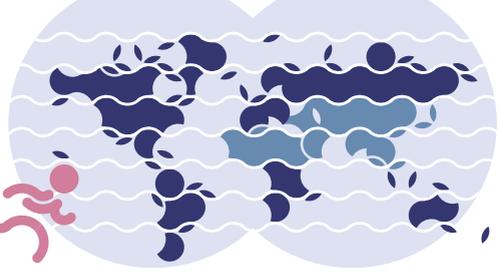
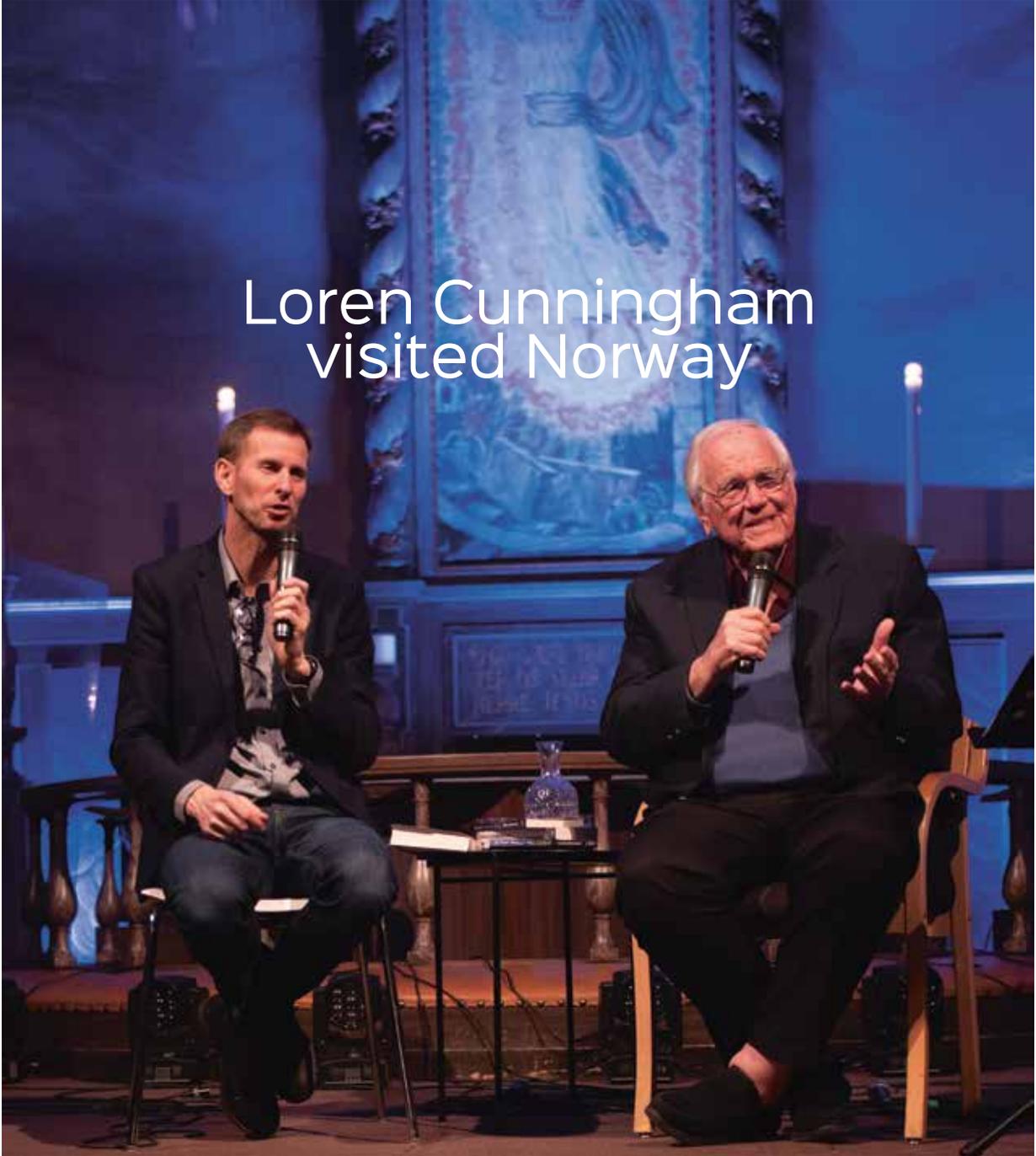




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Who is Youth with a Mission?

We are from 0-100 years old. We live in over 150 nations. We work together as friends in multicultural teams and across generations. We come together from different Christian traditions to praise God through a diversity of expressions.

