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

The new church plant is now 7 months old and we are learning just how much we need to trust God and follow His leading. At the same time we are learning that Jesus Christ has already sown the seed of the Good News in our lives and now it is time for us to produce fruit. The question that sits in our hearts lately is: "What good are we if we are the seed that fell on the good soil if we are not producing fruit?" We are challenging ourselves to take Jesus' sowing seriously and to plant this in others—perhaps that is why it is good to call Brunnen a church plant, we are longing and hoping to plant life with the Sower.



Matthew 13:18-23

"18-19" Study this story of the farmer planting seed. When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn't take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that person's heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters on the road. 20-21" The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it. 22" The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it. 23" The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears and takes in the News, and then produces a harvest beyond his wildest dreams."

Every person has the potential to hear and understand the news about God's Kingdom. In the same way we all have the same potential to not listen to this news. Watch the fun YouTube clip of the parable from the seeds perspective:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ecm2nZrni68&feature=player_embedded

What seed are you today?

The last few weeks Brunnen has been focusing on the theme: Listening to the Holy Spirit. This theme sits perfecting in the midst of Lent, a time of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. We often say our lives are busy and stressful, so wouldn't it be wise to take time to do the opposite—be still and know that He is God? So, that is what we are doing...we are stopping and listening. In our world today it is so easy to talk about what we want to do and what we hope for, but sadly we don't spend the same amount of time and energy on listening. By listening to God's Spirit we have the chance to learn and re-focus on His purposes for Brunnen. We can start Language Cafés and a thousand other outreach programs, but it is still God who forms, meets, and touches the human heart.

Last week, Brunnen was looking at the passage about the farmer sowing seeds (MT 13:1-23). Jesus' parable of the seeds tells us that each of us can grow and produce fruit, if we "listen" to the Good News. Although seeds are small, each one plays an important role in producing a crop. One seed can lead to 30 more seeds and these seeds can later grow more crops, which produce even more seeds...perhaps a 100 times the amount of the first seed. Seeds multiply quickly, that is if they produce fruit. It can be easy for us to get caught up in our daily life; sometimes we might even be struggling just to survive. Regardless of what our life looks like we still have the potential to bear fruit; not only in our own lives, but also in the lives of others. We get only one seed (we have only one life to live), but what are we doing with that little seed? Jesus calls His followers, His Church, to be more than a bag of seed. We, seeds, are created to get outside our bag and onto the good soil so we can produce more seeds! We may not know exactly how to produce the fruit, but that is why we listen to the Holy Spirit...He will teach us and lead us as we grow.

It can be easy for Christians to think of ourselves as seeds that fell upon the good soil because we have embraced the Good News. However, know that even if we feel as if we are on rocky ground or living in the midst of the thorns the Gospel still speaks life into us so that we can produce fruit.

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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!

- We have started the Language Café and it has been a blast to meet people in the Brunnsbo area! The first time we met we were 13 people who shared songs in Turkish and singing Swedish worship songs, it was not expected but was sure fun!!!
- We continue to have a good relationship with a person in the local social services. We were worried that the state authorities would not work with us because we are a church...the door isn't closed yet!! So keep praying!
- We have formed 2 new cell-groups and we are finding that our Large Gathering for celebrating communion is getting crowded in the Nilsson's apartment in Brunnsbo.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will grow and deepen the relationships we are having within the Language Café. We pray that this is a way to sow the Gospel into people's lives.
- Praise God for little Ruth Maria LaVonne who was born on March 12th to the proud parents of Aaron and Stina Thompson. Pray that she will come to know the Lord and share this with others.

What's next?

- **April 14th** will be a fasting and prayer day for Brunnen. You are welcome to join in for prayer walks in Brunnsbo at **10.00, 14.00 and 18.00** (meeting at Brunnsbotorget each time). You are welcome to pray with us in person or to pray wherever you are. At **20.00** we will break the fast at Sara's house with a simple meal—contact Sara if you wish to join in for the dinner 0739-97 13 68.
- We are now beginning to plan for the summer. It is exciting to think, dream and pray over the various possibilities of how we can be more present in the community of Brunnsbo.