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Bringing Christ's light to

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Greetings Pastor and Fellowlaborers,

Thanking the Lord for safety and wisdom this month!

We left on the 15th for our survey trip and landed on the 16th in Stavanger, Norway! The national pastor, Seth Turpin, met us at the airport and we enjoyed fellowship with he and his wife. We were able to spend that Wednesday with the church and enjoyed the study time as well as getting to know the Wednesday night crowd.

The following day, Jared got very sick and was down for three days. We were very grateful to Norwegian missionaries Russel and Beth Holland for sharing nyquil with us as Norway doesn't have much in terms of cold medicine. Tract distribution that Saturday was interesting as a small group of us bundled up to pass out tracts to shoppers in downtown Stavanger.

Week one wrapped up, we started week two with Sunday services at Faith Baptist in Stavanger.

Monday January 22 we headed out towards Trondheim. So yes, Norway is in Dead winter at this time and as we traveled we found many roads blocked due to avalanches and other weather hazards. We got as far as Dombas before the main highway was shut down. We had about two hours left in the journey but because of avalanches there was no passage. We stayed in a city just south of Dombas called Dovre for a couple of days to pray and regroup. During those couple of days we visited a few towns in the area to see this part of Norway. We visited state churches in Vågå and Venåsen to find that a good number of them closed their doors for winter. Some still had weekly services.

We next decided to head back south, our plan to stop in Oslo for a few days then back to Stavanger. We had heard of another Missionary in Oslo and decided to try and meet them. We got a number from the Hollands but could not get a hold of them, and our Airbnb for the night fell through so we headed back toward Stavanger. (We later learned that they were in the States).

Though we didn't make it to Trondheim, it was a major blessing to have more time with our new fellowlaborers. We were able to learn more about the visa process, life in Norway, and Norwegian culture.

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