We are committed to growing in our understanding of who Jesus is and how he wants us to love and serve the people of this world. We like new ideas and are happy to let young people have a go at them. We believe that God

wants a living relationship with each and every one of us.

We travel a lot. We are touched by those who suffer and we want to do something about this. It is important for us that decisions are made locally. We are not here for the money, and are happy to live simple lives.

We have experienced that faith in Jesus will take you to places you would never have dreamed of – to do things you could never have imagine – in ways that you would never have thought of.

The man who changed Norway

In January, we received Alv Magnus's book about Hans Nielsen Hauge from the printer. This is an incredible story of one man's tireless courage, willpower, calling and abilities. It's also about how God intervened in our nation's history.

Hauge started a movement which neither the church nor the law could stop. What happened? Alv Magnus gives us some clues:

1. Relationally: Hauge didn't start an organisation. He built a network of friends who arranged small house meetings led by local preachers. Everyone could join them, and everyone was welcome.

2. Visionary: The vision was simple. Everyone should hear the gospel and have a chance to repent and turn to God. The gospel should make a mark on the society that the believers lived in.

3. Clear communication: Hauge's letters and writing remind us of the apostles' communication. The message of the need for repentance wasn't packaged in vague wordings.

4. "Readers": Hans Nielsen Hauge wrote, printed and distributed books. His followers were called "readers". Yes, they read! They read a lot, and in particular they read the Bible.

Materialism, pleasure and self-realisation are today's "golden calves" that will "save" us - or at least give meaning to life. Secular man is him-

self responsible to define his own identity and future, to find hope and the meaning of life.

This has led us to a spiritual crisis. At the same time, we long for the Kingdom of God to expand and appear. We long for more people to get to know Jesus.

How can this take place? We can learn how by looking at the principles used by followers of Hauge:

1. The kingdom of God is built relationally, not structurally. Hauge planted small fellowships across the nation. It would probably look different today, but the principle is the same. That's why I think we need to plant new churches and congregations across the nation!

2. What is our vision? It can't be anything less than that every single person in Norway hears the gospel. It's about our town, our home and our nation.

3. The gospel is the best news in the world! The gospel of Jesus has the power to save all who believe. This saving faith comes from hearing the Word of God preached. That's why we need to preach the gospel unto repentance - the gospel of God's grace and goodness to all people.

4. I don't believe we'll see a revival among the people of Norway until we have a revival of Bible-reading among God's people. We have to know the Word of God, and we have to read it, every day.

Andreas Nordli

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Short news

NEW BOOKS FROM PROKLAMEDIA

Proklamedia have already published three books in 2020. Alv Magnus' book on Hans Nielsen Hauge has sold almost 1000 copies since it was published mid-January and will need a reprint. The book "Fire in My Heart" is a fascinating book about prayer, written by the Catholic prayer leader Johannes Hartl. The last book is one about Elisabeth Elliot from the Christian Heroes series. All books can be bought at www.proklamedia.no



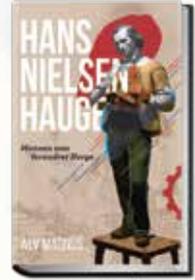
RUNAR BYBERG IS ON LEAVE FROM YWAM NORWAY

The co-leader of YWAM Norway is taking a leave of absence for a year and starts back again in January next year. During this time he will work as secretary general for Mission Without Borders and work part-time with YWAM Skien.



EASTER FESTIVAL AT GRIMERUD

There will be an Easter Festival for Tweens with the theme "The Bible, the World's Most Important Book". Chris Duwe and Svein Ole Skaaret are arranging the conference and maybe Øystein will show up as well! Check out www.grimerud.no for more information.



GOFEST

You are invited to this year's GOfest that will take place June 25-28. Ann-Helen Sperrud is heading it up and promises us an exciting program. Registration to open anytime now. Check it out at www.gofest.no



Cheering on young visionary leaders

In the last issue of Mot Målet I wrote about how we in YWAM believe in and applaud young leaders. I want to continue on this train of thought, but with a focus on vision. Vision can be defined as “how you want the future to look”. When I talk to young people, I often hear a description - a desire - of a better future. They are passionate about the vision they desire to see.

The question I ask is this: how can we cheer on young visionary leaders who want to see a different future? I believe that the youth of today want change, I believe the youth of today want to make an impact on people, and also change how we steward the earth that God has given us. I believe that youths have the capacity and the creativity to change the world! Are we giving them space to do it? Where are the visionaries of tomorrow?

YWAM has foundational values, and value 5 is the following: “YWAM is called to be visionary, continually receiving, nurturing and releasing fresh vision from God. We support the pioneering of new ministries and methods, always willing to be radical in order to be relevant to every generation, people group, and sphere of society. We believe that the apostolic call of YWAM requires the integration

of spiritual eldership, freedom in the Spirit and relationship, centered on the Word of God.”

