

swedenbound

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Dear Praying
Friends,

The past month has truly flown by! It has been a wonderful, but busy time! God has truly blessed and provided in so many different ways!

My flights to Sweden went very well—no problems with anything! Praise the Lord!

My first week here I went to a couple of language classes—I was just visiting until I could receive my person number (which you have to have to do anything in Sweden). But I do have my number now, and officially started language classes a couple of days ago! Please pray for me with that! I jumped into the same class I visited in last September—pray that I will be able to learn well! I was able to skip a test, and my first big Swedish exam is in about 10 weeks.

Getting my person number also enabled me to get a phone, internet access, and a bank account among other things! Lots of little details covered! Praise the Lord!

I was able to get into my apartment at the beginning of February, though I didn't

“officially” move in until about a week ago. It took a few trips to Ikea to collect some furniture (and consequently put it together!), and the rest of my stuff came off the boat the end of last week! That was another huge answer to prayer! We had no problems picking the stuff up in Gothenburg—the entire process went very smoothly (and fast!). Praise the Lord!

I've also been able to jump into the ministry here! I really love playing the piano for church services! And Saturday morning outreach is a great time and opportunity! Please pray for those who we meet on the street!

I also have been able to share a little with a man in my language class. We were talking one day and the Lord just opened the door for me to share why I was in Sweden. I gave him a church tract and he said he may come sometime. Pray for him! His name is Hubert (from France, though originally from Kenya).

I am also working on starting a Bible study with my friend's teen-age daughter. She also

wants to learn how to play the piano, so we're going to combine the two! Plus she's going to teach me to play the guitar :) Pray also for her friend, Kayla (who moved here from MN with her dad about 7 or 8 months ago). She's come to church a couple of times and we would love to get her in on the Bible study as well! She has also expressed interest in learning to play the piano as well, and I offered to help her. Pray also for her dad—he has said he would like to come to church, but he hasn't made it out yet.

I also have made contact again with the couple at the smoothie shop in the mall! They actually remembered me from last fall! Please pray for them as well!

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in prayer! The first stage of adjustment here in Sweden has gone so well that, as Ron Neely said, “[I] must be covered in prayer!” Thank you for praying! It truly makes a difference!

And thanks for your support! The Lord has increased it even this past month and I'm now at 95.2%! Praise the Lord!

Thanks again!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson Jer. 32:27

Prayer Requests:

- For continued adjustment—for language school especially!
- For the ministry in Jönköping: Bible studies, Prayer meetings, church services, outreach
- For my friends Jennifer, Hubert, Kayla, Doug/Helena
- For further contacts to be made!

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