

**Blessed New Year - 2021!**





## Dear friends,

2020 is now in the rear-view mirror and it's no surprise that most people are happy to move on and turn the page into a New Year. We want to take this opportunity to reflect on what will always be remembered as an unprecedented year on so many levels. In the midst of an uncertain world full of restrictions we could still see God's guidance and blessings in allowing His word to spread.



January started as any other year full of plans for ministry in various places. In our local church we have now established a great custom of beginning the year with 10 days of prayer. We gather each day for an hour of fellowship and seeking the Lord. 2020 was started this way and none of us knew how challenging the year would be. This reminds me how important spiritual preparation is for any unexpected turn in our lives.



In February we held an evangelistic series in Tønsberg, Norway. Little did we know that this would be the last physical evangelistic gathering for quite some time. Already towards the end of the series the corona circumstances began to make an impact in Northern Europe. We were happy to be able to complete the gatherings right before the restrictions were implemented.

From March church and evangelism started looking very different. Physical gatherings were replaced by online meetings and digital evangelism took off. I was reminded how the book of Acts ends with Paul imprisoned in Rome. He could not go anywhere as he was under "quarantine" by Rome. However, the last word in the book of Acts is the word "Unhindered". Paul was able to impact the churches through his letters even though he was not able to travel to these places. I am sure he would also have used Zoom and YouTube if he had the opportunity!

During spring and summer I was "Zooming" around the world connecting with churches, youth groups, ministries, and individuals. Sermons and Bible studies are different through a screen, but the Word of God retains the same power!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel Living Water summer camp 2020 which was a big disappointment for many. It's been such a spiritual highlight for many years now, but there was no way we would have been able to organize the event with all the corona restrictions on large gatherings. Missing out in 2020 only makes us more excited to be back at Fyresdal in 2021.

Fortunately, we were able to still carry through the prayer seminar at Halvorsbøle in the end of August. It was definitely different than usual with a lower number of attendees and careful procedures. We could tell people really appreciated the gathering as they had missed out on so many other events that had been cancelled.



During the fall we held a digital evangelistic prophecy series through Ulsrud church in Oslo. It was such a blessing to see hundreds of people following the presentations on YouTube. I believe the unusual times we are living in is causing people to think more deeply about the foundational questions of life.

If there was a reset button on 2020 many would have pushed it throughout the year. But such a button does not exist. Time only moves forward. 2020 has been an unprecedented year on so many levels. In a world full of disease, distance, and depression, many are delighted to turn the page into 2021. We hope things will be different. While there are many things that are out of our control, there are pages we can actually turn in our own personal lives. Why not make a New Year's resolution to more frequently turn the pages of scripture. If there was ever a time we should immerse ourselves into this incredible life changing story it is now! Let 2021 captivate you with new wonder as you journey through the Bible. Come face to face with Jesus and He will carry you through whatever storms are ahead. We wish you a very happy & blessed Bible reading New Year!

Blessings,

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