

Newsletter October - Full Speed Ahead!

Dear Mission Friend!

Our new missionary couple, Björn and Birgitta Davidsson, are now in Sri Lanka. We pray that everything will fall into place for them and that they will smoothly integrate into their work. We are also waiting for the next missionary couple, Johan and Emma Åström, from the West Coast, to be able to “break free” so they can move at the beginning of 2023. Please pray for them to sell their businesses so they can take the leap.

### **Courses in Stockholm**

On November 2nd, we will start a new FBS course at Citykyrkan, Stockholm. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, from November 2nd to December 14th. We will also start a course at Botkyrka Pingst on January 21st. This course is compressed, which means instead of 7 weeks, we will have four Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, including coffee and lunch.

### **Leadership Conference in Romania**

From November 3rd to 5th, FBS will participate in a Christian leadership conference in Romania. Pastors and businesspeople from all over Europe will attend, and we will have the opportunity to present FBS to them. Please pray for this opportunity!

### **Participation on Vision Sverige**

On November 7th, we will have a whole evening on Vision Sverige to talk about our work. Pray that many will be inspired to pray and give to our work! You can follow us live on their website or on Facebook. The program will also be available on YouTube the following day.

### **ICCC Conference**

From November 11th to 13th, FBS will participate in the ICCC International Conference in Stockholm. Participants will come from all over the world to the conference.



**Mission: God's Kingdom**

From November 18th to 19th, FBS will participate in the conference Mission: God's Kingdom. We will have a seminar track focused on "Young Entrepreneurship." You can register on their website.

### **Work in Benin and São Tomé**

Kent Deivard is a brother with a vast network worldwide. Kent has previously been a missionary in both Africa and South America. Kent has done a fantastic job spreading FBS in various parts of the world. Here is his latest report from a visit to São Tomé and Benin:

Prisoners in the central prison in São Tomé are now being taught FBS. A WhatsApp group has been formed by those who attended the first course under the leadership of our FBS coordinator, Pastor Jose Augusto. FBS knowledge is crucial for them for many reasons. One reason in São Tomé is that employers do not want to hire ex-prisoners. In such a small country, most people know who is or has been in prison. Therefore, they must create their own livelihood legally after their release. The time in prison must be used in the best way possible. Our partner church has a prison pastor who is in the prison almost daily. He starts and leads the FBS sessions with prayer and participates in the teaching. He is also a student alongside the prisoners in FBS, with the aim of becoming a certified FBS teacher after additional training.



Together with Ove Lindeskär and Allan Ekstedt, I am planning to offer FBS to the graduating students at "La Maison Ruth" in Benin. These students, mostly teenage girls, have fled forced marriages, social ostracism, prostitution, and other hardships. They had no place to go until they found this sanctuary. They have no support or contact from their parents or their previous home. Thus, they are particularly vulnerable, and FBS is crucial for them. Their educational level is low, but they can read and communicate reasonably well in French. A different teaching methodology will be applied, which takes more time than usual.

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With wishes for all of God's blessings,

**Prayer Requests:**

- The various conferences in November
- That we will attract many students to the schools in Stockholm
- That the Lord will help our missionaries who are and will be in Sri Lanka
- That we will receive new collaborators whom the Lord sends to assist us in both Sweden and around the world
- That the Lord will grant us grace, intercessors, and all the financial resources we need

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