

# SPRING NEWS

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## Long Time don't hear!

Hi friends,

It has been a while since my last newsletter and I want to apologize for the delay. I hope you enjoy this one and I want to thank you for being a part of my life and ministry!

## Family News

I would appreciate continued prayers for my mom as it has been super hard for her without my father. Also pray for her health and future plans.

I feel I am to be closer to her and give her assistance to the best of my abilities and I am praying for how that looks like.

## Visa Request

I would like to update you on my visa situation. I, together with other non-European YWAM missionaries here in Sweden are in a long process of waiting for our visitor's extension. Changes in Immigration allows YWAM to have only one type of visa, a one year visitor's. This is problematic for us after being here longer than three years and needing to extend it again. Please pray for us!



## Teaching in Swedish Churches

I got to teach the Mobile DTS for a week on Jesus - beginning with God, three in One: Father, Son and Spirit. Looking at the purpose of creation, Adam & Eve, humans, made in the image and likeness of God, the Fall & result of sin; Calling and story of Israel, the giving of the Law/ Torah, the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, deliverer & Savior. We looked at the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost as the work of God in Christ and what has happened to us in union with Him. (I love to talk about God!)

I have been teaching in a few churches in Jönköping, Stockholm and here in Uddevalla.

## A New Season

I have had a difficult 1 and 1/2 year after my father's death and other family matters. I experienced a lot of stress in bouncing studies with full time ministry & leadership responsibilities at the YWAM base.

I felt tired and had not so much energy to spend time with God and people and was struggling with motivation. I realized I needed to change gears and decided to step down from leadership teams and begin to focus more on the youth work and on the young leaders around me. I am working on being more present to God, to myself and to others, so that I can be in tune with what is going on around me, without much of the stress and busyness I experienced before.



## Finishing the Masters course on Discipleship and Christian Formation.

I have been taking a Masters course with YWAM's university of the Nations for the past two years and I have this year left to create a project instead of a thesis.

I am creating a discipleship manual for youth leaders to use in their youth groups. It comes with a three day retreat for the youth leaders to experience the presence of God, teachings, be refreshed, inspired and equipped to disciple their youth.

I am very excited about this project and I am blessed to have Stina (Swedish Ywamer) working with me on this.

I hope to have a small team going with me to different cities and taking this three day retreat across Sweden.

This course has been a life saver for me as I am experiencing a renewal in my understanding, love and walk with God and now I am able to pass that on to others.

## Prayers:

- Family in Brazil
- Visa & Stay in Sweden
- YWAM Restenas & projects

## The Vingren Family

I had the privilege again to visit with Bertil and his family. He is the son of Gunnar Vingren, who was the first Swedish missionary to Brazil in 1910. Bertil is 89 years old and speaks great Portuguese! I am so blessed to know this precious family and so grateful for the legacy of his family in Brazil!



## Summer Camp in Latvia

YWAM Latvia - Meet the Bekere family who lead the family ministries there. I know Juris and Kristine since 1999 when working with SSTs. God provided a property for them with 8 buildings - perfect for YWAM but they need help renovating the place. Teams and funds are welcome!

We will start a Summer camp there the end of July.

