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## **Reaching Sweden for Christ**

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Another month has flown by and it's now August (believe it or not)!

My month started with a trip up to Camp Chetek in Chetek, WI. I was there during their family week as one of their missionaries of the week. While I was able to be involved in many different areas, my primary responsibility was teaching a daily class for the kids. Each day I focused their attention on a different aspect of Sweden – introducing them to the people, the culture, the language, and primarily, the ministry. We emphasized the importance of the kids getting involved in missions: praying for missionary kids and even being missionaries themselves by reaching out to their friends and neighbors. It was exciting to see at least one girl accept Christ and others make decisions about Bible reading, etc. God truly blessed throughout the week!

Throughout the month, I was also able to be in several other churches in Wisconsin. I was in Barron, Horicon, La Crosse, and Appleton. The Lord wonderfully provided safe travels and great services! I enjoyed being able to meet many new people – many new friends across the state!

At home, I was able to tackle some organization projects I've wanted to get done and I was also able to get some Swedish study done!

I was also able to help out for a day at my church's VBS, make a stuffed animal delivery to the pediatric ward at the hospital, and do a few nursing home visits. I love going to the nursing home and I have made a couple of good friends there! Please pray for Mildred. She's a lady I've visited with a few times. She's very sweet and kind and I love talking with her! She's in the home because of an injury and would love to get back to her own home. She has a varied religious background, including Fundamental Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, and Methodist. I asked her what she's noticed in their differing beliefs and she said not much, but that she hasn't really dug into it. I asked about their salvation views but she said she wasn't prepared to discuss salvation at that time. Please pray for her spiritual as well as her physical needs!

Please pray also for my foot. I will be having surgery on it Monday (Aug. 13th). The doctor will be removing my extra bone and he may also have to re-attach a tendon. I would greatly appreciate your prayers for the surgery itself and the recovery time. Thanks!

Thanks so much for all of your prayers and support! You are such a blessing to me!

For Christ Alone,  
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Jer. 32:27