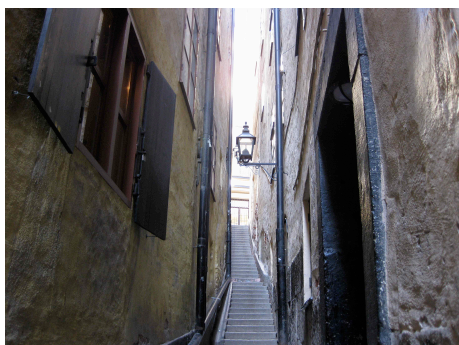


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He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11b

Week in Sweden

"I often think about these things, but have no one to talk to about it," the girl sitting across from me said. I met Divine the second day of our trip to Sweden. She let me talk with her and two of her friends over lunch. I asked her about life in Sweden and she asked me about my life back home. As we got to know each other, I asked Divine about her beliefs. Although she had been to church before, she said she wasn't sure what she believed about God...or if He even existed at all. Divine's views were indicative of what most Swedes believe. Being a socialist country, Swedes have very few physical needs, and so it can be difficult to see that they still have a spiritual need to know Christ. Sweden is also a place where no one wants to stick out and be different. To talk about spiritual things, even with one's closest friends, can be taboo. In light of the culture being that way, we were prepared for not many people to talk to us about God. But we were pleasantly surprised! Just like Divine told me, people wrestle with these questions but don't always feel like they can process such things with friends. What a privilege to get to help Divine think about her views about God!



5 UNC staff in Sweden

During our week-long trip, five staff from our team at UNC and eight staff and students from Duke were able to have conversations like these with Swedish students. We had a couple of purposes for going on this "vision trip" as it was called. Both UNC and Duke's Campus Crusade movements have a partnership with Uppsala University in Sweden. We are committed to pray for that campus and send students and staff there. In order to cast vision to students, we thought it might be good to see it for ourselves! Secondly, we wanted to come alongside the staff in Sweden and help them with ministry there. Right now there are only three Campus Crusade staff at Uppsala University- a school of 45,000!

Sweden, as we mentioned in our previous letter, is a spiritually dark place. But God is at work in the hearts of students there, causing them to wrestle with their beliefs. Please join us in praying that God would be changing hearts in Sweden, and that many UNC students would want to be part of what God is doing there!



Downtown Uppsala

PRAYERS and PRAISES:

-Praise God for a safe trip to Sweden (the pic above was from Stockholm, where we went one day). Praise that we were able to get a glimpse of what He is doing there.

-Praise God for the 1,200 students that came to the Ehrman debate!

-Pray for the Junior Bible studies we are both leading. Pray that God would sink the truths of His Word deeper into each student's heart.

-Pray for the ministry in Sweden, particularly for students to go this summer. Pray as well for staff to be raised up there.

-Pray that our student leaders investing in hundreds of others around them would be growing in God's love and experiencing the gospel in their lives.

*We have a newly remodeled website.
Check it out: unccornerstone.org