



As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to walk in newness of life. In order to do this we must reckon ourselves dead unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus. “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:11). The Apostle Paul stresses the fact that we should walk in newness of life. What does Paul mean when he tells us to walk in newness of life? He means that our course has been changed and we have a new Commander-in-chief whose orders we are to follow. He has given us new desires. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Cor. 5:17).

This produces a new walk. “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more” (I Thess. 4:1). “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built

up in him, and stablished in the faith” (Col. 2:6-7). “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh” (Gal. 5:16). “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called” (Eph. 4:1). “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise” (Eph. 5:15). “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7). “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (I John 2:6).

If we are really desiring to walk in the newness of life, we do not continually question, “What is wrong with this: Why can’t I partake of this or that?” If a thing is questionable we will forsake it. Our desire is to do that which is pleasing to Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The Holy Spirit is now our Teacher and Guide through the use of God’s Holy Word.

To walk in newness of life is to love God above all things. Do you do this? Do you love His Word? Do you hunger for His Word? Do you have a burden for lost souls? Do you give a portion of your income to further the kingdom work? These are some of the outward signs which the Holy Spirit seeks to perform in our life? When the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we also have the fruits of the Spirit, which are “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance” (Gal. 5:22). It also says in verse 24, “And they that are Christ’s *have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*” The Word of God tells us that we are to redeem the time, for the days are evil. To redeem our time means to make good use of it and not to spend all our days seeking pleasure.

Are you willing to give up pleasures that hurt your spiritual life? That girlfriend or boyfriend who is not a Christian? Do you seek the fellowship of the world more than that of God’s children? Are you more taken up with daily living than with first seeking God’s direction and will for your life? Are you afraid of being made fun of for your stand? If all this is too high a price to pay, you will soon lose your peace of heart and mind. Salvation is *free*; it is a *gift from God*. But there is a walk to choose that will give joy and spiritual strength to our life. You may choose to be a spiritual giant or a spiritual *runt*. What will it be?

Alvin Larson - (originally published Oct. 1981)



Testimonies from EKE in Hungary



(Andras teaching and leading the discussion)

This year, in addition to the children's camp in Bokod, I participated in another camp. At the end of December, I was invited to take part in the work of our association of large families. Though this association started once on a Christian foundation, it has lost this character. The president of the association contacted me as a member, knowing I regularly work in child camps, youth camps and in camps organized for young adults and couples. His request to me was to give orientation on spiritual issues to the member families of the association, to speak of values. I received a mission order indeed; both for training adults and for spiritual ministries in child and youth

camps. So I had been waiting eagerly for the summer child and youth camp since December; not just because I saw a door that had been open for years now being closed before me, and another one being opened, but also because I had not been to any camps other than those of EKE, where Jesus Christ was definitely in the center, and now I got a chance again to represent Jesus in a civil camp. To speak of the Gospel to teens perhaps totally unfamiliar to faith, in a way they could understand it, so that they do not hear it just as a religious teaching – it seemed to be a great challenge, and made me very excited. I longed for the camp.

We spent a week in an old child campsite by Lake Balaton. The camp included an interesting lifeguard demonstration, a lot of



bathing and swimming, team games, and a few party programs, rather difficult for me to tolerate. 8 adults were there with 65 children and teens from 6 to 18.

The first afternoon, I had a two-hour talk with the older teens. I spoke of the family as valuable, as well as love, trust and faithfulness giving a basis definition to these topics. The talk was quite active, with a number of objections, too, but it made a good impression on me. When I spoke of God's love and of Jesus, some of the reactions were quite vehement, but this gave an opportunity to have further talks, both personally and in groups, later during the week.

