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We greet you all in the name of our Saviour, and soon coming King. It is with great joy that we write to you of the wonderful providential leadings of our mighty heavenly Father. Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. (Eph 5:20).

As the year 2006 commenced, it was a time for review as well as looking forward with expectation.

After coming back from Kenya in the end of 2005, Silvia and I had a desire to dedicate our time and effort to the work in Europe.

Especially the cities in Western Europe are a burden on our hearts.

As the New Year began we knelt and prayed for guidance and strength in the work of entering the cities with the everlasting Gospel.

Join us as we report on how the Lord answered our prayers and the prayers of many dedicated workers in His vineyard.

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Special guest-speaker:

We are glad to announce that MAURICE BERRY from the USA will be joining us as our guest speaker this year! Maurice Berry is an experienced speaker, with dynamic, life changing messages.

From a turbulent back-ground in the suburbs of Detroit, God called him to be a chosen vessel for Him. His strong experiences of faith have touched young and old all across the world.

Pastor Berry has a large selection of presentations, varying from evangelism to deep prophetic studies with up-to-date information, and more. His testimony of a living God with a living Word that transforms even the most hopeless is something you don't want to miss!



Time: July 5 - 9, 2006

Place: The camp-ground „Vatnar“ - in the heart of Norway, surrounded by beautiful nature!
(Between Notodden and Bø in Telemark, about 1 hour drive with bus from Torp airport (cheap flights at: www.ryanair.com).

Price: 80 EURO (room)
50 EURO (tent)
for the whole camp-meeting
Children under 12 yr: Half price.

Stine Gro Struksnæs and Silvia Pel are responsible for the activities and meetings with the children.



Join us for a spiritual refreshment in Norway's beautiful nature:

Living Water's SUMMERCAMP!



Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Sabbath:	Sunday:
16.00->:Arrival 18.00:Supper 19.30:Meeting, Maurice	07.00:Worship 07.30:Breakfast 09.30:Meeting, Daniel 11.00:Meeting, Maurice 13.00:Lunch 14.00:Departure: Mountainwalk 18.00:Supper 19.30:Meeting, Maurice	07.00:Worship 07.30:Breakfast 09.30:Meeting, Maurice 11.00:Meeting, Abel 13.00:Street-Evangelism, 18.00:Supper 19.30:Meeting, Maurice	07.00:Worship 07.30:Breakfast 09.30:Bible-study, Abel 11.00:Meeting, Maurice 13.00:Lunch 14.30:Walk 16.30:Meeting, Daniel 18.00:Supper 19.30:Songs, testimonies...	07.00:Worship 07.30:Breakfast 09.30:Meeting, Maurice 11.00:Meeting, Daniel 13.00:Lunch 14.00->:Departure...

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Life-changing campaign in Switzerland...

On January the 29th we boarded our plane and several hours later we landed in Zurich (Switzerland). Our friends Mario and Lena Clerc took us to their nice country home. It was our first time in Switzerland, and the beautiful nature of the country impressed us. On a clear day we could see the Alps with their snow capped tops, and when we viewed the landscape the peculiar Swiss houses, with their large roofs and wooden frames would catch our attention. We felt welcome in the country home, where we would now be living for the next month. The month of February would be dedicated to reach out to the city of Bern. This is the capital of Switzerland with approximately 300.000 people living there. Mario, Lena and others had been faithfully preparing this work for quite some time. 50.000 flyers had been printed announcing a prophecy seminar that we would conduct in a hotel hall, in the centre of Bern. The very next day after our arrival we headed with a team to the streets. Silvia and I were praising the Lord as we saw young and old willing to join and help with the distribution of the flyers. For some the days were long, and often we would be freezing in the cold whether. But the fellowship was sweet which made the work a delight. After each day we would gather to share testimonies and much time was spent in prayer. All were eagerly anticipating the meetings that were before us.