I want to be part of giving young people room to grow, through equipping and challenging them. In this issue of Mot Målet you can read about a man I would dare to claim is one of the greatest visionary leaders of today, Loren Cunningham, who started YWAM 60 years ago. He is an example of a young man who received a vision from God and gave everything he had for it! Can today’s leaders create room for young people to dream big dreams? We in YWAM want to give young people this opportunity.

In this issue of Mot Målet you can read about how YWAM Norway staff members gathered in January to connect and dream together. You can read about Love Europe, which is a new project to impact the people of Moldova, and about the mini DTS in Skien that gives youth solid teaching for their faith and their identity. You can also read about Norway’s greatest visionary, Hans Nilsen Hauge, who Alv Magnus has written a new book about.

Have you got a vision? Do you want to see a change? Join us!



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Staff conference 2020



At the start of January, 400 YWAM Norway staff members gathered at Grimerud for the annual staff conference.



REPORT

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EMMERHOFF

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She is a teacher-student and part of Disippel Berg en. She did her DTS in Ålesund in 2017

The focus of the weekend was to seek God and celebrate what He's done during the past year. The program was varied, with slots for worship, teaching, seminars, concerts and fellowship.

YWAM is now working in thirteen locations in Norway, from Skjærgårdsheimen in the south to Borgen in the north. A result of gathering YWAM Norway as a big family is that we're both inspired and connected together, both spiritually and relationally.

United in worship across generations and bases.

PHOTO: ADAM HALSALL

During the four days at Grimerud there was a lot of focus on the Bible and its power in our lives. YWAM Norway's leader, Andreas Nordli, wrote the following in an email after the staff conference:

"It all started with Ann-Helen Sperud on Thursday evening. She said that God's Word defines our identity and that Jesus takes away our shame. It continued with Oskar Skarsaune speaking about Jesus' teaching (Matt 28:20), whose essence is found in the Sermon on the Mount – teaching which is meant to be understood as a practical description of our lifestyle. Elin Fagerbakke talked about the importance of preaching the gospel, repentance, not compromising on God's Word, and the importance of being filled with



the Holy Spirit. On Saturday I talked about our use of the Bible, both the why and the how of it, individually and as a movement. I taught that the Bible is our supreme authority for life, teaching, faith and theology. We had a wonderful celebration on Saturday evening, with a focus on the features that make our movement sustainable: relationships, generations together, the calling, celebration of each other's diversity, and joy. On Sunday, Runar Byberg preached on the topics the Great Commission, that faith has to be expressed in love (Gal. 5:6), and that the gospel is good news for the poor and suffering."

An important part of the staff conference is getting to know new people, and also spending time with old friends. It's encouraging to hear what is happening on the individual bases and what God is doing through the different ministries around Norway.

Gathering as a YWAM family helps facilitate co-operation among bases. During the network meetings and seminars, we could meet people with similar interests and dreams, with a view towards working together in the future.

YWAM Norway has 150 long-term missionaries, and we commissioned them during the conference. We also heard about ministries in YWAM internationally – stories that were both inspiring and which stirred up our enthusiasm about the power of the gospel.

It's exciting to enter a new decade as a missions movement, as God is doing a huge amount in Norway and in the nations. What a fantastic privilege it is to be a part of this.



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God writes history among the unreached in the Himalayas

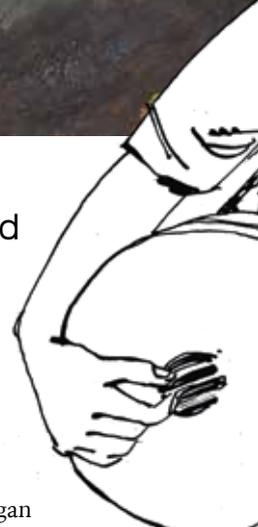
The YWAM work among one of the unreached people groups in Himalaya started in the beginning of the 90s. After twenty years of prayer and mission work, the first person came to faith in 2013.

