

Missionary Update ... Gene & Inga Whitehead *servicing in Sweden with Greater Europe Mission*

Gene and Inga were here at our missionary conference about 2 years ago asking for financial support to go as missionaries to Sweden. They are under the Greater Europe Mission organization.



In 2019, they began the year wrapping things up in the United States, finishing with one final road trip to the East Coast where they boarded a plane to Sweden in March and haven't stopped since.

Our first season in Hemavan was nothing short of mind blowing. We worked with students, held church services and opened weekly public devotions and celebrated Good Friday and Easter with a church in Northern Sweden.

Ultimately though, the Lord confirmed in our hearts that we need to continue pursuing our lives and ministry in their remote Bible school and mountain station. So we did this by reapplying for new long-term residence visas to Sweden.

While Swedish migration and the church in Sweden works all of that out, we have been in England, serving in union with some of our Greater Europe Mission UK colleagues, working and most of all, language learning in preparation for our return to Hemavan.

We want to say thank you for loving prayers and support and God has faithfully provided.

Prayer Requests:

1. For continued financial support that deals with the instability of European economics.
2. To receive their long-term residence visas.
3. For Swedish language learning; to become fluent.

November 2019

	Offerings	Expenses
General Fund YTD	\$297,881	\$264,869
Missions Fund YTD	\$45,668	\$51,865

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, Amen.



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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)

Communion Sunday — Today is Communion Sunday and all who have accepted Christ as their savior are welcome to participate. The bread that is being served is gluten-free for the convenience of all participants.

Compassion Offering—will be received today to be used for emergencies or other needs of those in our congregation or community. The collection plate will be at the rear of the church. You may use your offering envelope and mark the section "other" as Compassion Fund



Being Neighborly — To be a good neighbor to the families who live around the church, please be careful to avoid parking on the south side of 17th Street and park in the parking lots as much as possible.

Sunday School Christmas Program — If you would like your child(ren) to be in the Sunday school Christmas program, please send them to Sunday school or Children's church today. This is for 3 year olds to 5th grade. The program will be next Sunday, December 15.

Prayer Warriors — We are looking for individuals who are willing to be in prayer during the morning services. Please contact Roger & Betty Williams at 807.861.3765 if you are interested.

Offering Envelopes — The 2020 offering envelopes are in your mailbox! Please note — you may have a new envelope number. If you have a question or need envelopes, please contact Terri Anderson.

Pastor Search Committee — Thank you for praying for the PSC as they have diligently been searching for our next pastor. Continue to pray for the committee, our future pastor, and God's perfect timing.

One Starry Night — Planning meeting on Dec. 9 at 6pm; Room 200.

Community Opportunities...

Waffles & Widows — Saturday, December 14 at 10am.

Northern Options for Women — will be hosting a Christmas Cookie Fundraiser on Saturday, December 14 from 11am-1pm. Check out their poster for more information.

Community Christmas Dinner — There will be a free dinner on December 25 from 1-4pm at the Elks, 215 3rd Street. Meals on Wheels delivery from 11am-12pm. Please call 240.5125 to schedule a meal or volunteer.

Community Café — *Thursday*, December 26 at 5pm.

Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 11:28-30

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ...
Isaiah 9:6

Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you --- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?
Exodus 15:11

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night, my heart instructs me.
Psalm 16:7

In dealing with our past

1. Jesus is our _____.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23- 24

In dealing with our present

2. Jesus is our _____.

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the CONSOLATION of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
Luke 2:25

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my load is light.
Matthew 11:28-30

In dealing with our future ..

3. Jesus is our _____.

I am the way, the truth and the life.
John 14:6

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Our Counselor is able to guide us because ...

• **Jesus** _____.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.
Revelation 1:8

• **Jesus** _____.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:7

• **Jesus** _____.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
James 1:5