

Newsletter February - FBS is Moving Forward!

Dear Mission Friend!

It has been an extremely busy period and we are grateful to God for that. We've received many new inquiries about FBS from various places around the world, and we have a lot of exciting developments underway. We are very pleased to have recently had a fundraising week on Vision Sverige. It was not only an opportunity to raise funds but, more importantly, to make our work known to a larger audience. If you want to see what was said, you can watch the program below:

Vision Sverige Live - January 30, 2023



### **Pakistan**

In Pakistan, many Christian families are poor, leading to easy indebtedness and employment in workplaces with slave-like conditions and very low pay. Due to their vulnerability, many have to send their children to work to pay off debts. The situation is extremely difficult, as you can imagine. This makes us feel a strong urge to help Christians escape these dire situations. We are currently in the process of translating FBS into Urdu and plan to conduct teacher training as soon as possible in 2023.

### **Brazil**

In Brazil, our work continues, and the country coordinator, Mario Simeones, has now held several small classes in his hometown of Atibaia. One of the FBS students, who previously worked as a seamstress, has now opened her own store and employs several people. Another student has multiplied his company's turnover several times in just a few months.



Mario recently told me how one of the pastors who has gone through the FBS material in his church has seen a significant change. Giving has increased markedly, and many of his church members have started businesses and are now impacting the town of 14,000 inhabitants. A mayor from another town has noticed the church's impact and has asked the pastor for advice on how to develop his own town. Another pastor visited his church and wondered how they were able to raise twice as much money even though they were only half the size of his church. The pastor then explained that the secret was that he was teaching the congregation based on FBS material.



### **Thailand**

We are currently working on translating the material into Thai and aim to conduct a training session in the fall of 2023.

### **Rwanda**

It was very encouraging to receive testimonies from Rwanda during our fundraising week. Over 2,000 people have now gone through FBS in the country. Our teachers estimate that between 30–50% of the students are now running their own businesses.

### **Sri Lanka**

In February, a new missionary couple moved to Sri Lanka – the Åström family, consisting of Johan, Emma, and their four children, Hanna, Sara, Simon, and Samuel.

Johan and Emma Åström



With wishes for all of God's blessings

### **Prayer Requests:**

- More collaborators to help us carry the ever-expanding work.
- Grace over all translations we are working on. Translations often face issues and delays before we complete them.
- Anointing over the work and that many wonderful businesses will emerge from the effort.
- Special prayers for Pakistan and all the poor Christians facing difficulties.

Marco Strömberg