

Newsletter September - Introducing Our New Team Members!

Dear Mission Friend!

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and are excited for the fall. I personally had a great summer, as Anna and I took our boys to southern Poland and enjoyed Krakow and its surroundings.

We have come through a strange two-year hiatus where the world more or less came to a halt—it felt like the Earth stopped spinning during those years. But now, as we attempt to return to some semblance of normalcy, new challenges keep shaking the world. We truly live in times of upheaval.

For us at FBS, there is a slow but steady restart happening—new schools, team members, contacts, and opportunities are sprouting up all the time. In this month's newsletter, I would like to highlight three new team members and share a report from our coordinator in Rwanda, who recently visited the country. Lotta Blomqvist will be working with FBS at 20% capacity, and Björn and Birgitta are moving to Sri Lanka as missionaries this September. I will let them introduce themselves in their own words:



Birgitta and Björn Davidsson

We are Birgitta and Björn Davidsson, living in Västervik. Birgitta works in the healthcare sector, and Björn has previously worked in the construction and real estate industries. For many years, we have had a shared calling to travel to an Asian country. After many years of prayer and taking a step of faith, the Lord opened a door that we walked through. This led us to work administratively, teaching and with construction projects at a Bible school in Sri Lanka for 3 years. This was a very important learning period in a different culture, which deepened our love and understanding. During this time, we got to know the missionary couple Annika and B Å Svensson who live and work in Sri Lanka. We realized that the door the Lord opened is not closed. Therefore, in October, we will travel to Sri Lanka to help Annika and B Å Svensson with the work at Focus Business School.

Lotta Blomqvist

My name is Lotta Blomqvist, and I am now working as the sponsor and donor manager at

Focus Business School, as well as overseeing the new Business Schools we are starting in Sweden. Besides my work with FBS, I am an independent contractor training future specialist doctors under the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare. I have a medical background and have worked in both healthcare and business, conducting courses and training based on evidence and science. I am passionate about conveying knowledge that helps people transform their lives for the better, whether it's health-wise, economically, or socially—materially, emotionally, or spiritually!

Privately, I have four children and live with them, a horse, and a dog in Vallentuna, north of Stockholm. I love FBS's vision to give people a net instead of a fish—to equip them with knowledge to take control of and grow their finances regardless of where they are. Both the poorest and those with a stable middle-class economy can benefit from what God's Word says about money—how we can manage, increase, and give it to bless as many as possible. In the organization, I look forward to seeing more schools start and through them, many people blessed in their finances and their lives overall.



Rwanda - The Heart of Africa

In August, my wife and I went to Rwanda, partly to visit FBS entrepreneurship schools and our team/network there, and partly to visit our son Gabriel and his family. He moved there five years ago and has married Happiness. Four weeks ago, they welcomed a wonderful little daughter, Abigail.

Over the past ten years, we have trained teachers/ToTs and had agreements with various churches and denominations. Today, we collaborate with some of the major churches in

Kigali, such as Restoration Church, Zion Temple, EPR, and the Presbyterian Church. We also work with an American NGO, Empowering Villages, started by a hydroelectric company to help build new small businesses in rural areas where they operate. About 150 people were trained during Covid, while others have been closed due to strict Covid restrictions. Now we are in the process of reopening most of them. Additionally, we are negotiating with ADEPR (Pentecostal) which has 3 million members and 3,100 churches to open their first FBS schools in Kigali.

We are also in discussions with the University of Rwanda about various forms of collaboration. I usually teach there and am exploring different kinds of university-related partnerships. An exciting development in Kigali is that several prominent Swedish entrepreneurs, including founders of Klarna, Skype, and Spotify, have invested a billion in an incubator in Stockholm and Kigali to develop new impact-driven businesses that benefit society while also providing a good return. They have built a fantastic facility/incubator that aims to host over 1,000 entrepreneurs this year. It is Africa's largest incubator, and we hope to find partnerships with them for our rapidly growing local entrepreneurs.

It is heartwarming to meet all our friends who have helped us build a stable operation in Rwanda—from our ToTs, partners, and strong networks to all the 500 businesses started by FBS students. It is by God's grace that we have not weakened through the pandemic, wars, and other challenges. Now, our goal is to consolidate our results more clearly to attract more financial support and volunteers.

Moses—one of our former students who recently hosted us for dinner at his restaurant—has now started his second restaurant. Another of our older students, Rebecca, has started a construction supplies business, a bed and breakfast, and also built a large house in the city. While most of the businesses are smaller, they support one or more families. We truly make a difference. Additionally, several of our first leaders/ToTs are now leading in churches and communities, helping us grow in society.

If you are interested in spending a year or more as a volunteer in Rwanda to help support and expand our schools and businesses, we are looking for those who want to embark on a life-changing adventure. If you want to help transform East Africa through Values-Based Entrepreneurship, spreading the Christian faith and our values while lifting many out of poverty, please contact me or Marco Strömberg. Rwanda is a safe, stable, and wonderful country to live in, with a pleasant climate in Kigali for most of the year. Also, reach out if you wish to support us financially or with items such as computers and projectors for our major expansion. Above all, pray that Rwanda will become an even greater example of spreading the gospel in East Africa through FBS's support for growth through entrepreneurship.



With all blessings

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for our new team members to have a blessed start with FBS.
- Pray for the finances so we can hire more staff in this expansion phase.
- Pray for the expansion of FBS currently underway in India.
- Pray that our work in Rwanda continues to impact the nation positively and that we have a fruitful collaboration with ADEPR/Pentecostal movement in Rwanda.
- Pray that the Lord provides us with all the spiritual, financial, and personal resources needed.
- Pray that the Lord opens doors to prisons in South America, Africa, and Sri Lanka.

Marco Strömberg