

MISSION 10/40 ANNUAL REPORT 2007/2008

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world. (The farewell words of Jesus to his disciples. Acts 1, 8. NIV)

THE BACKGROUND

Atle Fonn Aluwini wanted to do something about spreading the gospel in the 10/40 window. At the church-gathering at Borreparken near Horten, Norway, in 2007, Atle invited to an open meeting at the SDA-church in Sandefjord. The meeting was to be held the following Sabbath afternoon, the 23. of June. The theme was the "The Great Commission". Around fifty members attended the meeting. The following July, Atle met with Kjell Aune, and they agreed to a project. Then Atle passed on an e-mail to the leadership of The Norwegian Union, which, in return, gave a positive response. A meeting was arranged at the office of The Norwegian Union, August 15, 2007. Plans for the near future were put into written words by Terje Dahl, the business director of The Norwegian Union. The three Norwegian conferences together with The Norwegian Union gave their "green light", after their board-meetings in September 2007. The Regulations were approved by The Norwegian Union ADMIN Oct. 23, 2007. And the first Mission 10/40 – service was held in the Kristiansand SDA-church, November 10, 2007. In December, Atle was at The Norwegian Union office for talks with the editor of the church-paper Adventnytt. An article for the journal should be prepared. The editor wasn't quite comfortable with the name "Board of Collectors for The 10/40-Window, as mentioned in the Regulations. Thus, in a hurry, the new name, Mission 10/40, was issued.

THE BOARD

Members of the board 2007/2008: Atle Fonn Aluwini (leader), Helge Cederstrøm, Alis M. Danielsen, Gunnar Gjelstad. As a good rule, spouses have been invited to these meetings. According to the Regulations, there should be five members of this board. On the board-meeting June 19, -08, the board agreed to ask Ellen Knowlden to join the board. She kindly accepted. The business-director of The Norwegian Union, Terje Dahl, is an observer, with the right to join and to speak at the board-meetings. So far he has not used his right to join, but agendas and reports have been sent to his office.

Three board-meetings have been held – Dec. 26, 2007, April 8 and June 19, 2008.

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

Atle has attended four meetings at the EBS, in order to take part in the planning of the mission-course. He also followed the board meeting at The East Norway Conference, when the question about financial support for the students at the mission-course was on the agenda. In addition to this, there has been meetings at the head office of The Norwegian Union ADMIN, and also meetings with the Media Department of this Union. The Norwegian Union has agreed to service request for two journeys – one visit to MEU head quarter in February -08 and the second one a visit to GC AMR in Cyprus, Oct. -08.

MISSION 10/40 SABBATH SERVICES

There has been carried out 35 meetings altogether, in 2007 and 2008. See additional info no.1 with the overview of the meeting-places. Also, Alis from MISSION 10/40, took part on The Female Teachers Mission Alliance. Here she was allowed to present information about the work Marianne Aune is doing in The Middle East. We also have carried out a joint meeting for the Vestfold and Grenland area in Norway, the Sabbath, August 2, 2008, in the Sandefjord church. The church was packed with about 250 people present. Kjell Aune was the speaker at the service. In the afternoon, Marianne and Kjell Aune had a special meeting. There was a special offering to a minibus, for our church in Saudi Arabia. The result was 16.000,- Norwegian Kroner.

ADVENTNYTT

Several articles are published in Adventnytt. Tor Tjeransen has furthermore written about MISSION 10/40 in his column "Tor's Thoughts" (June 2008)

The February and December issues of the church paper also had a gift – giro included for the MISSION 10/40.

WEB

Our website, www.adventistmission.no, is being developed additionally with several articles. Tom André Gjelstad has produced this website, and Jonar Fonn Aluwini is now following up the daily activities, having had some teaching and training from Tom André. All together around 100 hours have been carried out so far around this project.

In December-08/January -09, there has been around twenty daily visits on the website. Traffic has been gradually rising since we started.

An agreement was entered into between SDA The Norwegian Union and Atle Fonn Aluwini, dated December 20, 2007. This agreement gives The Norwegian Union the full right of ownership to the domain and all included.

THE PROJECTS

Project 1 – 2008:

8 BIBLEWORKERS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Nkr 108.000,-

These workers are under supervision by a field-pastor. Without the support from Norway, the number of workers must be reduced. Financed completely by December 31, 2008.

Project 2 – 2008

8 BUSH CHURCHES

Nkr 324.000,-

Plain building with a metal-frame structure and a corrugated iron roof, walls and a floor in local building material. Gives protection against the heat in summer and against the rain in the rainy season.

Project 3 – 2008

13 MOTOR CYCLES FOR PASTORS/EVANGELISTS

Nkr 162.000,-

Poor infrastructure in Sudan combined to vast distances will increase the effectivity of pastors and evangelists with these vehicles.

