

Woodbury Lutheran Church

Sharing the love and Good News of Jesus Christ in our homes, church, communities, and world



Quarterly Mission Agency Report to Woodbury Lutheran Church

Agency: Assemblies of God World Missions- University ministry

Project # 1: Seeking God's will and direction for our team and ministry

Project # 2: Attend CSM- College of Student Ministry- 2 wks. in Brussels with students and other SFC (Students for Christ) full-time student missionaries

Project # 3: Plan major outreach for 1st week of classes at the university

Project #4: Form new student group: come up with a name, vision statement, logo, website for new group

Project #5: Register as a new student group on campus and promote

Project #6: Provide environments for Christian growth

Project #7: Provide environments for Christian/non-Christian interaction

Project #8: Provide environments for relationship-building with non-Christians

Project #9: Spread greater vision for new group and our connection with SFC Europe and Betel Church

Project #10: Meet with pastors of other churches- start networking and sharing resources

Project #11: Progress in Norwegian language training

Project #12: Frequent updates on our online journal

Project #13: Staying in touch with Chuck Haavik and his family in Duluth who were with us our first 5 months

Action # 1 (pre-evangelism, mercy, logistics, necessary meetings): We have made it our priority to continue meeting as a team for prayer, planning, vision-casting, and community at least once a week for several hours. This is very important for us to seek God's will for us here through prayer and to lift our needs up to each other and God.

Action # 2: Attended and were inspired by the greater community we are a part of. One of our main goals for next year is to get some Norwegians to attend this crucial training and growing experience. Made many valuable friendships and connections with other fellow AG student missionaries.

Action # 3: Had a couple from the states that did the Chi Alpha internship with Cortney in Duluth come to do music outreach. Were able to have them play in the café's at both NTNU campuses twice each during the week and talked with people and shared who we were. Also got them spots to play at one of the main student café's in the downtown city area Thursday and Saturday night. Provided environment to invite our non-Christian friends to.

Action #4: Created the group: Quest. Vision statement and logo can be seen on our blog. Created a blog site for information regarding our group and activities: questnorway.blogspot.com. Promoted all of this by giving away free waffles and coffee at both campuses- had a great response and many questions!

Action #5: We are now an official student group consisting of Norwegians and internationals. Quest is listed on the NTNU website under religious organizations with a link to our website.

Action #6:

1). We are leading a student service the 3rd Sunday of every month at 7PM. A relaxed setting with food and coffee for students to come worship in community, receive teaching from the Word, have opportunity for discussion and interaction and grow in relationship with one another.

2). We have 2 ladies and 1 guys small group where we have the opportunity to disciple, encourage, and challenge students. We meet once every week where we study the Bible, talk about faith in our lives, pray for each other, and encourage each other in our daily walk with God.

3). We are just about to have our first monthly all-night prayer/worship gathering at the church! Open to all, but started with students.

4). Planning a fall retreat Nov. 2-4

5). Attending and encouraging students to attend Betel's Unbad youth/student service

Action #7: Every other Wednesday night- House Gatherings. Make and eat dinner together, share a short talk on some aspect of the character of God, socialize.

Action #8: Individual meetings with friends we have made. Weekend activities of just hanging out- movie and game nights, etc.

Action #9: Shared vision of Quest at our Student service. Introduced our work again at the Norwegian and International services at Betel.

Action #10: Meeting with the student pastor at Salem church in Trondheim (church with the largest number of students in attendance- up to 300 on Sat. nights), talking with students from other churches about how to partner together.

Action #11: Cortney was able to get into the 2nd level class, but level 3 was full so Brett is currently studying on his own. The class is two days a week for a total of 6 hours each week and gives Cortney a great opportunity to be with many international students and build relationships, it also gives her status as a part-time student at the university we are serving. Though it is slow in a culture that loves to speak English, our understanding of the language is improving which is an encouragement and great benefit.

Action #12: As the weeks go by here we have been trying to write frequently (making it our goal to write once per week) on our online journal. Along with our newsletter that is sent out every other month this allows us to expand our description of life and ministry here for people in the US to be aware of and how they can be praying. The website for our blog is: (www.cortneyandbrett.blogspot.com)

Action #13: Frequent contact and updates via email and phone. Chuck will be visiting again in Nov.

We praise and thank God for: Open doors! For bringing so much of what He has taught us and so many of our dreams and visions for this ministry into a more organized and tangible form this year. For the continual support and encouragement of all of those back home and those involved in our organization. For our new team member, Jessica Tonder.

Please ask God on our behalf for: Continual guidance for our team's future plans after this year as we all pray about extending our time here in Norway. For God's will and clear direction as our ministry takes shape. For breakthroughs in the spiritual climate of Norway. For supernatural help in language learning. For students to catch the vision for ministering to their peers and for their relationships with classmates who don't know Christ. For students to attend our fall retreat and the SFC New Years Christian conference in Germany Dec. 27-Jan.1. Continual cooperation of different churches. For our relationships with our Norwegian and international friends who are seeking God.