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

Who does God call to lead a new congregation? Answer: a very broad group of different personalities and backgrounds. First, we have members from four different continents in a group of eight people. We work in healthcare, social work, church, travel industry and with computers. Some in the group like getting to know people, others like management and strategies more than people, others focus on the spiritual depth, others in evangelism. Some like to talk while others are more quiet. It is a wonderful group that is stepping out to lead this new congregation!

¹ As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness (grace) and then ignore it. ² For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

--2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Sara Moller comments:

This week we read 2 Corinthians in my DNA group, and when I came to the sixth chapter, these verses took hold of me as an encouragement. Each of us needs to receive the grace of God for real, so that it becomes useful. The basis of what we do is what God has already done in Christ, and we can be confident that He hears us and lead us today, because now is the right time, now is the day of salvation.

Aaron Thompson asks: Why should the day of salvation be tomorrow instead of today?



During the first weekend in August the core group went off on a mini-retreat. The aim was simply to get to know each other and become a group that can really work together in order to listen to what God has in mind with church planting in Brunnsbo. Everyone in the group was engaged in conversation, activities, and they gave a lot of themselves. We learned about each other's ways of communicating, what personality traits each members has and what focus we all have as leaders in a new congregation at large. We discussed the name of the new church plant to some extent, but have not yet made a decision—it is something to pray for. The strongest impression from the retreat was probably the generosity of the group to share their lives with one another, to help where needed (whether it's swimming lessons or cooking), to pray for each other, to encourage and challenge each other to think outside the limits you're used to, and to listen to each other for real. Above all, there is a willingness in the group to be attentive to God's leading and to go out and put it into practice. The core-group's passion is for the Kingdom of God to be visible here on earth, and for people to come to faith and grow in their faith. It is the hope of the world!

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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!

- Lately we have received to several words of confirmation in different ways both by biblical texts, words and images. It's great to see the glory of God break through in everyday life.
- We've noticed that simply telling people outside the church that we are starting a new congregation creates many opportunities for us to talk about Jesus, because they ask many questions about Jesus and the church. These type of opportunities can become great starting-points for deeper conversation.

Prayer Requests

- We can thank God for the great retreat the core-group had. And pray for God's protection both physically and spiritually over the core-group and their families as we walk by faith.
- There is trouble once again in Brunnsbo including gunfire. Pray for peace but also for God to show how we can demonstrate His hope to the hopeless today.

What's next?

- This fall we will meet every other Sunday, starting on Aug 14th. Every other time we will share a meal together and have a simple prayer, and the other times we will celebrate Holy Communion.
- On Sept 3rd members of the core-group will be at Fiskebäck's Mission Church's congregational day. The day after this, Sept 4th will be a sending service for the core-group. Gustaf Björkman and Peter Svanberg will be involved. It is nice to have Fiskebäck and other churches both for support and to ensure that we keep going.
- New DNA groups will be formed as there are many who are interested in being included in a group characterized by Discipleship, Nurture, and Accountability.