

swedenbound

September 2010

Melissa Carlson

Dear Praying Friends,

My heart is filled and overflowing with thanks to God for this wonderful past month! I have so enjoyed being here in Sweden—and I am saddened that it is nearly time to return home!

Swedish Language

I have learned so much during this past month. I really focused in on my language work—and was even able to attend quite a few different language classes! That was a real blessing! I very much enjoyed working on my Swedish—and practicing it in the community, at church, and with friends. It's coming along and I'm leaving encouraged (and motivated to keep up the practice when I'm home!)

Buses/Exploration

I also focused on getting to know my way around the Jönköping area. I got a bus card for the month and was able to take the buses as



often as I wanted or needed! At first I was really nervous, but now it's really quite simple! (And I didn't get lost!) I also did a lot of walking around town—learning what things are where! That really helped a lot.

Church/Ministry

Through gifts from several churches, we were able to purchase a keyboard to be used during the Sunday services! Praise the Lord for the provision of a nice keyboard—at a good price! It has been such a blessing being able to participate in the hymn time!

I also was able to help with Saturday morning outreach. Every Saturday morning folks will hand out tracts in front of the church. I very much enjoyed helping with that ministry!

I also was able to make a few contacts of my own in the community! Pray that I'll be able to reconnect with them when I move here in January!

Housing

While I've been here, I have also been able to do a little looking at housing. I was able to see a few different apartment places, and I did find one I really like. I am able to get my name on the list, and Lord willing, will have a place to live come

January! It sounds like they often have availabilities, so that's exciting! Please pray for that!

Visa

I will be turning in visa paperwork soon after I return home. Please pray for this process—that it will go smoothly and that I will have the permissions needed to move to Sweden in January. I'm still working on sorting through some of that paperwork now. Please pray for wisdom!

Family

One bonus from this trip was that I was able to see the place where my great-grandfather lived here in Sweden before he moved to the States! It isn't too far from Jönköping. I was even able to meet and talk with some older ladies who had actually known and met my great-grandpa and other relatives! That was a really special opportunity!

So again, thank you! Your prayers and support are not taken for granted! You are a tremendous blessing to me!

For Christ Alone, Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

SOS! Please tell people about us. Please tell them about the need!

This is the plea of one here in Jönköping. SOS. A cry for help. And indeed, the need here is so great— for

workers, for encouragement, for Light in a sin-darkened land.

So, I pass on the message: SOS! Please continue your prayers! You have no idea what an encouragement your prayers and interest have already been to the folks here!

So again I thank you for your involvement in this ministry!

Thank You! from the folks here in Jönköping!

Prayer Requests:

*Safety traveling home from Sweden on Friday (Oct. 1st)

*Ministry in Jönköping—for the Neelys and the church here—for growth and encouragement!

*My friend in Boston and my friend in Madison

*Support need—I'm making preparations to move to Sweden in January. Pray that the rest of my support will come in by then!

*Visa Process

*Traveling in WY for October and into November—
meetings, conference. Pray
for safety, good weather,
and new support!

*Music Ministry

Support: **78%**

January is fast approaching! Please pray how you might be able to join in this ministry!

Any new support can be sent to:

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