

BEING MISSIONAL

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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!

- The Swedish Mission Church (SMK) has said yes to the church planting project!!! This is the third and final "yes" needed to start the church planting project in August 2011. Fiskebäcks Mission Church, The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) and SMK have all said yes. They said, "GO!"
- Petter and Klara Nilsson will be moving into their apartment in Brunnsbo on June 2nd. They will also be sent from Bethel Church in Östersund to this planting, which we are very happy and grateful for. Sara and Aaron have had a chance to meet with Sara Petersson from The Tabernacle (the Baptism congregation downtown) and her core-group will also start a new church in Gothenburg. They are hoping to start one downtown. Sara Petersson lives in Brunnsbo. It is fun to have another contact in the area.

What's next?

Prayer Requests

There has been an increase in violence in Backa. Car burnings by the youth have now become shootings by adults. Christ's peace and hope is needed!

Give thanks for the final "YES!" & "GO!" from the SMK! Now the project starts! Thanks also for 70% of Aaron's funds, God is moving fast.

Pray for Petter and Klara Nilsson, who are part of the core-group, move into Brunnsbo on June 2nd. It means new jobs, a new apartment, and a new life. Pray also for their neighbors and how the Nilsson and be God's light to them.

- Prayer for the forming and relationship building of the core-group.
- That God will continue to prepare the soil.

- The core-group now includes: Aaron Thompson, Sara Möller, Milen Girma, Lotta Junger, Petter Nilsson, Klara Nilsson, Marcus Svensson, and Teri-Anne Brink. During the summer we are focusing on getting to know one another more through fun events and times of prayer.
- We started off with two DNA-groups and now we have started a third. Growth and change is coming already!
- Aaron has 70% of his funds needed for his support. 30% is still needed by August 2011. So more fundraising is continuing. Check out Aaron's blog: <http://blogs.covchurch.org/athompson/>

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

It can be rather boring to sit in a waiting room. How many of us love waiting at the doctor's office? Not many. That is how we have felt during these past months as we have been going through the process of being sent by Fiskebäck's Mission Church, the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) and the Swedish Mission Church (SMK). It is not fun waiting but we feel as if it is necessary so we can "GO" with a blessing.



Even though we can share the Gospel whenever, it has been important for us to wait for the blessing and being sent by the Church. This gives us a special authority to make missional disciples through the "laying on of hands" which comes from the Church's long history. Now we too share in part of this story and live Matthew 28.19-20 in real life:

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

-The Message

When one is in the church planting process one begins to wonder: Is God moving MORE in my life or does it just seem that way because I am expecting Him to move? In the last month it seems as if there are signs of God hearing the prayers for an awakening—it seems as if His Spirit is moving.

Marcus Svensson



Marcus Svensson and Aaron Thompson went to Donsö Mission Church's Sunday night service on May 15th to talk about church planting. While there they took the chance to encourage Donsö's Mission Church to do the same thing that Fiskebäck's Mission Church is doing: start a new church! Every church should start a new church, a movement of new churches is needed if an awaking is going to happen in Sweden. Marcus is a medical student and gave a good analogy that night: cells in the human body need to decide to either grow or to die—there is no other option. At the same time each cell has a specific job to do and all are needed if the body is to function properly. Likewise, the Body of Christ is made up of different cells (churches) and each church needs to decide to grow or to die, because if we don't grow we will die. It's the cold hard truth. And each member of the church is needed in order for the Body of Christ to work.

So, is your church growing or is it dying? What is your part in growing the church? If you don't have a part...perhaps you are helping it to die...this is the truth that people like Marcus and others in the church planting team are experiencing. On the way home from Donsö, Aaron was given the chance to encourage 7 others to also do church planting in one form or another. After these conversations Sara Möller pointed out: perhaps a church planting movement is on its way in Gothenburg. Just think if every church in Gothenburg would start a new church...it wouldn't take much for an awakening would it?!

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