

January 2008 Update

Dear praying friends,

I trust you all had a great Christmas season! December was a slower month for me, in that I didn't have as many meetings scheduled, but it was a good month. I was able to present my ministry at Berean Baptist Church in Beloit, WI, and I was also able to help a supporting church (Heritage Baptist in Roscoe, IL) with their "Journey to Bethlehem" weekend. It was a blessing to be able to be a part of those ministries.

I was also able to take a train trip down to Arkansas to spend Christmas with my grandparents. It was a special Christmas and a great time of rest and regrouping. I'm looking forward to a busy 2008. My schedule is slowly, but surely, filling up and I am so thankful for that. Please pray that I will be able to continue to get more meetings lined up.

Prayer Requests:

- * The Morells/Deliches in the process of establishing a church in Stockholm / for further contacts and outreach opportunities
- * Need for an increase in support
- * Safety in traveling
- * Further meetings scheduled a particular need for more meetings in the PA area for May-July
- * I will be moving into my parent's home in February. (My roommate is getting married March 8th©)

Praises:

- * The Lord has provided so that I can now get a new laptop, which has been a need for some time!
- * I rejoice in the safety God has provided and for His continual provision!
- * I am thankful for the meetings God has provided thus far for 2008!

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer! I am so thankful for each one of you! I pray you all have a wonderful, Christ-honoring new year!

For Christ Alone, Melissa Carlson Jer. 32:27

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Lord, give me courage to follow Your will.

Lord, give me strength to obey.

Lord, I'll go anywhere You bid me go.

Lord, let me serve You today.