

Annual Report 2009 from Ellel Norway



Left picture: Summer course on Ona island, Western Norway coast – + 20 C the whole week!

Middle picture: Ellel Norway staff, from left Halvard, Stein, Unni, Helen, Monica, Gunvor.

To the right: Norwegian winter, minus 20 degrees Celcius. Lovely to go skiing!

Praise report

A testimony

After being on all the 10 Modular courses this year and also attending a Healing Retreat I would like to share with you how extraordinary it has been for me to come on these Saturdays and be met by such a warm welcome and care. I feel you have really seen me and received me, in a way communicated it was important that I came. The teaching brought love and care in a warm atmosphere that brought me healing and the ministry team received me with love.

I have struggled all my life feeling invisible and not worth being loved. The way I have been received has helped me sensing the love of the Father heart of God. In my head I have known God's love, but not in my heart. Being Christian all my life I can finally rest in His love. My life has been marked by struggle and duties, sorrow and fear. Finally I feel safe and loved by God. I look forward to continue! Thank God and thank you!

Staff

- Praise the Lord the staff at Ellel Norway base are still going strong – or these days I should say *stronger* – as two of us are still recovering after different “falls” this year: Gunvor, 31 July, severe concussion; Stein, 2 October, broken left arm and face injury.
- We are indeed happy for this **staff of six** of us now at the Ellel base. Halvard and Monica are down from their Western Norway home for two weeks in a month to work at the base, and some come a day or two a week, totally we equals sth like 2 ½ man-labour year. A true blessing from the Lord this increase of the staff.
- In addition we have **three more people** who come regularly to do certain tasks at the base, plus many more who come to help when we run the courses, retreats and PAs.

Finance

- We took a big step of faith this year as we started to **pay two of our workers a monthly salary**. Lining up with the Norwegian standard of a minimum wage we were only able to start out with a part time salary. Praise the Lord it has all worked out well so we could pay them as required. The rest of us are all working on a non paid basis.
- The **donations have increased 25%** compared to last year (75.000 NOK) so we are very grateful for **passing 100.000 NOK** this year. Plus, the income from the Modular courses has brought a steady income so we have managed to pay all our invoices and meet our requirements.

- It has been a year of increasing our **technical equipments**, like projector for power point presentation and also a CD copying machine to be able to sell the teaching from the courses.

Personal ministry appointments

In 2009 we have had **127** PMAs at the base (28 for men and 99 for women). This is **25% increase** from last year. We have a ministry team of **15 (associated counsellors) in addition to the staff**. If health situation had been different with the staff and the ministry team as well, we could certainly have seen more people.

Modular A courses 1 – 10 (held at the church where our base is situated)

- 1) 17 January - 60 delegates (David Cross teaching)
- 2) 14 February - 52 delegates (Norwegians teaching)
- 3) 14 March - 69 delegates (Norwegians teaching)
- 4) 18 April – 49 delegates (Norwegians teaching)
- 5) 9 May – 66 delegates (Jill Southern teaching)
- 6) 6 June – 47 delegates (Norwegians teaching)
- 7) 19 September – 48 delegates (Norwegians + Göran & Roswitha Andersson teach.)
- 8) 17 October – 44 delegates (Paul Griffin teaching – came and rescued us!)
- 9) 14 November – 44 delegates (Norwegians teaching)
- 10) 5 December – 35 delegates (Liz Rippon teaching)

New course - 5 days Ellel Summer course on Ona Island, on the coast of Western

Norway: 1) 24-28 June - 15 delegates (more than full!) ☺
2) 12 – 16 August - 15 delegates (more than full!)

These courses were extremely well received by the delegates and the place was packed to its full as it was just a small place on this remote island. Foundational teaching, by Norway staff.

Visiting Christian groups/church – by invitation

- Church visit - one evening 11 May – one topic (a certain part of “New Age and the Occult”) – ca 30 people attending
- Bible School for Young Adults, held in the Norwegian mountain area, 3-5 November – Foundational Ellel teaching (2 days) – ca 30 people attending

3 Open Ellel-evenings (like the format of a “Healing Service” at the Ellel centres in UK)

Tuesday evenings 20 January, 17 February, 12 May - total of 28 visiting people.

Due to the health situation of Gunvor from August and of Stein from October we were not able to continue these evenings in the autumn.

4 Ellel Retreats (Healing Retreats)

Our one day Ellel Retreats on Saturdays (2 in the spring and 2 in the autumn) have served 19 persons this year - 4 men, 15 women.

Cancellation - “Identity in Christ”, 25 July – 1 August. (Healing the Human Spirit + Creativity + walking in the mountains.) We were sorry we had to cancel this course due to just a few bookings, too few to go through with the course.

Struggle - The Ellel website has not been possible for us to operate, so we have struggled to get our information out. Finally we had to buy and make our own Norwegian website and were able to get going by the end of the year. Hope this will work out well. We chose the name ”virkelig fri” = ”free indeed”! www.virkeligfri.no

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Gunvor

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