

BEING MISSIONAL

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."



Our Hope

Our hope is to start a new fellowship in Backa 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 in Backa, so that we can proclaim and demonstrate God's whole Gospel to His creation.

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Fun ways God is moving!

- We had a great night together with parts of the core group on April 1st where we spoke about the project description and just got to know each other better.
 - Three different people have told us to look for the "person of peace" in the area that can open the way to others, so that is a challenge that we take with us and pray that God will show us who that person is.
- Peter Sung from the ECC talked about multi-ethnic churches during the training days. He said that it was very difficult but very enriching. When you come from different cultures you can be a part of creating a new culture which is marked by the things that Dave spoke about above. So exciting!

Prayer Requests

- The last few days have been messy in Backa with burning cars and throwing stones. Please stand with us in prayer for that, and how we can bring hope into the hopelessness which is present.
- Give thanks for the training days in Gothenburg which were very inspiring.
- Pray for Petter and Klara Nilsson who are preparing to move from the north of Sweden to Brunnsbo to be part of the core group.
- Pray for the work with the project description and the application for financial support which must be sent to Swedish Covenant before May 1st.

What's next?

- Prayer Days for Backa. You are welcome to join us in Backa or pray where you are: Apr 19th, May 7th & 22nd
- The core-group now includes: Aaron Thompson, Sara Möller, Milen Girma, Lotta Junger, Petter Nilsson, Klara Nilsson, Marcus Svensson, and Teri-Anne Brink. We continue to build our relationship within the group and to grow the DNA-groups we already have started.
- Meeting in Backadals Church on April 11th
- Sending our application to the Swedish Covenant Church by May 1st.
- Wait for Bethel Church to send the Nilssons. Betelkyrkan i Östersund för att sända Petter och Klara Nilsson till projektet.

APRIL



FISKEBÄCKS
MISSIONSKYRKA

Fiskebäck Missionskyrka is taking steps to be a church without walls.

A couple of weeks ago there were some training days (Växa or 'Grow') for all pioneers in the Swedish Covenant Church (SCC) in Gothenburg. People came from all over Sweden to listen to Peter Svanberg and Göran Undevall who are responsible for Church planting and Church growth in SCC, and also to people who are responsible for the same areas in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) which is the denomination that has sent Aaron to Sweden.



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What stuck most in us was how they constantly returned to the fact that we must look at what Jesus did. Rather than speaking about strategy they went to the core and talked about what Jesus did and how that must influence what we do as well. This is also a part of what the DNA-groups are doing – learning Jesus and live accordingly. John 20.19-23 says:

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

We as a Church should continue the work of Jesus in our own time. So what did Jesus do and what significance does it have for what we as the Church in the world do?

Dave Olson (ECC) spoke about five main assignments that Jesus had and what we should do as a response:

Dave Olson



- Forgive our sin and reconcile the world to God – therefore we will proclaim the Gospel through **evangelism**, both as individuals and as a congregation.
- Liberate people from evil – therefore we will help people break free from what binds them through **ministry**. Prayer, healing and practical help.
- Change peoples' hearts – therefore we will practice **spiritual formation** to become more like Jesus through Bible studies, mentorship etc.
- Meet people with compassion, mercy and justice – therefore we will demonstrate an alternative life style which is marked by **love** expressed in compassion, mercy and actions of justice for those who do not have a voice.
- Invite and call people to be part of God's people – therefore we will be a **true community** which is marked by love, support and accountability for each other. It is expressed, for example, through corporate worship and sharing meals together.

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