Then, on February the 6th, the day had come for the meetings to start. A location had been chosen that could seat 50 people. We prayed that the hall would be filled up. We know from experience that it is not easy to gather people in the secularized cities of Western Europe. But praise the Lord; we also know from experience that it is possible! And so it was for the city of Bern. The hall was filled up the first night and we were all very excited. The second and third nights were also well attended. When we came to the fourth night our topic was: The Antichrist unmasked! This seems to be a topic that catches the attention of many. People are wondering about the Antichrist, and what power it is. Their curiosity seems to draw them to the meeting. And so on our fourth night we did not have enough chairs. The workers in the Hotel were friendly enough to allow us to have some more chairs, and some of our team members stood outside. It was inspiring to hear the responses after the meeting. Some were shocked, but at the same time understood the clear identification of the Roman Church in Bible prophecy. This study was followed the next night by a study on the first angel's message in Revelation 14, with special focus on our worship to the Creator. We dealt with the Sabbath truth, and the wonderful rest that mankind has received as a gift. The focus was on the loyalty that we must have towards our Creator, in contrast to the claim of the Antichrist. When I walked out of the room that night, two ladies came up to me, and one said: "No more Sunday worship for me!" The other added: "People need to know about these things!"

The next Sabbath 4 people, who had attended the meetings, kept their first Sabbath together with us! We gathered in a home in the countryside where we enjoyed a wonderful Sabbath. But it was not a Sabbath without challenges. A couple that had come to the meetings, came to spend their first Sabbath with us. They had just recently moved to Bern. We expressed to each other how it must have been in the Lord's plan for them to be able to attend the meetings. Marco and Annette had truly been inspired through the Word of God. Annette came from Poland where she had been raised as a Catholic. Her interest had been sparked for the supernatural, and she was involved in astrology, cards, hand reading, etc. Yet the Bible interested her. In contrast to this



Marco, her boyfriend, had no religious background at all. After the Sabbath service that we had, Annette asked me what I thought about the cards she had. She even showed me them with the different messages written on them. "When I pray cannot God work through these cards?" she asked. Silvia and Ruth joined the conversation and an intense Bible study began. Silvia and Ruth showed her the dangers of these acts. For Annette it seemed that her whole faith was crumbling. This is what she had relied on for years. This was the way the Lord was speaking to her, so she thought. We prayed earnestly with her and we could sense the spiritual struggle taking place. Eventually with tears in her eyes Annette surrendered her heart and gave her life anew to Jesus Christ. That same Sabbath we made a fire and she burnt her cards! The whole event was also touching for Marco, and after the cards were burnt we all knelt down to pray. Annette prayed a heartfelt prayer of new commitment, and her words touched many of us that were present. When she finished she spoke to Marco: "Now you can pray". Marco replied: "I don't know how". "Just speak with God and tell him what is on your mind" was the response. It was incredible for me to witness someone really speak with God for the first time in His life. He committed himself into the Lords hands. We rejoiced in the words he uttered in faith. But I can imagine that there was an even greater joy in heaven. Two new children in the heavenly family!



The campaign continued with testing truths being presented before the people. The attendance remained stable with a full room each night. We experienced the power of prayer during the meetings in Bern. Ruth, a real prayer warrior, would pray for the hall to be filled up. She would sometimes pray for a specific number, and the Lord would answer. We understood how dependant we are upon asking the Lord at all times. We are taught to exercise our faith through prayer. The results are truly powerful as we ask according to the Lord's will.



We all enjoyed speaking with the people after the meetings. There were questions and comments to meet each time. I like it when people ask questions as it shows that they are thinking. At times we were challenged by the things people would say, and this would lead us to a closer study of God's Word. Throughout the campaign friendships were created, which made it easier for the people to open up to us. We visited some of our new friends in their homes where we had interesting conversations with them. This made it somewhat hard to leave after the campaign was over. Of course we had full confidence in the follow up work that would be done by Mario, Lena, Ruth, and others.



