

Chapter 39

Sweden



OACSVERIGE

"Vi förkunnar sanningen om Jesus."

After several years of prayer and seeking God's will in establishing a work in Sweden, He called David Sundell to develop the ministry of OAC in this country. We have seen God's blessing on David's open-air work and are glad to have him building up OAC in this part of Europe. David began as the full-time national director and evangelist in January 2020. OAC Norway is supporting this new field of ministry in Scandinavia by encouraging him and assisting with outreach often.



DAVID SUNDELL

David Sundell grew up in Värnamo, a city in southern Sweden. In 2013, he moved to the idyllic city of Söderköping, in the province of Östergötland. During this time in Söderköping, he was active in a church plant called Lifechurch, where he served as a leader. The Lord gave David a great interest in going on mission trips, which have included Ukraine, Guinea, Thailand, and India.

David came into contact with OAC by participating in an evangelistic weekend called Uppdraget (the mission) in the fall of 2018, which took place in Smögen, near Gothenburg. It was here that he met Hartvig Kloster, who leads the work of OAC in Norway. Since that time, they have been in contact with each other, which eventually led to a call from God to start the work of OAC in Sweden.



IT IS ENCOURAGING WHEN THE BODY OF CHRIST COMES TOGETHER AND WORKS AS A TEAM SHARING CHRIST IN THE OPEN AIR.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LINN KARLSSON, Maja Bertilsson, Tore Holien, Hartvig Kloster, David Sundell, Habtom Issak, Andreas Holm and Richard Svensson.



OAC SWEDEN BOARD MEMBERS



BOARD MEMBER ANDERS NILSGÅRD
SHARING CHRIST IN HELSINGBORG

We are thankful for board members who are involved in keeping the ministry organized and moving forward. Folks like Morgan Olofsson, Hartvig Kloster, Johanna Ronestjärna, Göran Nordfeldt, and Anders Nilsgård have been a great help to us.



DAVID AND MADHU

In 2022, David married Madhu Thapa, from India, who is a great support and blessing to the work in Sweden. In that same year, they moved from Söderköping in Östergötland to the southern part of Sweden, in the province of Skåne. Their home is in the city of Eslöv.



PASCALE DAHER

In recent years, God has greatly provided, and the work has multiplied. The Lord has provided open doors for ministry outreach in the cities of Lund (once a week), Kristianstad (every other Saturday), and Helsingborg (one weekend each month). Open-air outreach has also started to take place in Eslöv one Friday every month. Additional locations in nearby cities are also starting to open up for regular outreach and ministry.

Our staff in Sweden includes David Sundell, Andreas Jansson, Pascale Daher, Carl Lundin, and Petter Allgulin. Andreas lives in Norrköping, where he ministers, while Pascale and Carl live in the province of Skåne and are in charge of evangelization outreach in the city of Kristianstad and in Helsingborg. Petter lives in Växjö and conducts outreach in the city center.

In addition to the OAC Sweden staff members mentioned above, David's father, mother, and sister have been a massive help in the work. When outreach events take



ANDREAS JANSSON



DAVID'S FAMILY - A GREAT SUPPORT TEAM

place, his family faithfully prays for the team.

During the summer months, an evangelistic course call Reach The City takes place. This week-long training and outreach allows participants not only to learn creative ways to share the gospel, but also apply what they have learned in the open air.

Additional OAC evangelists from other branches are invited to participate with the OAC Sweden staff every year. So far, Stefan Höfler (Austria), Hartvig Kloster (Norway), Torben Østermark (Denmark), Steve Harris (Great Britain), the Proaño family (Ecuador), and Peter Kennelly (Great Britain) have assisted in this exciting training and outreach.

When our staff in Sweden begins new evangelistic ministry in a particular city or area, they always attempt to work in cooperation with a local church or congregation. This helps tremendously when it comes time to refer people to become involved with a good local body of believers in order to grow spiritually strong. For those who are not Christians yet, but are interested in spiritual things (seekers), having a good relationship with one or more local churches is a great help in pointing people in the right direction so they can learn more about the Saviour. God has provided in this area, and our staff currently have at least one local church contact in each place where ongoing evangelism is taking place. Having such contacts also offers opportunity for folks to become involved in prayer and support for our staff.



HARTVIG AND ANDREAS SHARING THE GOSPEL IN A LOCAL PARK



REACH THE CITY TEAM MEMBERS - 2024

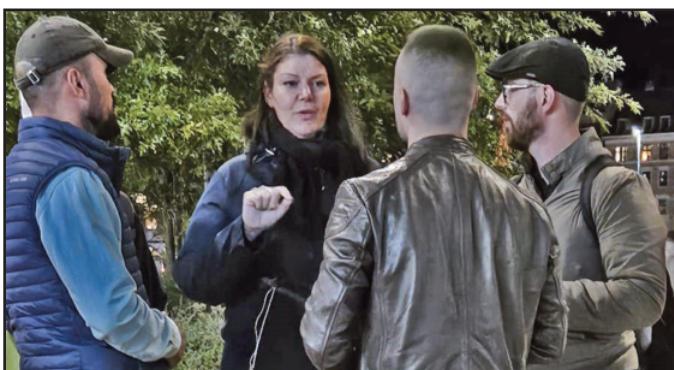


DAVID IN A LOCAL PARK

In 2023, David and his team were in Landskrona. They worked closely with a local church and conducted a campaign together for eight weekends in the autumn. During this time, David and his co-workers became acquainted with many of the local people they met, and some of them ended up coming to the church! As part of this outreach, they used a wagon to distribute coffee and buns.

During 2024, David also worked with a church, this time in the town of Helsingborg. This particular campaign lasted six weekends, during which they operated with the Sion Church. After the campaign ended, the church wanted OAC to come back and help them reach out to the people in the city again. Ever since that time, David and his team have made every effort to be with them one weekend each month to bring the good news to the city. Having such a ministry is also an excellent way to train new evangelists and people who want to grow in their faith. Time is taken to study the Bible, have fellowship, and share the gospel in the open air.

Our vision for the future is to see more staff in OAC Sweden, especially part-time and full-time evangelists. This will allow us to focus on traveling more and encourage additional churches to come out and share the gospel in new fields of ministry all around Sweden. We are thankful for what Jesus is doing here now and look forward to what He will do with us in the future.



MINISTRY OUTREACH IN THE TOWN OF HELSINGBORG - 2024