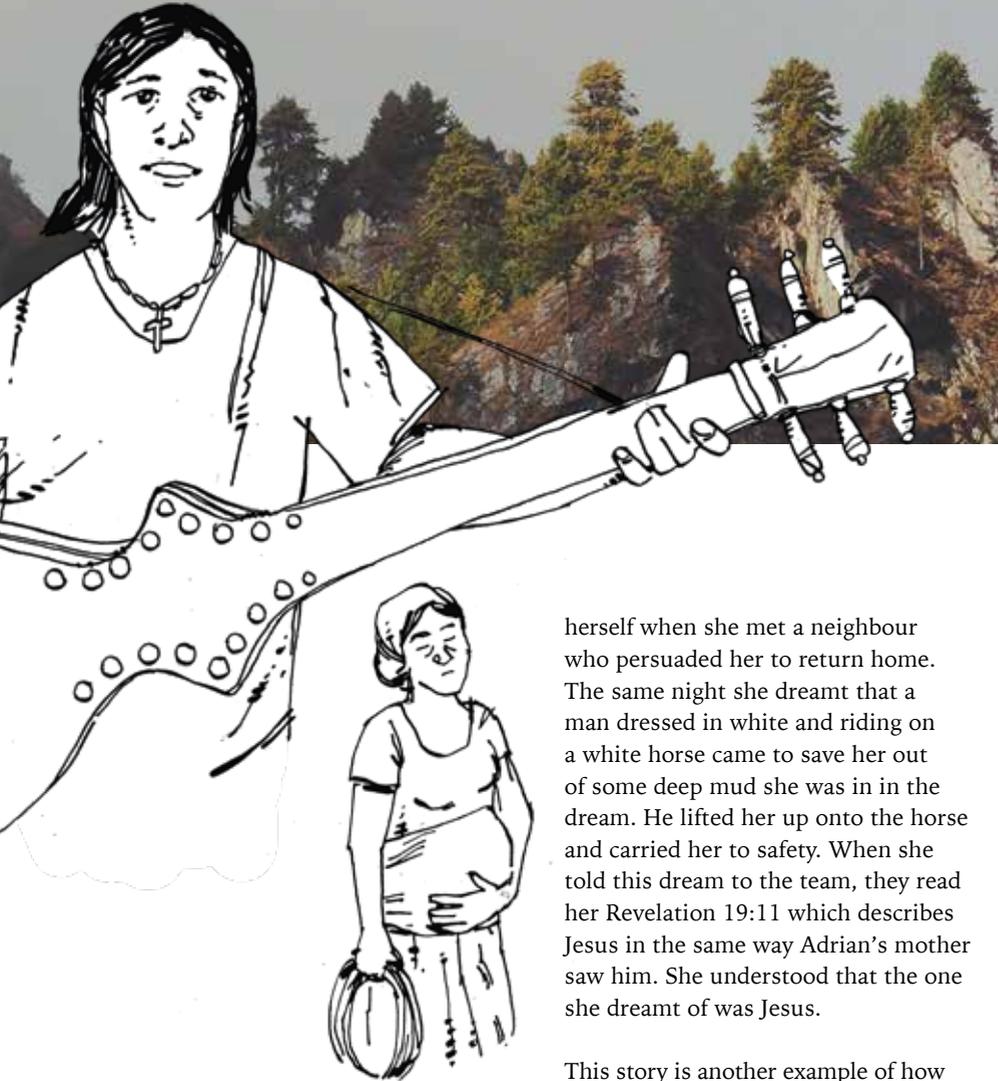
Since then between 40 and 50 people from this people group have received Jesus and a new life. Adrian received Jesus in January of 2017 after having attended weekly Bible studies for a long time. He was a musician in the local Hindu temple, but was so fascinated by Jesus that he wrote his first worship song a month before he came to the Lord. His charisma and musical gift made him a natural leader among the newly saved despite his young age.

In 2018 Adrian received a promise from God that his whole family would come to believe in God. During the spring of 2019, three of his siblings gave their lives to Jesus and a deep transformation of the family was on its way. His mother was opposed to

the faith of her children, but at the same time she noticed how their lives began to change. Because of what she saw, she added Jesus to her many gods. In her past, Adrian's mother had an occult experience which led to a lot of fear and sickness in her life and she found herself jealous of her children who met Jesus in dreams and visions. A team coming to work with the long-term YWAMers prayed that Adrian's mother would experience God in a dream as well. One night she had a dream about Adrian and all the things that Jesus had done for him, but the pain and nausea continued.

One day in September of that year, Adrian's mother visited some YWAM-





ers and told them about what had happened when she was pregnant with Adrian. It was fall of 1994 and she was overworked and depressed. Her husband drank and she was not treated well by his parents. She decided to take her own life. She found a rope and was on her way to the forest to hang

herself when she met a neighbour who persuaded her to return home. The same night she dreamt that a man dressed in white and riding on a white horse came to save her out of some deep mud she was in in the dream. He lifted her up onto the horse and carried her to safety. When she told this dream to the team, they read her Revelation 19:11 which describes Jesus in the same way Adrian's mother saw him. She understood that the one she dreamt of was Jesus.

