

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"

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A New Year for Service

It's hard to believe we have started a new year—but here we are!

My December went by rather quickly! It was slow as far as meetings go, but I had plenty of other ministry to keep me busy!

On the Saturday before Christmas, my sister and I had the opportunity to deliver Christmas bags/tracts to some of the homeless in Madison. We met up with a friend of mine down on State Street, and he took us to the basement of the capital building where a lot of homeless spend their days out of the cold. What a blessing it was to be able to be involved in that ministry! Please pray for the contacts that have been made, and for further opportunities to

be able to serve the Lord in Madison.

I have also been able to put quite a bit of time into writing music. Please pray that I will be able to continue to use these songs for the Lord.

From January 4-6th, I was able to attend the SGI (Student Global Impact) Missions Conference at Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park, MI. It was a wonderful way to start the new year! The messages and workshops were both encouraging and challenging! It was great to see so many young people on fire for world missions!

I am now down in IL and have been able to participate in the ministries of a couple of differ-

ent churches in the past couple of weeks.

I have one more IL meeting later this month, and then, Lord willing, come the beginning of February, I'll be heading over to SD for two months. Please pray for good meetings, safety on the roads, and good weather!

Thanks so much for your faithfulness in prayer!

May God be glorified as we serve Him in this new year!

For Christ Alone,

Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

needed! In the meantime, I will continue serving in the ministry He has me in right now—the wonderful journey of deputation!

If you are interested in joining with the ministry in Sweden through financial support, please contact my mission board:

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Prayer Requests

- ⇒ The Neelys and the ministry in Jönköping
- ⇒ Safety in traveling—heading to SD for Feb. and March
- ⇒ My friend Jennifer in Sweden/ a friend of mine in Madison
- ⇒ Support increase—would like to be in Sweden by this fall
- ⇒ Continued scheduling for the coming summer
- ⇒ Music ministry

Extra Stuff:

- ⇒ check out my new website!
www.sweden4christ.com
- ⇒ Visit my blog anytime!
swedeheart.blogspot.com
- ⇒ you can find my itinerary on both my website and my blog!

Budgets, Taxes, Sweden, and Me

I mentioned in my last letter that I was looking into some necessary budget adjustments. This is based on my new location on the mission field, the current economy, and a change in the visa I will be applying for upon entering the country.

While the cost of living is a bit cheaper in Jönköping, I will be applying for a work visa (with the church there "sponsoring" me) rather than a typical missions visa. This means that I will now have to pay Swedish taxes (which are

quite steep). Because of this, it has become necessary for me to increase the amount of support I will need in order to get to the field. My current support level is 63%, but this will probably be reduced to somewhere around 57.4%, depending on if any further support comes in before this is all finalized.

It is a little discouraging as it seems I am going backwards, but I know that God's hand is in this, and He will take care of what is

