

## Missionary Update ...Steve & Barb

Wow! Summer 2019 went by fast. Maybe it was the travel or the busy ministry days or the emotions involved by meeting Barb's grandmother's family in Sweden. Thanks to modern technology and family members who do DNA testing and genealogy research. Barb has made contact with her grandmother's family and what joy was ours as we met Barb's mother's first cousins.

In our last ministry update we shared the joyful news of our new project, discipleship retreats in Sweden. These retreats are being prayed over as we wait for God to show us the right people who should be attending. The goal is to get Swedes and immigrants together in a space away from Malmo where we can study, pray and learn from each other.

This fall we taught the Sharing Lives course in another location. The discussion was lively on how to reach out to new neighbors and immigrants.

We are also helping to plan a nationwide conference with our Swedish partner denomination on living in a multi-cultural society. There will be speakers from Pakistan and Egypt as well as many local Swedes sharing their knowledge and experience. The conference will be held in the Stockholm area in November.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For their discipleship retreats; for the right people, the right time and the right place to gather.
2. For their Mosaics project; to interact in the culture with the Swedish people and immigrants.
3. For continued good health.

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### The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

**A** — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**B** — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

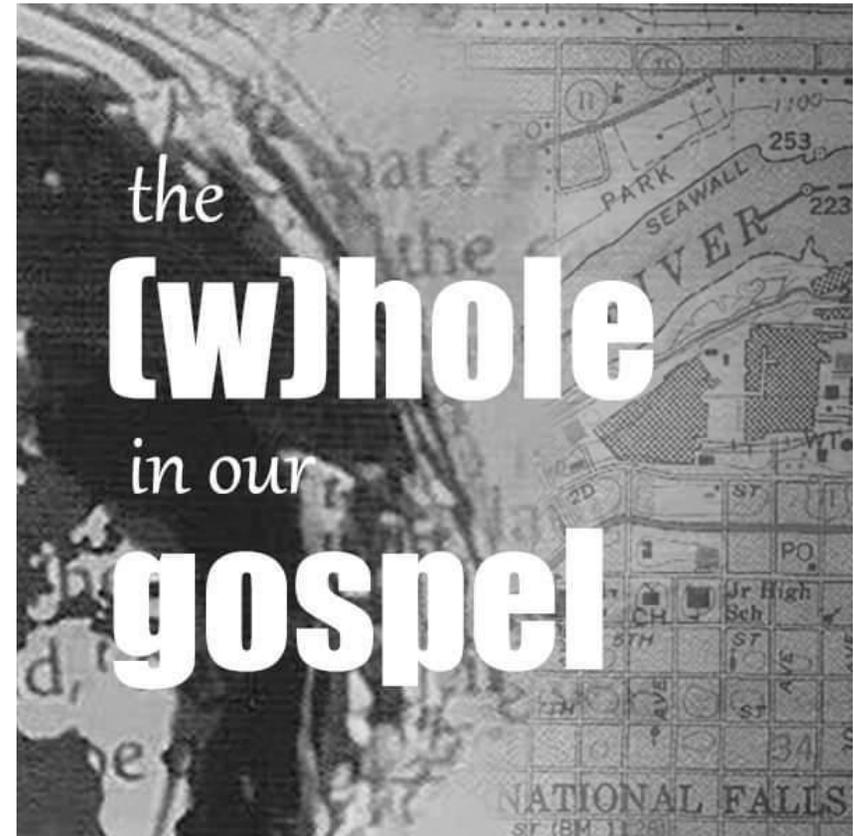
**C** — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**Prayer:** Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name,



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**Welcome to Worship!** — We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** is for 3-7 year olds; 8 yrs old and older need to stay with their parents. Parents, drop off your children prior to joining the service. (10:30am service)

**Sunday School Class** — Join others and study the book of Philippians in Room 200 at 9am. It will be led by Dave Herrly, Roger Williams and Andy Hedlund.

**Teaching Opportunity** — Are you gifted with teaching? We are looking for individuals who are interested in teaching a Sunday School class to begin in January. Please contact Stacy Hall or Lynn Peterson.



**Operation Christmas Child** — You have one more week to fill and return your shoebox! Packing/labeling information is inside each box. Please return and place under the trees by November 24.

**Awana Family Fun Night** — On Wednesday, November 27, we will be hosting a Family Fun Night. We are looking for gently used stuffed animals or small trinkets (from a dollar store) which can be given out as gifts. Please bring your donations to the church office. Thank you!

**Verse Cards** — There are verse cards available to help you memorize verses that relate to our current sermon series. You can find the verses as you enter the worship center.

**Our Condolences are Extended to:**

- Von & Kris Morgan on the recent loss of Kris's sister, Molly Lilja.
- Darlene Walls and Family on the recent loss of her daughter, Darnell Andrews.

**Community Opportunities...**

**Psalm FM Mailing** — Thursday, November 21 at 7am.

**Community Café** — November 26 at 5pm.

**Bell Ringers Needed** — The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers. If you are interested please call 283.3394 to schedule a time.

**Dealing with the Hole in Me**

Luke 9:23-25 (NIV)

He has showed you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11:19

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? Luke 9:23-25

**1. Surrender** \_\_\_\_\_.

Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. v. 23 MSG  
He must deny himself. v. 23 NIV

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. Luke 9:24

**2. Embrace** \_\_\_\_\_.

Take up his cross daily v. 23  
Don't run from suffering; embrace it. v. 23 MSG

For we know that our self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Romans 6:6

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loves me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

**3. Follow** \_\_\_\_\_.

Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. v. 23 MSG