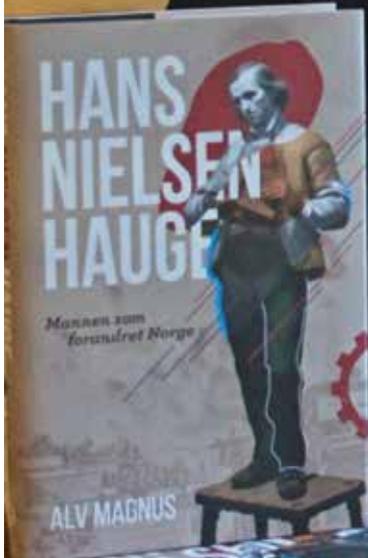
This story is another example of how God works among the peoples of the world, and also how active God is from the very beginning of our lives. Jesus saved Adrian's mother and Adrian, and now Adrian gets to use who he is for the sake of Jesus and the new believers in the area.

Long-term missionaries in South Asia.

Adrian was the first one in his family to decide to follow Jesus.

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Hans Nielsen Hauge



the man who changed Norway

“Few people have shaped modern Norway more than Hans Nielsen Hauge. However, most people know little about the various ways he contributed to the nation, in many areas.

In this book, Alv Magnus gives us a broad and engaging presentation of Hauge as preacher, author, industrialist and entrepreneur, to name but a few. The life of Hauge continues to inspire today!” From Espen Ottosen’s recommendation of Magnus’s book, published by Proklamedia, January 2020.

Another well-known figure in Christian Norway, Rune Edvardsen says, “Alv Magnus has delved deep into the life of Hauge and the movement he started. There’s a lot for us to learn both as believers and as shapers of society for the coming generations! I want to thank the author for this treasury of Norwegian history.” Elin Fagerbakke, leader of “Kvinner i Nettverk” (Women’s Network) says the following, “We’re moved and inspired by the effect genuine revival and reformation had on our nation, and we become hopeful when we see what can happen when we say ‘Yes!’ to God’s call and His power. This is a classic ...”

Hauge and the revival that was a result of his preaching has been something of a lifelong undertaking for me, since I became a Christian while studying

at the University of Oslo. In this new book I’m able to present my findings on the effects of revival on our nation. My prayer is that a new generation of Christians will be captivated by his life and will allow themselves to be challenged to desire to live committed lives as believers in Jesus Christ. God is unchanging. His promises still apply. He still looks throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. (2 Chron. 16:9).

Those who want to use their lives for the extension of the Kingdom of God today are faced with the same challenges as Hauge faced; some laws and even church leadership were opposed to him. The battle he fought cost him dearly; he was arrested eleven times and spent a long time in prison with one court case lasting ten years. His health broke as a result, and he died comparatively young, at 53. However, we can see Hauge in a new light now. It is he who is the hero and the reformer, while his critics get little honour. In the long run he was the victor, while his opponents have been forgotten in the mists of time. We ought to be inspired by this! In this day and age, we are faced with unprecedented hostility and opposition in the public arena, when we preach the gospel in its raw truth. It’s good to have some role models. It’s good to have someone who has gone ahead and shows the way, someone from our own history who confirms that the gospel is Good News, not just for the individual but for society at large.”



NEW BOOK

ALV MAGNUS
Married to Margareta, they have three adult children and nine grandchildren. Alv Magnus was leader of YWAM Norway for many years. He did his DTS on Hawaii, USA in 1973.

Seeking the presence of God

Loren Cunningham is back in Norway – this time for just twenty hours. Whether or not it is the last time is difficult to say. What we do know is that he is more eager than ever.

For an eighty-five-year-old he is still fit, with endurance and energy. He was just in Belgium and will continue on to Prague and Brazil.

“I don’t know what to do when I grow old,” Loren chuckles. It is easy to see that he is still on fire for the vision he received in 1956. A wave of youth even bigger than this one will come, he says. By 2025, the Bible will have begun to be translated into all the languages of the world. On top of this, a spiritual awakening is happening in Norway. Repeatedly he says that the focus always has been on the youth.

“It has never been Loren With A Mission, it’s Youth With A Mission.” Today’s youth longs for revival, or spiritual awakening, as Loren likes to call it. The wave of youth is growing! It’s typical of God, he thinks. No one would ever have thought of letting young people go out into missions.

It is Loren’s impression that many ask themselves how you can be a missionary when you’re “just” a businessman



INTERVIEW

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or “just” a teacher. Here, Loren believes, YWAM has been ground-breaking and innovative. Today, everyone can be a missionary. You don’t have to be a “missionary-missionary”, you can be a missionary in all areas in society. That way, more people are joining what Loren refers to as “the mission wave”. At the same time, YWAM clears the way for young people, making it easier them to join the mission.

