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REACHING SCANDINAVIA BY WAY OF JESUS

Dear Pastor, church, and praying friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our family and for our mission. I assure you they are very much needed and appreciated! Since our last update, at least three more churches have chosen to prayerfully and financially partner with us to shine the light of Christ in the spiritually dark region of Scandinavia. Over the past several weeks, we have met and spent time with some wonderful churches and people, of which we have been both blessed and a blessing. Currently, we're gearing up for a host of missions conferences over the next few months, plus multiple more meetings with churches that have expressed an interest in reaching the Nordic area. Glory be to God for His grace and provision!

Jante Law

There is a prevailing mental attitude and social theme buried in the soil of Scandinavian life and culture that immensely affects the general psychological cultivation of the region as a whole. It is called Jante Law. It's ten basic rules are summarized below:

1. You're not to think *you* are anything special.
2. You're not to think *you* are as good as *we* are.
3. You're not to think *you* are smarter than *we* are.
4. You're not to convince yourself that *you* are better than *we* are.
5. You're not to think *you* know more than *we* do.
6. You're not to think *you* are more important than *we* are.
7. You're not to think *you* are good at anything.
8. You're not to laugh at *us*.
9. You're not to think anyone cares about *you*.
10. You're not to think *you* can teach *us* anything.

Though introduced many years ago, these unofficial, humanistic principles are still clearly evidenced today. One Danish column expressed the seriousness of Jante Law in Denmark by stating, "In Denmark we do not raise the inventive, the hardworking, the ones with initiative, the successful or the outstanding, we create hopelessness, helplessness and the sacred, ordinary mediocrity" (Jyllands-Posten, a Danish newspaper).

One can only imagine the spiritual side effects and deprivation that arises under this degree of humanism, but through it we can see and understand their spiritual need for the Savior, Jesus Christ, who graciously offers joy, help, hope, and eternal life. What's more, God also gives us purpose and pursuit, passion, self-abandonment, selfless ambition, and a Great Commission to work towards in a joint enterprise with His Son and Holy Spirit!

Thankful

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord..." - Psalm 92. God shows His handiwork in various ways in our lives, sometimes in things big, sometimes in things small. We thank the Lord and His people for the countless instances of protection, preservation, and provision that's been granted us!

May God bless you!

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