

# Empty Churches Parent Letter



Dear Parents,

Norway is historically and statistically Christian, but missionaries report that most Norwegians today do not have a personal relationship with Jesus and many are not interested in Christianity. Instead, they're exploring Buddhism and Hinduism, attempting to contact angels and the dead or not seeking truth at all. IMB missionaries like the Dove family are looking for ways to replace the empty churches in Norway with hearts full of love for Jesus.



As kids learn how the Doves share Jesus with their fellow Norwegians, we're prompting Kids On Mission to share the truth about Him with confidence. We're also helping boys and girls discover the value of Christian hospitality. Here are some ways you can help your child experience missions at home:

- Missionary Jennifer Dove describes the disappointment she experiences when she sees churches standing empty or being converted into businesses. When your family passes a church in your community, pray that God will help church planters in your community and around the world.
- Ask your Kids how much it costs to support an IMB missionary for one week. You can find this information at [imb.org/give](http://imb.org/give). Set a family missions giving goal. Keep track of your progress.
- Demonstrate hospitality. Invite a neighbor over for coffee and snacks. On Sunday, forego your regular spot in church and sit with guests or single senior adults.
- Check out the resources at [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org). Watch the "Empty Churches" video clips with your children. Invite them to share their learning experiences with you.

Thanks for letting us share with kids how to be on mission with God!