Loren feels that God has called Norway to be great mission sending nation. One of the greatest in the world, actually, together with Korea, South Africa and New Zealand.

–[Norway’s] mission sending reflects a spiritual atmosphere, Loren says



with a twinkle in his eye. Something happens in the spiritual sphere when we send missionaries. It may, among other things, lead Norwegians to turn their hearts towards God, wanting to win others for Christ. Only then can we have great movements of missions.

Yes, but how do you preserve the fire in your heart? With a playful smile Loren answers that he really enjoys the presence of Jesus. "I like the little song: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own."

"There is nothing more important than to walk in the presence of God. It's simply the daily life with Jesus,

remembering to let him in on everything we do, that counts. Just like it is written in Matthew 6:33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Loren Cunningham is no more special than us. He is a regular man who was and is obedient to God, who is practicing the presence of Him, walking in faith. The eagerness God placed in Loren sixty years ago has grown, just like YWAM. When the first thing we do is seek the kingdom of God all the other things will be given to us as well. We just have to say yes to God, like Loren did, and He will provide the rest.

Seven hundred people came to hear Loren Cunningham speak in Oslo.

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YWAM Skien is offering Mini-DTS for youth groups



In February, DTS teams from YWAM Skien visited the boarding schools Framnes and Tomb. Miriam Hering (20), DTS student, is here having a morning devotional at Framnes as part of the Mini-DTS-program.

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NEW THINGS

BRITT SOLVEIG
SPILDE

35 years, married to Kjetil, and mom to Elias Emil. Centre leader in YWAM Skien Did her DTS in Skien in 2003.

Youth With a Mission Skien has developed a new concept: Mini-DTS. They want to pass on to others what they have received.

A sure sign of having “received something” is that it can be passed on. You can only pass on to others what you have ownership of yourself.

The past year we in YWAM Skien feel that God has given us a bigger heart for young people in Norway. Our dream is that more young people can experience a living, personal and real relationship with God. We want to see a movement of Norwegian youth who experience that Christian faith is more than just theory, but a life lived close to God.

This is why we have asked ourselves

the following question: “What can we pass on to them?” The answer is obvious, because for many of us DTS was a life changing experience. Maybe this was where we experienced hearing God’s voice for the first time? Or had a meeting with the Holy Spirit? Got set on fire for missions? What if we could give Norwegian youth a taste of this? What if we could give this to more than just those who come to DTS?

Out of this desire we have created the concept Mini-DTS. This is a concept that our teams can take to youth groups, boarding schools, and camps. Within a single week, the team has several meeting points that they go through with the group. These meeting points give a small taste of a full DTS.

We have compiled a teaching resource based on six core DTS topics. The program is not a series of devotion-



Here are three different secondary schools that focus on missions and the Bible.



The School of Frontier Missions, or SOFM, consists of a lecture phase followed by a 9 month internship. The Kristiansand SOFM focuses on preparing students to share the Good News with the unreached, get trained to understand different world views and belief systems, plant growing churches, and get placed on a team.

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als but rather a tool to help the youth groups explore and learn about the topics through finding good examples in the Bible. In addition to this we have created ways for the youth to put into practice what they have learned. In this way, the learning is both interactive as well as relational.

We believe that this will make a big difference, both for those on the teams traveling around as well as for the teenagers we meet. Passing on what has been learned in DTS is an incredible way of integrating the knowledge into one's life. We are also praying that the traveling teams will be able to see many young people experience Jesus and everything He is. We want to see a discipleship movement among the young people in Norway.

The Bible Core Course is a three-month secondary school designed to help you study God's Word and apply it practically into your everyday life. Experienced bible teachers will instruct you on how to study Scripture on your own and teach you methods that will open it for you.

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We want to reach the people of Moldova with the love of Jesus. PHOTO: FLICKR CC_PARLIAMENTRM

We dream about making a difference. Our dream is that our efforts and our lives can mean something for someone.

This is the thought behind Love Europe - Youth With a Mission's new commitment in Moldova. Moldova is Europe's poorest nation; much poorer than what you can imagine.

Everyone that has the opportunity leaves Moldova. They leave behind both the young and the old. In many places a third of the population is gone. Only 13,000 people visit the country every year. Depression is widespread, hope is gone and the people are suffering.

I met Lilia. Her family of six lived on a small farm, which they worked manually. There was often not enough food and they only ate meat on Sundays.

I could see the pain in Maria's eyes. She was twelve years old. Her parents live in Poland. "That's a nice country", I said. "How long have they lived there for?" "Eight years," the girl replied. She had been without her parents since she was four.

