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Dear Friends,

We are excited to say that we are headed to Skjolden, Norway again this summer, yet somehow we are already in June and our trip is only weeks away! We have been travelling to Norway with groups of 18-30 year olds for the past 15 years and the setting of Elvheim (formerly a Youth Hostel) is perfect for hosting groups. Elvheim is situated at the end of Norway's longest Fjord (the Sognefjord) and at the foot of some of its highest mountains. We combine sports, hiking and time out on the fjord with teaching from the Bible, sharing of our lives and living in community together. Over and over again we have seen that for those who come this can be a life transforming experience.



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### **Quotes from Last years participants: Theme was One Day: All things New**

"I have been encouraged to trust in God for the present as I live with an eternal perspective in everything."

"The vision of our ultimate transformation is everything. Nothing compares to what awaits us in Heaven."

"It's been a challenge to leave more immediate desires behind. Heaven is exciting."

"God wants me to be more dedicated and intentional in living for Him by making a better use of my gifts."

"I arrived a mess and am leaving with a vision and a sense of purpose."

"All my life I've been sold a lie and now realise Jesus wants me to live for Him not success or achievement."

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### **Summer 2019 Itinerary:**

Mon 22 to Fri 26 Jul: Beth, Jonathan & India (Norway team 2019) arrive in Bergen for orientation and to get a feel for the culture and what is happening there. The team will travel up to Skjolden on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> ahead of Discipleship Week.

Wed 24 Jul: McClures fly to Oslo and then travel onward to Elvheim, Skjolden

Sat 27 Jul to Sat 3 Aug: Learning and serving together at International Discipleship Week hosted at Elvheim.

Sat 3 to Tues 6 Aug: Team debrief and evaluation. Some from Discipleship Week may stay on extra days.

Wed 7 Aug: Another group (with Tim & Annie Forester) arrive for their God-seeking Week (running until Wed 14 Aug).

Sat 10 Aug: McClures return home via Oslo

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### **Prayer for our trip**

- For physical, spiritual and emotional protection: specifically for good health for all the family
- For safety and simplicity in travel: specifically that all the travel connections work smoothly
- For those who are leading and/or sharing at Discipleship Week.
- That this would be a challenging (or even life-changing) experience for all those attending Discipleship Week.
- For cultural awareness and sensitivity working in Norway
- For a good time for the family as we work with all those who God brings to Discipleship week and to Skjolden

We will send out prayer updates during our time away: if you don't get them and would like to please let us know.

*To God be the Glory,*

*Steve, Debs, Ben, Naomi, Sam, Jacob & Aaron*

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