In the next afternoon, I showed the movie “Courageous,” stopping several times, and drawing attention to the issues raising in the talk on the previous day. I was glad because the Gospel sounds in the movie, and though I did not emphasize it to them, I prayed to God that He should work through the movie to open their hearts to the Gospel. On the first night, I talked to a little girl who cried a lot. She had watched a horror movie with her friends, and she had been fearful on several occasions during the night. I called her aside to a quiet place, and explained to her that Jesus is stronger than any bad dream, or any evil thought, or the devil. She understood she can pray to Jesus, and He will help (e.g. Psalm 50:15). If anyone calls Him to help, and invites Him to their life, He is ready to come. I Prayed for Villó; she prayed for herself, also. It was good to see her that evening happy and relaxed. I read the next morning, as the Passage of the Day, “you called out to me, and I saved you.” It was good to experience that God answered. About half an hour later, Villó came out to the yard, ran to me with a big smile, and hugged me. Her fears attacked her once again during the week, but I reminded her again of Jesus. Her parents came to me on Friday, and said thank you for helping our daughter. I had my guitar with me, and I played songs in the mornings. This gave me a chance to speak of saving faith to some adults, telling them

that neither God, nor the songs praising Him can be “locked in a church.” (They had not heard songs like that before, except in church.)

My guitar did a good job also when most of the children were enjoying the roaring music.



Ten or twelve children came with me to the rather quiet dining room; I let them try out the guitar, and I played the morning song for the fifth time, because they enjoyed it so much. I also sang them songs of Jesus, calling them to Him.

One day, a girl called Timi read the verse written on my guitar, “anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life.” Then she claimed she believed in Jesus. My heart’s desire is that it should not be just a sudden flare that will burn out quickly but a true confession of faith. On Thursday afternoon, I talked to Fanni, a girl attending a Catholic school, who said she was not religious. She had been interested in christianity before, but for some reason, she later turned to Buddhism. I had the opportunity to explain the essence of the Gospel to her; though she said she knew all that, it did not impress her. We continued after lunch, talking of the reliability of the Bible. It was a meaningful conversation. I hope God Himself will convince her in the proper time.

One evening, I went into a room where three boys were together, showing strong resistance to the topics of our discussions. One of them, Gergő, said I was the first Christian he had met; the first person to whom his faith is important. I was thankful for the opportunity to share with them how I had found Jesus and what He means to me today.

On the last evening, we celebrated the 10th birthday of the camp on a disco boat. We went to the port by cars, and we talked on the way. When we were on the boat, I went as far away from the party as possible. I had the thought of going to see the captain. Fifteen or twenty children were also interested, so we spent quite a long time upstairs. In the last 30 minutes, I was in the rear of the boat with Timi, Tomi (her twin), and some other younger children who were coming and going. During the week, Timi had often spoken of the catastrophe of the Titanic. It was a good theme for discussion.

While packing my car for leaving the campsite, the small children came to me again, and asked me to sing the morning song again and again with them, because they already knew it very well. Then they tried out the guitar again, then another song... then they wished they could come home with me. It was hard to say goodbye to the children. The work of God that He started in their hearts is still hidden, but I long to see it continue and bear fruit. I long to learn how to speak of my Lord in a non-Christian group (camp) in a language they understand and in a way that causes them to desire to know Jesus.

András Oravec

[News from Norwegian Lutheran Mission](#)

SEND HOME GREETINGS & SAY THOUSAND THANKS

I sat and drank coffee with a friend one day and we started to talk about the humanitarian work we are doing. In some instances humanitarian aid can become big business and many earn good money by helping. My friend asked if I received good pay. I explained that the organization I work for regulates my pay so I actually receive less than I earned before. My friend could not for all the world understand why I was willing to leave Norway and come here. “Everything is, of course, much better in Norway is it not?” I answered that I was here to help the country to become better, something my friend thanked for. He has seen a little of our work and has expressed that he thinks we are doing a good work.

