

NORWAY

Norway is a mountainous country at the very top of Europe and is noted for its natural phenomena, particularly the midnight sun and the northern lights. In fact, from mid April through late August, the sun is visible 24 hours a day in the North! It is a land of mountains, glaciers, and deep coastal fjords. Oslo, the capital, is a city of green spaces and museums. Preserved 9th-century Viking ships are displayed at Oslo's Viking Ship Museum. Bergen, with colorful wooden houses, is the starting point for cruises to the dramatic Sognefjord. Norway is also known for fishing, hiking, and skiing, notably at Lillehammer's Olympic resort.

The conversion of Norway to Christianity started around 1000 AD and was a result of contact with Christian Europe through a combination of trade ties and Viking raids. As of this writing, Norway has a population of almost 5.5 million, the majority claiming membership in the state church (Lutheran). Religious expression, in general, is largely private, although most individuals state that religion is important to them. However, this expression of importance is not generally lived out in day-to-day life, as only about ten percent attend church or other Christian gatherings on a regular basis. Around five percent of the population is made up of Muslims located in Norge, primary refugees from Africa and the Middle East. Most of the population lives in the southern part of the country, with the OAC ministry centered in Askim, near Oslo.

David Fanstone, from OAC England, visited Norway back in the '80s. In 1996, Torben Ostermark, from OAC Denmark, started to visit Norway regularly with the vision of starting a branch in this country. In September 2005, God opened the door, and an branch of OAC was launched in Norway. Hartvig Kloster, from Denmark, was appointed as national director and continues to minister in this capacity. His wife, Kirsten, is also very involved in the ministry and does much of the administration to keep everything in good order.



EVANGELIST HARTVIG KLOSTER PREACHING AT EGERTORGET, OSLO



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST MAGNUS LEDANG HUSØY IN CONVERSATION



A NORWEGIAN EVANGELIST DISCUSSING WITH MUSLIMS AT GROENLAND, OSLO





HARTVIG KLOSTER SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH YOUNG BOYS IN ASKIM



HARTVIG KLOSTER PRESENTING THE GOSPEL AT EGERTORGET, OSLO



DAVE GLOVER PRESENTING THE GOSPEL AT GROENLAND, OSLO



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST SIMON URDAL AT EGERTORGET, OSLO



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST GUNNAR SALMELID AT GROENLAND, OSLO



OPEN AIR AT GROENLAND, OSLO DURING REACH THE CITY OSLO

Almost every week, street meetings take place in Oslo. The Gospel goes forth through the use of sketchboards and gospel magic. Regular street meetings take place in Askim, Oslo, Sandefjord, and several other locations. In the summer season, they often have crowds of about 50 people listening and good conversations afterward. Also during the summer, OAC staff attend several music festivals, often with teams invited by local churches to evangelize. In August every year, they arrange a five-day campaign in Oslo called Reach the City. In the cold of winter, the ministry moves to churches and Bible schools where preaching and teaching of the Word takes place.



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST MICHAEL NILSEN
CONDUCTING A SKETCHBOARD PRESENTATION
AT GROENLAND, OSLO



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST KENNETH ROSENBLAD
SINGING WITH KIDS AT A CAMPING SITE IN
STAVERN



HARTVIG KLOSTER DOING A ROPE
TRICK IN SANDEFJORD



EVANGELIST TOM BØRGE PREACHING AT
EGERTORGET, OSLO



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST KENNETH ROSENBLAD
AND EVANGELIST HARTVIG KLOSTER HANDING
OUT BALLOONS IN SANDEFJORD



ASSOCIATE EVANGELIST HÉRMOND
DOING SKETCHBOARD AT
NATHIONALTHEATERET, OSLO