

# Melissa Carlson

## Reaching Sweden for Christ

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Hej all!

I would like to call August a month of blessings. It wasn't a busy month in the sense that I did a lot of traveling (due to my foot surgery), but it was a month in which God taught me a lot - about patience, prayer, and God's timing.

It has been said that "The best laid plans of mice and men, often go awry" - and while, with mankind, this may often times seem to be the case, it is also important to bear in mind that God's plans always go on exactly as they are meant to. I can rejoice knowing that while things may not seem to be going the way I expected them to, God's plan - the best plan - is right on target. I would like to share with you some of the blessings of this past month:

\*I was able to present my ministry in 2 churches at the beginning of the month - meeting old friends, making new ones; enjoying fellowship in the Lord :)

\*I was able to help out for a few days with VBS with one of my supporting churches.

\*I was able to spend a week with my grandparents in IL

\*I was able to get rid of the extra bone in my foot - praise the Lord I could take care of it now rather than having the problem while in Sweden! (And, for anyone who might be interested, I did get to take the bone home with me!)

\*I was able to make several trips to visit my new friend Mildred in a nursing home here in Watertown. I also had the opportunity to play my saxophone for the residents there.

\*I was able to take a trip into Madison to visit with and witness to some homeless people.

\*I was able to do more Swedish studying - and Sweden research in general (articles, culture, current events, etc)

\*I suppose this list could go on and on, but I'll stop for sake of space :)

God has certainly blessed this past month! I praise Him for His leading and direction and I rejoice that He knows each step along my path!

And I thank you again for your prayers, encouragement and support! I am truly blessed with the friends God has allowed me to have! May the Lord bless in your lives as you serve Him wherever He has placed you!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

### Prayer Requests:

\*Safety in traveling

\*Scheduling for 2008

\*Pray for Samuel and Nancy - I met them on State St. in Madison and they are considering visiting a good church there. Pray for their spiritual needs, but also their physical needs as they are homeless at this time. Pray also for T.J. another homeless man I met on State Street. Pray that he might accept Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

\*Pray for the Morells, Deliches, and Petersons and the ministry currently going on in Stockholm. They are now in the process of getting a church started on the field - pray for wisdom, direction, and provision. Praise the Lord for the support and excitement of those from their Bible studies!

**Coming Up:**

\*Sep. 5th - Open Door Baptist Church and Christian School in Paducah, KY

\*Sep. 7-8th - Elementary Retreat at the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, TN

\*Sep. 10th - A visit to the Creation Science Museum in Petersburg, KY

\*Sep.23-26th - Missions Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Watertown, WI

\*Sep. 30th - Calvary Baptist Church in Macomb, IL

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