On the last night of the series in Bern a man told me an amazing experience. He came up to me and said: "I just have to tell you how I got the flyer for these meetings." He continued: "I was on my way home from my work. I travel by tram, but suddenly I realised I was on the wrong tram. As I was waiting to get out a voice in my mind said to go and sit in the front. I went and sat in the front of the tram when the voice spoke to me again. Look to the floor. I looked and saw a dirty, trampled flyer laying there. The voice in my mind said: Pick it up. I didn't want to pick it up, but felt it must be of some importance because of the impressions I was receiving. I picked it up and read about the prophecy meetings. Right there I decided to attend these meetings." Imagine how the Lord can lead a person to His truth. He can even put a person on a wrong tram to arrest their attention!



On the 26th of February we left Switzerland from Basel. A few hours later we arrived in Berlin, where we were picked up by the Kellmann family. We were happy to see this dear family again. They had joined us in Kenya last year, and had been such a great help in our work there. During our time in Africa Mario had suggested for us to come to Germany to conduct a meeting series in a local SDA Church. The plans that were laid in Kenya had now become a reality. The conference SDA Church in Mockern had agreed to the proposal of a series of evangelistic meetings. The preparations had been made by the Kellmann family and others. With the help of faithful Church members the 15.000 flyers were quickly distributed. A hall had been rented in Mockern, quite close to the Church itself.

Blessed meetings in Germany...



On the 2nd of March, the day that the meetings would begin, we heard that the translator had become sick and could not attend the meetings to translate. We immediately knelt down and asked the Lord what to do. Silvia and I were both impressed to ask Erhald to come instead. Erhald is a very good translator that had also assisted us during a weekend seminar we had in Switzerland some weeks before. He lived far from Mockern, in the South of Germany. Nevertheless we quickly called him and he was willing to come. A flight was arranged, and the same day he would arrive in Berlin. That evening the meeting would start at seven o'clock sharp (German time!) It was almost seven and Erhald had not arrived yet. We heard they were still on there way. I believe some speed limits were broken that day, but we were very happy when Erhald came walking in the hall at exactly seven o'clock. Without really saying hello to each other we jumped up and began the meeting. The Lord is good, and is always there when we need Him. Working for Him brings challenging situations, but the knowledge that we are under His care gives us confidence and courage.



Pictures:

1. Tired and cold, but happy: Here you see some of the group that were faithfully doing their part to share out the 50.000 flyers for the meeting-series in Bern.
2. Attentive listeners: There were a good and stable number of attendants coming back night after night.
3. Sabbath-fellowship: After the Sabbath-truth was presented, some immediately decided to keep Sabbath with us.
4. Inspiration week-end with brothers and sisters in Christ.
5. Chris and Marcus Kellmann: Sharing out before the campaign in Möckern. Many were engaged in the preparation work.
6. The efforts were crowned with success - There was a good number attending the meeting-series.
7. We also had a mini meeting-series in the little village Borstel.



The hall was nicely filled as we began the meetings, and people continued to come faithfully night after night. Some even brought friends. Many expressed their gratitude for the meetings. On Sabbath we also had some extra meetings which were well attended.

When the Sabbath truth was presented a couple decided to stop working on this day, and keep the Lords day holy. Silvia created a real friendship with this couple, and it was great to see the changes they were willing to make in order to obey the Word of God.

Another young lady (17 years old) came to me after one of the meetings. She said she wanted to start keeping the Sabbath. She had been coming to the meetings together with her father, who had not really taken a stand. Her mother belonged to the Pentecostal church, and her boyfriend was also a Christian, but he did not belong to any denomination. She expressed her concern about what they might think when she would start keeping the Sabbath. She also asked if Sabbath keeping was really required for her, when she was in this difficult situation not knowing how her family or boyfriend would react. I prayerfully reasoned with her about the importance of being loyal to God above any other. I encouraged her that it might well be that the Lord wants to reach her family and others through her. I could see that the situation was not easy for her, and that she needed much prayer and support from the Church members. But after our conversation she expressed a desire to follow the truth she had learned. We continue to pray that the Lord will give her the strength to stand for the right even in difficult times.