He further asked who paid my wages. Then I said the truth is that individual Christians and individual churches regularly give some each so that we can have something to live off of. That was a huge surprise for my friend. “So it is not the state or a donor” he exclaimed. “No” I answered, “It is the Christians in Norway who wish through us to help so that the world becomes more just so that others can have it just as good as we have it in Norway. “Rabbi mahom”! Allah yberkhom”! he said spontaneously. “May the Lord be with them” and May the Lord bless them. You must greet them all and say thousand thanks for their contributions.”

So herewith is the thanks and wish for God’s blessing conveyed from my Muslim friend in a mountain town in North Africa.

Missionary in North Africa

(Translated from an article in “Utsyn”, The periodical of Norwegian Lutheran Mission)

2017
Hauge
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Retreat



Our Missionaries: Bjarne and Sylvia Fostervold from Paraguay.

Our Evangelist: Dr. Lombardo

Our Bible teacher: Pastor Marshall Nessa



Find more retreat pictures on our webpage:

www.haugeforeignmissions.org







WHAT A WITNESS!

(Great job - Retreat children)

Editors note: The following email was received by the ARC staff to pass along to our group after the HFM Family Retreat over Labor day Weekend. What a great job the children did of listening to our announcements and being a great testimony for Christ. Keep training them up in God's ways parents

Subject: **Children on the ARC campus during Labor Day Retreat**

Bet you thought this was going to be a complaint, huh! WRONG!

I just wanted to say how polite and responsible the children (from the Hauge group?) were, when interacting with our group of blind people. I would be walking with my husband, who was swinging his white cane in front of him, on the sidewalk between the Good News Lodge and the Dining Hall, when I would notice one or two children behind us, trying to get around. I would stop him and move a little to the side, asking "Oh, did you want to go ahead?" I would get a shy smile, a nod of the head, and then they would go around us. But one of them would

always turn around and say "Thank you" afterwards! If they had left one of the small scooters lying on the sidewalk, one of the children would nudge another, and point to us approaching. That child



would race out and pick up the scooter before we got there. Then it

was our turn to say “Thank you.” We nearly always got “You’re welcome” in return.



They were also very polite in the Dining Hall, especially when they realized some of our servers were getting multiple trays for others in our group. They would quickly move out of the way for someone carrying two trays.

And a quick “Excuse me” or “Sorry” would follow if they did happen to bump into one of us.

The children had such fun chasing one another on the grounds, using the playground, playing games, playing ball, riding the scooters, etc.; we would often stop to watch. I love hearing children outside just having simple fun. I marveled more than once “Where else would they be permitted such free rein, and still be safe?” But they also remembered their responsibility to keep our people safe too!

So I would like to say a big THANK YOU to those parents who endeavor to teach their children simple manners and a sense of responsibility for others. Please pass this on to the Hauge group, or anyone else who would like to hear this.

Carolyn Green, from the MN Christian Fellowship of the Blind



News from the Halversons

Please keep Jamie and his family in your prayers as Jamie's mother Ellen passed away suddenly in November. Jamie was able to travel home for a brief time to be with his family and mourn the passing of his mother.

"...in everything *give thanks*;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
for you." 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

*Oh that men would praise the Lord
for his goodness, and for his wonderful works
to the children of men!
For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the
hungry soul with goodness. Psalm 107:8-9*

The Lord has done

G R E A T

things for us, and we
are filled with

J O Y !

Ps 126:3



Receipts

July 2017

G. Fund 50.00
NLM 400.00

August 2017

G.Fund 217.14

Sept. 2017

General Fund 3,397.40
Retreat Scholarships 100.00
Paraguay/ACHE 2002.40

July Total	450.00	August Total	271.14	Sept. Total	5,499.80
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Totals for Fiscal year 2017 (Ending September 30, 2017)

Mission Gifts	July, Aug., Sept.	Total Fiscal Year 2017
General Fund	3,718.54	5,926.04
Retreat Scholarships	100.00	170.00
EKE- Hungary	0.00	120.00
NLM	400.00	1,515.00
Paraguay/ACHE	2002.40	2002.04
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