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

"When the leaves fall off and left, so are we... then I see Your love toward me," says a song from the famous Swedish artist Carola. During the fall season one can get a little discouraged when everything seems to be going dormant, but this season can also create an expectation for spring. Similarly, we (in the church plant) are taking it pretty easy this semester as we get started. More outreach efforts will come after Christmas when we have built a more solid foundation for the new church.



Recently, Leif Carlsson was in Fiskebäck and talked about the history of Israel. One thing he mentioned at the very beginning was how old Abraham, Sarah, and Moses were when they were called to the service of God. For all call to service meant a break with what which was comfortable and familiar. Yet they were willing to go when God called. We in the "Brunnen" right now are quite young, but **we long to have a larger width in ages (in practice more than 40 ...).**

Maybe as you sit and read this who feel a calling to be involved actively in the "Brunnen", but you realize that it will require a change that can be difficult. We just want to encourage you to continue to pray and seek God in conversation with other Christians, your pastor, or perhaps with Aaron and Sara. **It is never too late to be called to serve God, but it is always up to us to respond and go.**

Where New Trees Will Grow

On a sunny late summer day, I had a chance to visit the place where a garden should be constructed. God's garden. My church has decided to plant the Gospel in a place far from "home" and in preparation the site was carefully selected and the soil has begun to be prepared. Brunnsbo was an unfamiliar suburb for me - I had no idea what it looked like there and in order to take advantage of the new church plant, I wanted to see and feel the atmosphere in the soil. So excitedly I went to Brunnsbo.

Most neighborhoods have a square where everything is based, something in Brunnsbo. A small square opens up invitingly and quiet from the rushing traffic. In one corner is a low-octagonal church with an almost equally small bell tower that blends into the green vegetation all around. In the other corner there is row of restaurants: ice cream bar, sushi bar and pizzeria, all with outdoor seating. The biggest house is in the middle and its the mini-mall. The square is on two of its sides is directly surrounded, one side by three-story apartment buildings and on the other side by eight-story apartment buildings. On the square one can sit on benches with tables and multiple flower-beds with colorful flowers which are carefully placed. The square looks clean and tidy. It looks nice, I thought, and then walked between the apartments buildings and discovered several oases in the otherwise brick-rich environment.

My "hike" in the area lasted for three or four hours one morning, and the lasting impressions gave me the feeling, at least on the surface, which is one that was calm, safe, and a people who need to know the Gospel's power. I would recommend anyone who has the opportunity to visit the church-plant site to stay for a while and feel the atmosphere!

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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!

- More and more of the group will meet outside our normal gathers through dinners, cafés visits or other events. It is good to see how relationships are growing deeper.

The newsletter is sent to people from five continents, around 15 nationalities. It is wonderful to have such support - thanks!

Prayer Requests

- Give thanks for opportunities for training and deepening in various ways (including the fact that Lotta will go to Birmingham, England to share in the Urban Expressions course in early November) and pray that we can translate theory into practice.
- Pray for wisdom for the Spring planning and for the next step to reach out into society more concretely.

What's next?

- We are preparing to start ONE new ministry after Christmas, and possibly be included in ministries of other churches in the area, or something we can pursue together.
- We will start taking more direct contacts with the District Council and other key organizations/people in the community.
- 29/10 we will have a prayer and fasting day for "Brunnen" and Brunnsbo to seek God in the big & small. You are welcome to partake in the whole or part of the day. If you want to join together with someone from Brunnen, please contact Aaron or Sara.