

AFCOE Europe Report 2022

The AFCOE Europe Class of 2022 was a three-and-a-half-month program and ran between August 24-December 11. 11 eager students participated in the program in order to learn how to be soul-winners. The students were housed in two different locations. An apartment was rented in Staffanstorp, 12 km outside Lund, which became the girl's dorm and classroom. The boy's dorm was at a rented summer cottage about 25 km away.



The program began with an attendance at the ASI Europe convention in Poland, where Amazing Facts' president Doug Batchelor was the main speaker. The students got some exclusive classes with him before they headed back to Lund, Sweden.



Curriculum & Staff

AFCOE Europe had three wonderful, hardworking, self-sacrificing staff during the fall: Jonas Nygård (outreach coordinator), Jehdeiah Catalon (household manager) and Joakim Hjortland (CEO). Together with all cheerful donors and God's blessing, they have made the program possible.

The students began their training with the Personal Evangelism module. Joakim, Dan Millares and Jonathan Karlsson took turns to equip the students with the tools necessary for soul-winning. They learnt how to share their personal testimony, how to be social and come close to people, how to use Christ's method of evangelism effectively in a church setting, how to give Bible studies, how and when to make appeals and many other things. In the intensive Bible Boot Camp, they learned how to give a complete doctrinal series of Bible studies that covers the Three Angel's Messages. They learned how to share their faith, explain difficult texts, and use transitional phrases, stories, and illustrations. As they went through the class, they also put their skills to practice right away by hitting the streets with community surveys and flyers distribution for different events. They were challenged to find three Bible study contacts each; and every student has, by God's grace, been able to lead out in personal Bible studies. The AFCOE students studied the Bible with 28 people during the program. Many of whom are solid contacts that have accepted Jesus into their hearts, come to church and some prepare for baptism.

Several guest teachers have blessed the student with classes on topics such as Righteousness by faith, Revelation, Relationships, the Sanctuary and Muslim Ministry.



Outreach Activities

The staple outreach activity has been to do community surveys door-to-door about the health activities in the local church's health club. The students were also able to find some of the new contacts through different creative outreaches done by the Lund church. One of them was health expo. No less than two health expos were conducted in Lund in the fall of 2022, and the AFCOE students were able to help out and see how evangelism can be done in the community.

People came in from the streets of Lund and got a free health screening. They got a host of health tests including cholesterol and glucose, blood pressure, massage, health age and free doctor's advice. Of the circa 100 attendees, 64 signed up for further contact with the church and 19 desired Bible studies. These were followed up by church members and AFCOE students.





Another creative outreach that the Lund church employs in their health club is a rock-climbing hike in Kullaberg, two hours away from Lund. Many visitors attended the event and the students were able to practice their new social skills while mingling with people as one who desires their good.



They were also able to attend the exercise groups that the Lund church arranges where confidence and friendships are built with visitors in a non-threatening way.



These events lead to new contacts and deep spiritual conversations as the AFCOE students always have their spiritual antennas up.

Towards the end of the year the students participate in a grand evangelistic Christmas Choir Concert in Lund together with the Lund church as well as an evangelistic series specifically geared towards their Bible study contacts. About 60 visitors came for the concert and about 10 for the evangelistic series plus a similar amount of visitors on Zoom. The students helped organize the evangelistic series and sang and played instruments for the concert.



There was a repeat of the concert in Helsingborg and Malmö the weekend after. A charity Thanksgiving dinner, was also arranged where Bible contacts and guests were invited.

Baptisms

As the student engage in different outreach events as well as attend the classes, they grow spiritually. One of the features of this year's class, was that several of the students were not yet baptized. As they were sharing their faith with others they realized their own need of making a stand



for Christ. On October 29, two of the students, Lucas and Daniel made their stand for Jesus through baptism.



Graduation

On December 10, pastor Jëan Ross from Amazing Facts International attended the AFCOE Europe graduation ceremony. The students shared testimonies from the program and pastor Ross preached a powerful commission message. Each student received their diploma. After a season of prayer for the Holy Spirit and laying on of hands the students were sent out to the mission field.

Three of the students joined the One-year-for-the-Lord Program offered them by the local church unions. The Swedish Union offered two students a placement in Sweden and the Norwegian union offered one student a placement in Norway. Three other students were able to join the AFCOE Living Program arranged in Lund during the spring of 2023 where they get to do Bible work.



We thank God for His blessings in 2022 and all our donors who made this possible!

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