

Sharing God's Good News in *Norway*

Zack and Jennifer Dove are sharing God's good news in Oslo, Norway. They serve with other missionaries in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Netherlands, and Northern Belgium (Flanders).

Bible Focus

Read Matthew 2:1–12. Go outside together on a clear night and simply enjoy the peacefulness of the starry sky. Imagine together a star so bright that it stands out among the otherwise predictable motion and appearance of the night sky. A star like this appeared more than 2,000 years ago and alerted wise men that a king had been born, and, in response they began long journey to see Him. The bright star even appeared to rise, and it guided them to a house where they met Jesus and His mother, Mary and gave Him gifts.

Ministry Focus

Zack and Jennifer Dove have served for the last ten years in Norway. Their ministry is about friendship and hospitality – making people feel welcome in their home and in their lives. They do this through Home Church Oslo and the Kaffesykkkel (CoffeeBike) outreach ministry. Through Kaffesykkkel, they travel through the city serving free coffee and making new friends. All the while they talk about Jesus!

Spend some time at your own front door. What can you and your child do to make it seem more welcoming? Can you hang some lights, put out a fresh doormat, hang a wreath, or use sidewalk chalk to write a welcome message? Pray together for friends and neighbors to feel welcome to your home.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶ Cookies and Friends

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was named in memory of missionary Lottie Moon. While serving in China, Lottie baked cookies to share with others as a way to open the door to gospel conversations. Make her cookie recipe and share the cookies with a friend!



▶▶▶ Game Night

Zack and Jennifer Dove say, "Our desire is that people feel welcome in our home and our lives – no matter who they are, where they come from, or what they believe." Every other week, the Doves host a dinner and game night for young adults. Welcome friends and neighbors into your home: Coordinate a dinner and game night with another family!

▶▶▶ Missionary Letters

Missionaries sometimes struggle with loneliness. While it is joyful when people are following Jesus and growing in their faith, sometimes they work hard but do not see all that God is doing. Write a note or email of encouragement to a missionary. Contact your church office, associational leadership, or state WMU office to find out which missionaries your family can connect with to encourage.

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in your children's missions group.

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