

LADAGE NEWS

Oslo

Our recent trip to Oslo solidified a relationship with Torben, the head of the Evangelical Free denomination who is passionate about church planting. Even though most people claim to be Lutheran in the city, people are secular and evangelical churches are few. Prayer is needed for more workers for the harvest and for opportunities to reach people with the gospel.

Helsinki

Martti and Soili, who are with an Evangelical Lutheran denomination are doing a wonderful job of reaching people in the city. They are encouraging the Lutherans to plant new contextualized churches.

Moscow

In September Bobby and our global trainer from City to City will begin training church planters. This is the first cycle of training in Russian and the second cycle will take place in the months ahead.



New churches in Kiev

In the picture above Bobby is doing what he does best, building relationships, equipping and resourcing those who want to see God's Kingdom grow. The two men on the right next to Bobby are network leaders who are training others to spread the gospel and plant churches in this city of 3 million. The three men on the left are starting a new church in the city reaching business and professional people. God is blessing the city of Kiev with men and women who are planting new churches!

In 1992 we went to Kiev on a short term missions trip. It's hard to believe how much this city has changed physically since then. Ukraine has always been a country that has been open to the gospel, and each time we visit our guys there we are encouraged by what God is doing. Right now there are three other couples who plan to start churches in different parts of the city. They are praying, researching their neighborhoods and gathering core teams to help them. We will continue to assist them as they prepare to launch their church plants.

Building gospel movements in cities is accomplished through the Holy Spirit, but we also believe in networking men and women who have the same vision of loving their city and wanting to see the gospel proclaimed. We encourage faith and work initiatives, mercy and justice as well as the planting of new churches.



Summer in the US

In June we will be attending Jeremiah and Whitney's wedding, and the rest of the summer we will be visiting churches in order to make connections with those who are interested in partnering with European church planters. There are so many great people and cities that need prayer and resources.

- Please pray we will find partners for our church planters.
- Pray for the 3 new churches in Kiev and 1 in Helsinki.
- Pray for more men and women to start churches in these great cities: Moscow, Oslo, Warsaw, and Stockholm
- Pray we will have rest while in the US.
- Pray we will have energy to help with our 10 grandchildren.

We would love to connect with you while in the US. Our phone number is 8654667508.

Thank you for partnering with us! God has given us many opportunities in these large cities and we are so thankful to use the gifts he has given us. Thank you for partnering with us so that together we can spread the gospel in Europe.

On our recent trip to Helsinki we met with Tommi (on the right) and his younger brother, Petrus, who are planting churches in different regions of the city. It was great spending the afternoon discussing the importance of evangelism. So many church planters hive off a group from an existing church and never focus on reaching the people around them. These young men have a heart for the Finns and the immigrants living in Helsinki and want to reach them with the gospel. Petrus told us that there are 120 different nationalities in the region where he and his family are living. They have the blessing of their denomination to start a new church and they are excited, but a little intimidated by the task. We are praying God will open doors of opportunity for them and give them divine appointments to build relationships and share the gospel. Please pray with us for God to give these young men boldness and courage!