Project 4 – 2008

10 BICYCLES FOR BIBLEWORKERS

Nkr 8.400,-

The local bibleworkers often serve more than one church, so they need to find their way on narrow paths and roads. Financed completely by December 31, 2008.

Project 5 – 2008

4 EVANGELISTIC SERIES

Nkr 10.000,-

Evangelism in Sudan is rewarding with major results. The evangelistic series are planned to be carried out in Southern Sudan. Financed completely by December 31, 2008.

RESULTS FROM INGATHERING

Five projects are being established. These projects are drawn up by The Middle East Union. Three of them are already financed completely – referring to bibleworkers, bicycles and evangelistic series. What still needs to be done are bush churches and motorcycles.

DATE	AMOUNT IN NOK	PERCENTAGE REACHED
February 28, 2008	85.000,-	14 %
April 30, 2008	119.000,-	19 %
July 31, 2008	178.000,-	29 %
September 30, 2008	266.000,-	43 %
October 31, 2008	279.000,-	46 %
November 30, 2008	307.000,-	50 %
December 31, 2008	397.000,-	65 %
GOAL	613.000,-	

Two rounds with letter of thanks have been distributed – in May and September/October. The distribution and postage have been arranged for by The Norwegian Union.

The ingathering is being organized in such a way that giros are handed out after the service, to people who would like to contribute with financial support. In addition to this, gift – giros have been included in Adventnytt, for two occasions (February and December). Several persons are producing gifts regularly.

REPORTS FROM THE MEU

This far no reports are ready. MEU is about to carry into effect the projects financed completely.

ECONOMY

MISSION 10/40 has not received financial support for its own management, or means for covering travel expenses to services or meetings. Neither has there been asked for any such support. The leader of The East Norway Conference has emphasized that SDA is willing to cover travel – expenses according to persons put down on the list for Sabbath-services. Both Atle and Alis have emphasized that their travel – expenses are being covered by themselves, so far. The Norwegian Union has covered the expenses for printing giros and for postage, sending out letter of thanks.

MISSION 10/40, MISSION-COURSE

Atle wrote a note in February 2008, mentioning an idea about courses for people who are interested in bringing the gospel to the 10/40 window. This note was discussed with Kjell Aune and Rolf Andvik, and they both recommended to get in touch with the European Bible School. After having met with Tor Gunnar Eikrem, the leader of the Hjertegod – foundation, the first meeting was agreed to on March 27, at The EBS. At this meeting it was agreed to start a process, aiming at a start of such a course. Furthermore, there was a desire for involving persons at The Norwegian Union. Meetings were held at The EBS, April 18 and May 13. This cooperation resulted in a mutual note, put into writing by Victor Marley. This note described the purpose of this course, being wished to carry out. Also, this note is discussed in several other foras, such as: The General Assembly of The Hjertegod – foundation, The Board of DNU, The Board of MEU and The Board of East Norway Conference. East Norway Conference agreed to, in the board-meeting, to contribute with the amount of up to NOK 100.000,- per year, for participants at the course. A minimum number of 6 – 7 participants and a final date for application was decided. Atle paid a visit to The Global Centre for Adventist Muslim Relation (AMR) in Cyprus in October. At this visit the staff gave their fully support to the project and were willing to give two weeks of training in July 2009 in Beirut. However, not enough applications were received for this course to start as planned in the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve 2008. A new start is being planned for this course in December 2009.

GREETINGS FROM KJELL AUNE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MEU

"From the MEU's side we are very much inspired by the initiative taken from The MISSION 10/40, by members from "the homebase", without any suggestion or pressure from any of us in the mission-field. It is inspiring to know that while we are working out here, there are always someone at home who speaks for the mission, gives to the mission, thinks about the mission and prays for the mission. For many years the awareness of mission and the closeness to the mission-field have been low, but MISSION 10/40 is about to do something about this.

That youth can be inspired to, prepared to and given the opportunity to test out mission-work, is, as we see it, the crown-thought with The MISSION 10/40. Except for the support young people could give to the mission, by participating in short – term projects, some will probably also be inspired en route, with the aim to become a full – time missionary.

The money gathered because of The MISSION 10/40 and its articles, giros included and appeals given, are kindly received in the mission-field. The possibilities in the mission-fields are a great many and also good, but the limitations are usually money. When the means and the prayers from the home-field are combined to the efforts and prayers in the mission-field, maximum effect can be achieved. Thanks to you all in the MISSION 10/40, as you are leading on in this initiative, to leaders and boards in the Conferences, THE NORWEGIAN UNION and The EBS for your support, and to all the church-members who are praying and supporting with their means. From MEU's side we are looking forward to a continuing and inspiring cooperation.”