Love Europe gives the gospel with two hands. With the one hand we preach the word that leads to salvation. This can change people's lives, transforming their societies, leading them to say "No" to corruption. With the other hand we give what Jesus talks about in Matthew 25. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I was sick and you looked after me ..."

Love Europe focuses on evangelizing, as well as helping people with food and clothing. We want to give health services and build homes for those who live in poor conditions. Did you know that fifteen young people can build a house in five days?

Love Europe gathers YWAMers from all over Europe. We have 460 beds in Moldova. This will be a mercy festival! Powerful preaching, intense worship, and service in poverty you did not even know existed. This is our continent: Europe.

Remember: this is our watch.



OUTREACH

RUNAR BYBERG is 50 years old, married with two kids and lives in Skien. He was co-leader in YWAM until January 1, but is now on 80% leave. He is leading Love Europe through YWAM Skien. He did his DTS at Kings Mansion, Hawaii, in 1988. He wants to reach out with Jesus' love to the people of Moldova.

Find out more at www.loveeurope.no



Northerners with a mission

We have asked two YWAMers from northern Norway to share a bit about who they are, their ministry, and what their dreams are.



Who are you? My name is Eva Maria Netland Nilssen, from Varangerbotn in east Finnmark. I live in Sola where I work with Youth With A Mission Rogaland. My main job is to lead “Bibelkveld” (Bible teaching in the evenings), teach from the Bible, and coordinate the collaboration we have with local churches in Rogaland.

God’s word. I am excited by the hunger young people in Norway have for God’s word, and I hope to see more of this and that they let the Bible be the guideline for their lives. I dream about seeing even more clearly how the light drives away the darkness. I also dream about seeing healthy marriages and that children can grow up in healthy families where they can develop a sense of safety and a good self-image.

Eva
Maria

What are you dreaming about? My dream is to see society transformed by individuals living according to



Who are you? My name is Ole Andre Moldstad and I am 58 years old, I have three children, and am accountant at YWAM Borgen. I am also a part of the Worship and Prayer team at Borgen, and work with Bible to All. In addition I do the books for other organisations and churches here in the north.

What are you dreaming about? I want to see new children- and youth-workers raised up by God in the north of Norway. I want to see a new generation of young people take the lead as pastors, evangelists, worship-leaders and in other areas. I want to see a revival among young people here in the north. It is important for me to have faith in the generation that is coming.

Ole Andre



One call



Kristine Grosås relates how she follows God in everyday life.

PHOTO: JON GUSTAVSEN

or several?

Kristine Grosås is a well-known name YWAM Oslo. She's tried to follow the call of God daily since she was a teenager.

Kristine found out about YWAM when she was sixteen. She participated in New Years and Easter camps, and did summer ministry at Grimerud for several years. It was there that she learned to have a "quiet time" and read the Bible. After her senior year in high school she started nursing college. She is not sure whether that was God's will or not. What she does know, however, is that she met Jostein there. Perhaps it was God's leading after all, even though she didn't have a clear calling to it?

Quit her job

Some years later, once she was married, she started working as an air hostess for SAS. Kristine loved travelling. So she was surprised when she felt God telling her to give up her job after working for SAS for many years.

"Kristine, I have something else for you," she felt God say. Why should she stop? Throughout her life Kristine has been concerned with following God's will, so she had peace about giving up her job. At this point she and her family joined King's Kids. They were active in King's Kids for over ten years, and their time there meant a lot to the family. While they were with King's Kids Oslo they once again travelled to lots of exciting places such as Eastern Europe, Hong Kong, South Africa and Brazil among others.

Their house became a home for many

At this time the family bought the house they now live in, on Snarøya outside Oslo. After participating in a course with Ellet Ministries in Scotland, where everyone lived in a charming castle, she felt encouraged by God to use a

family inheritance to transform her house into a beautiful home. Kristine felt a call to open up her home, and for many years the Oslo DTS, Skaperkraft, local church youth, YWAM speakers and many others have stayed there.

Called to politics

It wasn't long before God called her to a new arena – this time in politics. In the first four-year period the KrF (Christian Democrats) had two representatives in the local council. Kristine was one of them. It was an exciting time. At the end of the next local election Kristine recalls she wept as she was elected as the only KrF representative to the local council in Bærum. "When life is challenging, it's really important that you know you are in the right place," she says.

She knew that God had led her into politics. She didn't give up, but received all the comfort and strength she needed. After twelve years she stopped and started work as the manager of Fornebu Gjenbruk (a local second-hand shop). "About 80 per cent of the money we receive goes to building a church in Fornebu; 20 per cent goes to different missions projects abroad," she says. Although some days it can be challenging, she knows that God has called her to this now.

