Student Teaching in Norway

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Leaving Iowa

We boarded our flight on Oct. 16, 2014.
The distance traveled

We flew for approximately 13 and a half hours.
Arriving in Norway

We flew into Bergen arriving on Oct. 17, 2014 (Bergen Airport pictured to the right)
Traveling to Rosendal

We took the fast boat from Bergen to Rosendal.
My new home in Rosendal

The yellow cabin is ours
A closer view of the cabin
The view from our cabin

The cabin is located directly on a fjord.
Six student teachers all living together.
Undarheim Skule
The Elementary School I taught at
My First Graders
In order to prepare for the tours of the community we had to dress for the weather. Here is Per in all his rain gear.
Tours With 1st Grade

Once a week the 1st graders went on tours of the community.
Visiting the library

The first graders went to the library for the first time on one of their tours while I was student teaching.
Working with students

During the majority of my time, I would work one on one with students to help them learn basic English.
Working with students

Students and I worked on 'All About Me' pages so that they were able to tell others about themselves in English. In this photo one of my students is writing that his favorite part of school is recess.
All About Me Book

This is the finished book that the first graders created. In it, they each had a full page that told about themselves in English, and on the back of their page, a photo of themselves.
Teaching 4th grade

Learning about Halloween by carving pumpkins
Sylvia taught us how to incorporate music into teaching.
Husnes Community
Where Undarheim Skule is located
In the middle of Husnes is a tribute to the Aluminum Factory. The factory brought many jobs and people to Husnes.
Husnes Shopping Center

When we first arrived everyone told us that this is the heart of Husnes
Adventuring around Rosendal

Stephen was kind enough to show us this waterfall located close to our cabin.
Another sight that is located near our cabin

The Baroniet
Trip to Voss

We went to Voss Vind (The Voss Wind Tunnel)
Voss Vind
Flying in the wind tunnel
Voss Vind

We were told that some of the best skydivers in the world come to practice here. Do you think we could keep up?
Trip to Voss

After working up an appetite in the wind tunnel we enjoyed smallahove (lamb's head). I even ate the eye!
Gift after Voss

Morten gave us shirts with pictures of ourselves before eating the smalahove.
Kumla

During our stay, we were able to try kumla, a Norwegian dish. This is much better than smalahove.
Another Norwegian dish we tried was pinchot (lamb rib). We enjoyed this much more than the smalahove.
Kebobs are another popular food. I tried my first one while in Norway.
Thanksgiving

On the topic of food, we made a Thanksgiving dinner with all of the fixings.
Thanksgiving
Stein and Elke joined us for our Thanksgiving feast
Sailing with Stein
The figure is Stein at the front of his boat
Sailing some more
Krisita, Stein, and I captured the memory of sailing together through a selfie.
Visiting Oslo

One weekend during our stay we went to Oslo, the capital of Norway.
Oslo

One of my favorite places that we visited while in Oslo was the Oslo Opera House.
Oslo Opera House
The gang snapping a quick selfie in the windows of the opera house
Visiting Odda

In Odda, we were able to tour the Norwegian Museum of Hydro Power & Industry.
Inside the museum

When the museum was a working factory, the large orange wheel would be turned by water in order to create power.
The Buer Glacier

While in Odda, we went for a hike ending with the picture on the right.
Odda

Anne Sofie, the superintendent of the Kvinnherad, was able to join us for our trip.
That is my adventure while student teaching in Norway.