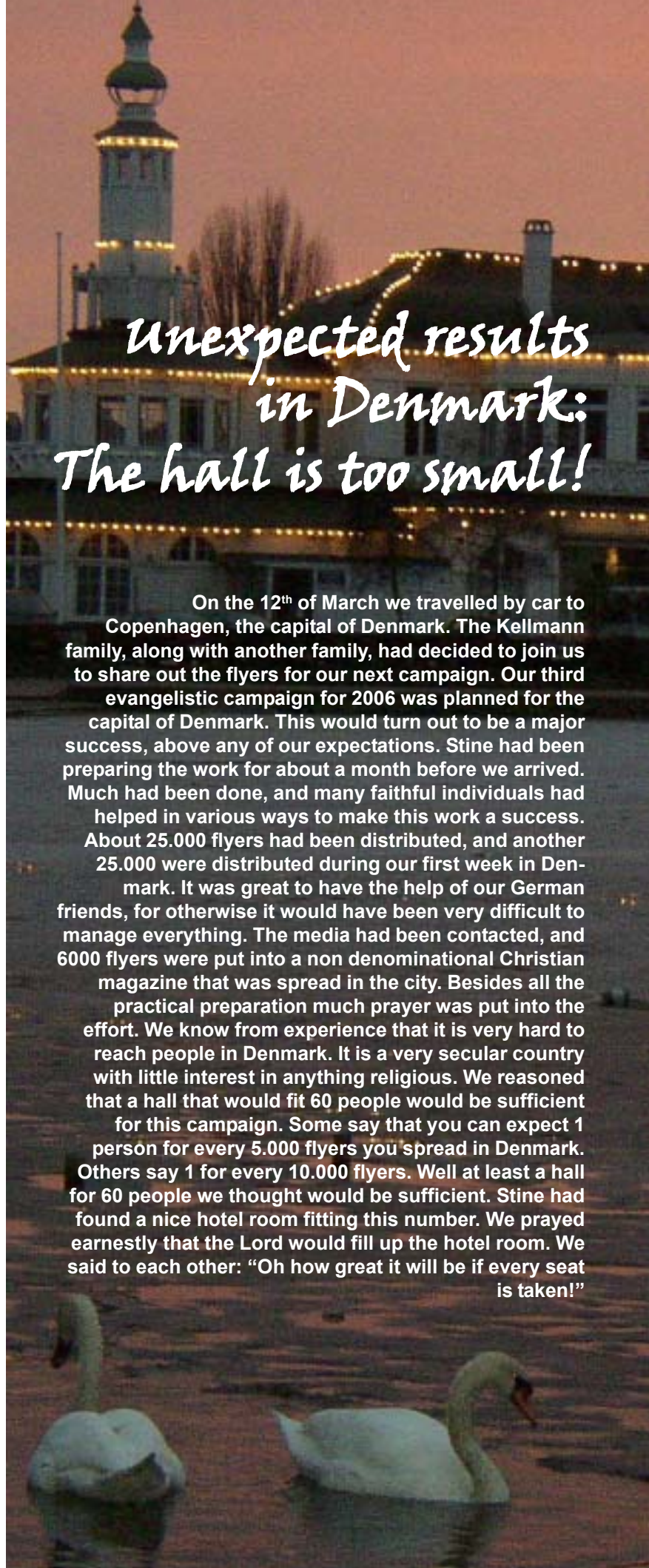
On the last day of the campaign a realised my voice was getting bad. I had caught a cold a few days before, and now I could notice that it was affecting my voice. We prayed that my voice would last through the last meeting. Our prayer was heard and exactly when I closed the meeting with a prayer, my voice was almost gone. People were amazed how quickly this happened, as the very same evening I could hardly speak anymore. The meetings that had been planned for Mockern were finished, but Mario had arranged a few more meetings in the town where we were staying. The next day brothers and sisters prayed that my throat would heal, and my voice return. In the evening I decided to try to speak even though I was not sure how it would turn out. Several had come to listen. We started the study, but after the introduction and prayer I realised my voice was not going to last. So right there I asked if my wife Silvia could take over the meetings. She looked at me quite surprised, but I knew I could count on her. She took over the study, and the Lord blessed the meeting.

Unexpected results in Denmark: The hall is too small!

