where people can grow as Jesus followers. We long to do so in openness with other churches near Brunnsbo, so that we can proclaim and demonstrate God's whole Gospel to His creation.

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Fun ways God is moving!

- In our core-group we have also been challenging one another to listen to God's Spirit. One day when Sara Möller was in Brunnsbo she felt as if she should sit down on a bench. When she did she met her old music teacher who said, "if you need a way into the Brunnsbo school, let me know."
- 5 DNA small groups are formed and we have contact with about 25 people.
- We had a good conversation with Anders Stenbäck, priest in the Swedish Lutheran Church in Brunnsbo. We have great hopes in working together to reach others in Brunnsbo.

Prayer Requests

- That God will show us who we should have contact with and how we are to be a part of people's everyday life in Brunnsbo.
- Pray for the spiritual protection of people in the core-group. Satan would just love to get in there and wreck people's lives.
- Continue prayer for the last bit of Aaron's support to come in.

What's next?

- Brunnsbo Festival Saturday, September 24th. Come and join us if you want!
- We would like to spread the word and communicate to others that the media is making the unrest in Backa and Brunnsbo sound worse than it really is...media loves bad news...however prayers for peace are still appreciated.
- We continue to build DNA small groups. We are also having lots of conversations around lunches and café visits, it's a good way for the group to get to know one another more.