

# Presentation of the Arken Church Bible Centre

The Arken Church Bible Centre is a non denominational church located in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, and founded in 1986. Leaders of the church are the pastors Gunnar and Linda Bergling who have many years of experience in serving and equipping people with the Word of God especially in the areas of healing, deliverance and restoration.

The love of Jesus Christ and living in a personal relationship with Him are essential parts of Arken Church ministry. From different parts of the world people have come together to be available for Jesus in helping people in need. Arken Church has an active and extensive ministry with approx. 50 employees in different functions such as Bible school, Healing center, media such as publishing books and TV programs, mission work, children and youth ministry, nursery and primary school. Services are held twice a week and in day time three times a week the Healing center has open meetings. Conferences and seminars with well known speakers are arranged once a month. Every week teams are sent out over Scandinavia and Europe preaching the Word of God and ministering to people in prayer. Services and conferences are sent live over internet on www.arken.org.

#### The confession of the Arken Church

- 1. We believe in the Bible as the true Word of God.
- 2. We believe in one God, triune and from eternity, the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit.
- 3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man.
- 4. We believe in the substituting death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the redemption of all mankind in and through his blood.
- 5. We believe that every man must be born again.
- 6. We believe that everyone who believes in the Savior Jesus Christ must be baptized in water.
- 7. We believe that the baptism in the holy spirit is a gift to every believer and gives power to the Christian life and ministry.
- 8. We believe that the Christian life is a life in obedience to the Word of God and the discipleship of Christ.
- 9. We believe that Jesus is the only way to God.
- 10. We believe that the atoning death of Jesus gives the forgiveness of sin, deliverance, healing from physical and mental illness and restoration of the personality.
- 11. We confess according to the words in the Apostles creed:

We believe in God the Father almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

#### The Vision of the Arken Church:

"I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak". Ez 34

- Spreading the gospel of salvation for the whole human being in Jesus Christ
- Ministering in love and mercy
- Reaching the nations as well as the individuals
- Reaching out for the weak, the poor and the suffering people

#### The values of the Arken Church:

- In Arken Church we believe that the Christian life has to start and come out of a personal relationship with Jesus.
- We also believe that everything with durability and long lasting value has to be done in and through Jesus.
- We beleive that Jesus Christ, His victory on Calvary, His dead and resurrection for all humanity, is and will be the decisive event for Gods kingdom on earth and for every individuals Christian life.
- We believe that everything is possible for the one that believes this and that nothing is impossible for our God.
- We therefor believe that there are no hopeless cases but at most very badly mistreated human beings that have a right to a hope and a future by the faith in Jesus.
- We believe that the Lord Jesus has called us to serve Him locally and over all the earth. All of us can't do everything and do not need to, but all of us can do something with the help from the Lord, driven by the love of Jesus.

### Overview of ways the Arken Church is working out the vision internationally:

- Arranging pastors- and leader seminars on the subject of healing, deliverance and restoration.
- Arranging Healing conferences

## Continuation of contact / continuation programs:

- \* Electronical Newsletter
- \* Books in English
- \* Video / DVD in English
- \* Teams for teaching and training
- \* Starting Healing room / Healing centre
- \* Starting Bible School
- Child support program/sponsorship
- Voluntary workers
- Team visits:
  - \* follow-up, documentation and development of ongoing projects
  - \* arranging children meetings/conferences on the subject of healing and restoration
  - \* minister healing for the children through flowing prayer etc
  - \* training youth- and children pastors/leaders on the subject of healing and restoration
  - \* support organizational development and development of local management through courses on specific subjects
- Building projects (schools, clinics, wells/bore holes and children centers)
- Humanitarian assistance / disaster relief
- Other