On the 12th of March we travelled by car to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. The Kellmann family, along with another family, had decided to join us to share out the flyers for our next campaign. Our third evangelistic campaign for 2006 was planned for the capital of Denmark. This would turn out to be a major success, above any of our expectations. Stine had been preparing the work for about a month before we arrived. Much had been done, and many faithful individuals had helped in various ways to make this work a success. About 25.000 flyers had been distributed, and another 25.000 were distributed during our first week in Denmark. It was great to have the help of our German friends, for otherwise it would have been very difficult to manage everything. The media had been contacted, and 6000 flyers were put into a non denominational Christian magazine that was spread in the city. Besides all the practical preparation much prayer was put into the effort. We know from experience that it is very hard to reach people in Denmark. It is a very secular country with little interest in anything religious. We reasoned that a hall that would fit 60 people would be sufficient for this campaign. Some say that you can expect 1 person for every 5.000 flyers you spread in Denmark. Others say 1 for every 10.000 flyers. Well at least a hall for 60 people we thought would be sufficient. Stine had found a nice hotel room fitting this number. We prayed earnestly that the Lord would fill up the hotel room. We said to each other: "Oh how great it will be if every seat is taken!"

Picture:

When the hotel-room for 60 persons became too little, The Lord miraculously provided a new place that fitted 120 people!



March the 20th arrived, the day that our meetings in Copenhagen would begin. We were all excited to see how the Lord would work in this secular City. At half past six people already started to come, and the number increased till all 60 chairs were filled! But more people were coming! Eventually a group of about 20 people had to stand outside in the cold, and some were sent back from the reception. You can imagine the enthusiasm that took hold of us, when we saw all these people that came to hear Bible prophecy! But at the same time a spiritual struggle was taking place. The Hotel lady had come to check how many people had come to the meetings. When she saw that we were in the room with more than 60 she called the director. Even though we had tried to ask some people to stand outside it was not easy. Some had come in any way and this gave us problems. The director was not happy at all, and I think he was already upset with the fact that we were holding religious meetings in his Hotel. The next day we got the message that the contract of renting the hall was cancelled! We asked and pleaded if we could just have one more night in the Hotel hall in order to let the people know where we could continue the meetings. The answer was another clear NO!

At this time our faith was tested. What should we do? In the beginning I thought the whole problem was quite amusing, just the fact that the Lord had brought so many people to prophecy meetings. Something that many people had said was not possible in Denmark. But as the day went by the reality of the issue started to hit me. Where are all these people going to go? What a disappointment if we would have to send them home. The first night several had already been sent away by the Hotel lady. NO, this could not happen again! Souls that our Saviour had died for, souls that had an interest in His Word, souls that were seeking for knowledge! This was a serious problem.

Stine began to search through the city, but without success. We had to find a place and time was ticking. Nothing was found and the next day we would have our second presentation. Early in the morning the search for a locality continued. Silvia was calling schools, public halls, universities, hotels, colleges, museums, etc. What ever we could think of, would be tried. I don't know if Silvia has ever been so much on the phone as that morning, but without success. People seemed overwhelmed and surprised when we asked to rent a hall that same evening. No, that was not possible! Besides the search for a new locality we had to arrange transportation. We would have to be ready at the hotel with cars, to bring the people to a new locality. Oh, how would this all turn out!

At this time we were reminded of a quotation in the Spirit of Prophecy which says: *"Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing. Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet"* (DA 330). We were very anxious to see how the Lord would save us out of this seemingly hopeless situation.

Then it happened! We were directed by another brother to a meeting hall that would seat 120 people. We called this place and to our surprise we could rent it that same evening. We asked then concerning the other dates, and the hall was free on exactly those days! Incredible! Then I found out that this hall was in the same street as where we had the meetings the first night! The only thing we could do is exclaim: Oh how great Thou art Lord! Our heavenly Father often works in mysterious ways for us, but when we are patient His plan unfolds before our eyes.

That evening we had several cars from faithful helpers, ready to transport the people down the street to our new locality. It was actually quite fun, as the people appreciated the arrangement and good conversations were the result. Some people decided to walk as it was only a 5 minute walk away. Our new locality was filled with about 70 people the second night. Some came early, afraid to miss a place otherwise.