With a grateful greeting from Kjell Aune, the President of The Middle East Union.

PLANS FOR 2009

Vi are continuing the ingathering, hoping to reach the goal around the Sudan-projects during 2009. It will also be necessary with good reporting and effectuating these reports back to the donors and to The SDA The Norwegian Union. During 2009 we also have to look into where to go further on, after the Sudan – projects are being finished.

We have to keep on with the services in 2009. Eli Knowlden has made a few appointments with some churches.

In August 22, 2009, there is going to be another summer-meeting for The MISSION 10/40 in Sandefjord. Kjell Aune is coming, and invitations are also being sent out to the leadership of The Norwegian Union very soon . At this gathering, meetings are being arranged for potential applicants for the mission course.

The summer-meeting for 2010 is also being planned for. An invitation to Mike Ryan, a vice-president of The General Conference, has been sent out.

In January 2009, a big evangelistic campaign is being held in Southern Sudan. Plans are being worked out that Atle is participating for a week, January 24 to January 31, 2009. Atle is covering his own travel – expenses and Trans European Division (TED) have agreed to cover the expenses with board and lodging.

We will also be continuing the planning of the mission course together with The Norwegian Union, EBS and MEU. We are hoping for a start – up in December 2009.

A THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have contributed with gifts and prayers.

Thanks to The Norwegian Union – Kirsti Bøhmer, Terje Dahl, Finn F. Eckhoff, Gunnar Jørgensen, Tor Tjeransen and Widar Ursett, for practical help and support, and also for advice and guidance on the way.

Thanks to The MEU and Kjell Aune who is taking our visions seriously and putting them into practice.

Thanks to Victor Marley for all the help connected to The MISSION 10/40, the mission-course.

Thanks to Kenneth Bergland for his effort connected to the mission – course.

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Thanks to all who have given board and lodging to a MISSION 10/40 speaker, the families Helge Melsæther, Torbjørn Berglund, Kjell Aune, Per Nicolaisen, Hanna Birkeland, Bengt Fjellberg, Glenn Dunseth, Leonard Løvoll, Roger Arntsen, Geir-Bjørn Dreyer, David Cox.

Thanks to the leadership in the conferences, Øyvind Gjengstø, David Havstein and Willy Hugstmyr, for opportunities and trust.

Thanks to all the pastors for lending us the pulpit.

Thanks to Rolf Andvik, the pastor for The MISSION 10/40 workers.

Thanks to the church in Sandefjord where it all began.

A PRAYER

Lord, You, who is calling us to fellowship with You, Yourself, teach us now what the kingdom of God means and show us what our time requires. Let the kingdom of God become complete, let the celebration begin, let loose the song, which is going to be sung. Thus be near us and cleanse us, that we shall become united with Your will. Because You have made us branches of the tree of life, which is Jesus. Your promises embraces us on all sides. Let us see You and hear You. Lead us along the road, the truth and the life. For all that leads to life is in You, Lord.

Sandefjord, January, 2009.

Atle Fonn Aluwini

Helge Cederstrøm

Alis M. Danielsen

Gunnar Gjelstad

Eli Knowlden

MISSION 10/40 SERVICES 2007/2008

Date	Place	Speaker
Nov. 10, 2007	Kristiansand	Atle Fonn Aluwini (AFA)
Nov. 24, 2007	Larvik	AFA
Dec. 8, 2007	Mandal	AFA
January 5, 2008	Drammen	AFA
January 12, 2008	Sandefjord	AFA
January 19	Molde	AFA
February 2	Stavanger/Sandnes	AFA
February 16	Fredrikstad	Alis M. Danielsen (AMD)
March 1	Beirut, University Church	AFA
March 29	Haugesund/Karmøy	AFA
April 12	Bergen	AFA
April 19	Hokksund	AFA
April 26	Oslo Ulsrud	AFA
May 10	Lillehammer	AFA
May 24	Hadsel/Sortland	AFA
May 27	Kirkenes	AFA
May 27	Vadsø	AFA
May 28 and 29	Hammerfest	AFA
May 31	Tromsø	AFA
June 7	Sauherad	AFA
June 21	Halden	AFA
August 2	Joint meeting Vestf./Telemark	Kjell Aune
August 23	Kristiansand	AFA
September 13	Grenland	AFA
September 20	Tønsberg	AFA
September 20	Hønefoss	AMD
October 4	Arendal	AMD
October 11	Jessheim	AFA
October 18	Oslo, Betel	AFA
October 25	Ålesund	AFA
November 1	Sarpsborg	AFA
November 8	Moss	AMD
November 15	Elverum/Gjøvik/Hamar	AFA
November 22	Trondheim	AFA
December 13	Kongsberg	AFA
December 20	Mysen	AFA