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## Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism Europe 2021 Year-end Mission Report

Dear Friend of AFCOE Europe,

We decided to start *small, simple, and soon*, which oftentimes is a good idea. AFCOE Europe is run by *Föreningen Roparna*. In December 2020, Roparna was officially registered in Sweden as an association; the same month we became members of ASI Scandinavia – a Scandinavian network of supporting ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One month later, we started our first official mission training program, which we called our beta version program.

### The Beta Version

We trained five precious students for two months. Our programs are hands-on programs with a good combination of classes and outreach inspired by the counsels from the Spirit of Prophecy.<sup>1</sup> (Outreach activities we have done during 2021 are: surveys, letter-boxing, evangelistic mini-series, helping neighbors with practical needs, health lectures, choir, Nedley's depression and anxiety recovery program, health expos, language café, thanksgiving program, group Bible studies, individual Bible studies, climbing, running breakfast, and creation expo.)

God blessed the training course! Here are testimonies from a couple of the students:

"The program was a great blessing to me. I decided to get baptized. I decided to start doing Bible work myself and get involved in personal evangelism. I also decided that I want to get involved in doing tasks in my home church and try to implement tools for evangelism that I learned about (such as the evangelistic spiral)." - Benjamin, Germany

"The training course was excellent. I am beginning to gain confidence, which is something big for me. This experience inspired me to decide to share the gospel with all of my friends that show interest in it and commit my life fully to God and his work. I absolutely recommend this program!" - Given, Denmark

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<sup>1</sup> "A well-balanced work can be carried on best in the cities when a Bible school for the training of workers is in progress while public meetings are being held. Connected with this training-school or city mission should be experienced laborers of deep spiritual understanding, who can give the Bible-workers daily instruction, and who can also unite whole-heartedly in the general public effort. Such a mission, if conducted by those who know how to manage wisely, will be a light shining in a dark place." - Gospel Workers, 364-365.



## **AFCOE Europe Reborn**

At the end of April, we were finally able to announce that AFCOE Europe is being restarted after a three-year break – now in Sweden. Despite being short on time, we were able to recruit a nice group of seven students, from six different countries, and run a 3.5-month-long mission training program in the fall of 2021. Again it was richly blessed. Before going home, Andreia from Romania told us that this had been the most powerful experience of her life. The other students were similarly blessed.

Our vision is to train *tomorrow's* soul-winners *today*. A key focus of our program is to teach people personal evangelism and how to give Bible studies. Before the end of the program, every single student had started giving Bible studies to at least one non-Adventist. Many of those Bible studies have been very blessed, several of the contacts have attended church repeatedly and have even begun witnessing and giving Bible studies themselves. In total the students started up Bible studies with 23 non-Adventists, a lot of them are young people. Most of the students had never given Bible studies before.

Let me give you one testimony on this note. Jonas has studied with Peter and Ole after Peter “accidentally” stumbled into church one Sabbath morning. Since then they’ve attended church many times, joined the choir, and taken part in 15+ hours of AFCOE classes. Better yet, they have been eager to share what they learn with others and helped us start a Bible study group in their home. The following are two short reports to the prayer chain after a few of the studies:

“It was very blessed! We studied with five young adults and they really liked it. They gave an applause in the end and wanted a second study right away. We decided to wait with that but will have at least one more study this week. It sounds like at least one more person wants to join for the future studies and they want to invite more people to come too! 🙏”

“Update on this one. On Thursday we studied with seven people and since they insisted we did two studies back-to-back! God is blessing! The group keeps growing.”

On another note, several students also preached for the first time and did so powerfully. Since our course ended three weeks ago, one of them, Nadja from Austria, has already preached twice and is scheduled for three more sermons in different churches. Many hearts were significantly touched by her preaching and after the last sermon she reported the following:

“By God's grace, I believe it was very blessed...I preached about total surrender and part of my steps to Christ devotion, in the end, I passed some decision cards (cause it's New Year) with decisions like : Bible studies - surrender whole life to Jesus - baptism - being used in finishing the work - going to a mission school...and I'm quite stunned by the results - Hannah's younger brother and parents want to study the Bible [Hannah is her Catholic Bible study contact], one girl of the church signed up for almost everything 😊 including Bible studies, baptism and mission school. Almost the whole church apparently 🙏 wants to get and do some sort of Bible studies and evangelism. It is also a great blessing how the church leader stands behind me,



encourages, and helps. Now I have to think about how to handle all these 'assignments' ... 😊😌”

As the 2021 report is coming to its end, we praise the Lord for how He has worked and for all the powerful divine appointments He has given us. It has indeed been a delight to see the joy and excitement the students have received as they have started to embrace God's calling for their lives! We are also very thankful for the Lund church and our positive cooperation. The Lund church is a very nice and very active church, which moved from being a church plant to a church in May 2021. Evangelist Jonathan Karlsson is the pastor; Dan Millares and I are also significantly involved. Moreover, we are very thankful for the two baptisms we had a few weeks ago, one of whom we met as a result of our Health Expos.

## 2022

We are looking forward to our next course from August 24 - December 11. Besides planning, we are working on some significant ministry developments to truly get the ministry on its feet. In order to keep training effective soul-winners, we are in need of recruiting monthly donors. Despite having a low-cost budget and involving many volunteers we need 24 people that donate 1000 SEK per month for 12 months in order to run our next course. It is, of course, possible to give more or less than that as well, but it gives you a very good idea of our current needs. Perhaps God calls you to be one of them and thus play a part in this work. If you want more information or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your prayers and support!

May the Lord richly bless and lead you all during the coming year!

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*“With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come—the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!” - Education, 271*



## A Few Visual Glimpses From the Past Year