As we came to our forth night, covering the topic of Antichrist we expected many to come. This topic drew most people in Switzerland and Germany as well. We knew God had a plan in leading us to this new hall that fitted 120 people. We prayed for 100 people to come, and the Lord heard our prayers! The people were very eager and followed attentively. We had some good conversations after the meetings, and knew that the Lord had sent His Spirit to instruct and impress this truth upon the minds of many that night.

The next morning Silvia and I opened our Bibles for our morning worship. We had come to the 4th chapter of Mark. Without us knowing it, the Lord was about to reveal something to us. We read about the Sower that went forth to sow. Some of the seed was eaten by birds, other seed was not finding root as it landed on stone, other seeds fell among thorns and were choked. But then verse 8 says: *"And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred."* We were thinking how that the seed had been sown in Copenhagen. Many flyers had gone to the homes. Many invitations had been given to people. Yet much had not brought forth fruit. But some of the good seed had reached the hearts of the people. Some of the invitations had impressed the people as the Holy Spirit did His divinely appointed work. And praise God the results we had seen. *"And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty and some*

Follow-up work:

The Spirit of Prophecy brings out the importance of a good follow-up work. We are grateful to report that a good follow-up work is being done by brothers and sisters that have been involved in the campaigns over the last year.

In Holland: Marian Pel leads out in regular Bible-studies with a group in Rotterdam and Dordrecht. Between 20 and 30 people are still attending these studies. In the beginning of this year two young people that attended the campaign in Rotterdam were baptised.

In Kenya: Emmanuel Kaingo is leading a good follow-up work, holding revival-meetings and Bible-classes.

In Switzerland: Lena and Mario Clerc are holding regular Bible-studies in Bern, connected with visitation-work.

In Germany: The SDA church in Möckern has regular Bible-study groups, that are faithfully attended by visitors from the campaign.

In Denmark: Stine Gro is arranging Sabbath afternoon gatherings every Sabbath, combined with visitation work. Christine Kellmann has devoted herself to help in the follow-up work in Denmark until the beginning of July.

More people are without doubt involved in the follow-up work. They are all in need of our prayers!

sixty, and some a hundred!" The Word of God was coming alive as this is what we had experienced in our work in Copenhagen! "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword, piecing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb 4:12).

This divine revelation placed within us a great desire to be used to sow the seed, to preach the Word of God. We realised that we can do nothing of ourselves, and we are completely dependent upon God. What a joy that He is willing to use the weak and uneducated in proclaiming the solemn message for this hour. The good seed needs to be spread and you can also take part in this great work. Jesus Christ is our Captain and we are taking direct orders from Him alone. He is raising an army across this world of young and old, to finish the work of proclaiming the glorious gospel. Soon we will see our King appear in the sky and the battle will be over. But as the hours of probation linger let us enter into the cities and share God's love with those that are waiting for a revelation of the character of Jesus Christ.

In His service, *Silvia & Daniel*

Living Water Ministry is dedicated to proclaim the gospel for this hour. Stine Gro Struksnæs and Daniel & Silvia Pel are full time employed in the ministry, which has it's base in Norway.

Upcoming events:

April - July, 2006:

Follow up work in Denmark (SG)

May / June (dates not sure yet), 2006:

Follow up meetings and visitation in Switzerland (D&S)

5th to 9th of July, 2006:

**Living Water Camp-meeting, Norway
(For more information see page 2)**

12th to 19th of August, 2006:

Camp-meeting in Nairobi (D&S)

August - September, 2006:

Mission work in Kenya (D&S)

15th to 17th of September, 2006:

Childrens work at Camp-meeting in England (SG)

Mid September, 2006:

Public health-campaign, England (SG)

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Ready for action: Some of those who took part in the preparation-work.



The hall was packed the first night. People were even sent away from the reception. No doubt we had to find a new locality!



The next 7 nights we gathered in 'Søpavillonen' - a nice hall seating 120 people.



The first Sabbath-gathering with new friends from the campaign.