Anything new?

Kristine has experienced God's call at different times and places. This has led her to where she is today, which she is very thankful for. She believes she is where God has called her to be. Perhaps she'll be there for the rest of her life, or perhaps God will lead her to something new in a few years? When we serve God, life becomes exciting!



INTERVIEW

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There are often lots of people visiting Frida and the family she lives with, something she appreciates.



FRIDA NIBE-SVENDSEN (21) from Kristiansand did her DTS at Skjærgårdsheimen in 2018/19. At the end of the DTS she was going to Thailand as part of a one-year team, with three other girls. However, when no one else applied, she went alone. She's one of fifty missionaries sent out from 'Heimen'. Mae Sot, a town on the border of Myanmar where she lives with a family, is her new home for the next months. They work among a people group who have never heard of Jesus.

A chat with Frida

J: Hi Frida! I'm so glad we could find time to have a chat.

F: Hi Jorunn 😊 It's great that you were on time! It's not always like that in Thailand!

J: Oh? Isn't it?

F: No... I've got a funny example of their sense of time. I and the family I live with were to join a Christmas party for the poor kids in the neighbourhood. They said it would start at 7am but people didn't arrive until 8.30am, and they only started at 9. Of course, we were there at 7! 😡

J: Haha, no, it's not like Norway, where everyone's on time.

F: No, I'll never get used to it. Another thing that takes a long time to get used to is the traffic (they drive on the left here 🤪) and the unwritten rules in the country. But there are other things I've got used to! The hospitality, food markets, different toilets and ways of greeting, for example...

J: Ways of greeting?

F: I regularly meet two people groups where I live, and they greet each other in different ways.

J: Aha!

I think we often hear that hospitality is something our missionaries appreciate.

F: It's really true! What I like best of all is how well they care for their families. Here you're considered to be close to the guy who married your mother's cousin. :-)) I think it's really fascinating, since I hardly know my own cousins. We always have guests. An uncle, an aunt, a cousin or neighbour.

J: That's really nice. ^^ What's the family you stay with like?

F: It's a family of six. They really want to start a YWAM base here. They've got four kids and three of them are being home-schooled. I teach them at home two days a week.

J: It's fantastic that you can live with a family!

Right: There are still lots of things Frida hasn't got used to yet. But she has got used to the food markets where she lives. Below: Frida works with a weaving project helping poor village women to earn their living. ALL PHOTOS: PRIVATE



F: Yes, it's a blessing. I travelled here alone and wasn't quite sure how it would work out. I was a bit worried that I wouldn't find any friends, but God answered my prayer. As well as becoming part of a family, I've also got lots of local friends.

J: What do you use the rest of the week for if you spend two days home-schooling?

F: Honestly, daily life is quite different from what I thought it would be. I didn't know what I was coming to, so it was hard to imagine it. We've started a weaving project in the village. There are lots of poor people in the village where I live: they have never been to school. The women there are really good at weaving, so we develop products we can sell, so they make money. One of the days goes to meeting and working with these lovely women in the village. I also spend some days on office work, where I plan the school work, and which products we can make.

J: What a great idea! There's lots you can do out there in the big wide world! 😊

F: Yes, it's really exciting. If anyone's thinking of going into missions, I would just say "Go for it!" I think it's a good idea to try out a one-year team, like I'm doing, or contact someone on the field so you can get a taste of missions and experience the joy of it!

J: That sounds like a safe way of trying it out.

F: Yes. 😊 But now I'm off to bed. About the bed: something that's surprised me here is how much I miss sofas and soft beds. 😊 Haha, the beds in Thailand look quite soft, but they're actually very hard. It took me a while to get used to them.

J: I hope you sleep well anyway. :P Good night, thanks for the chat. 😊

F: Yes, I will. 😊 Bye for now!



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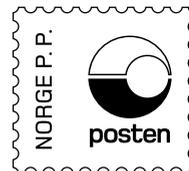
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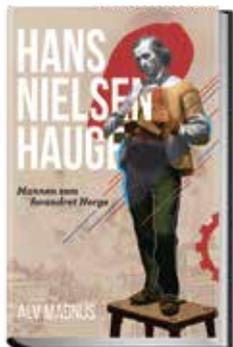
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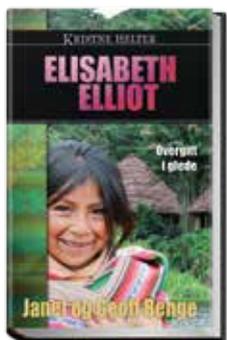


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