

swedenbound

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Prayer Requests:

- The ministry here in Jönköping—we have had several visitors in church over the past several weeks! Pray for them—as well as for further contacts!
- Contacts I've made in school—as well as in the community! I'm also going to be practicing with 2 community bands in the coming week! Pray for these opportunities!
- Language School—I have another major test on the 12th of May
- Church family camp—starts June 3rd!
- Church ministries: Saturday morning outreach, Friday night Bible studies, services, prayer meetings, music, etc.
- Current Bible studies—as well as the possibility of starting some new women's Bible studies

Praises:

- We had a great Easter service!
- I was able to teach my very first Swedish Sunday School lesson!
- We've seen several visitors coming out to services! Praise the Lord—He is certainly doing a work in hearts!

Dear Praying Friends,

I love it when spring firsts starts to appear! It seems slow at first, but then suddenly everything just seems to erupt in color and life! What a refreshing change after a cold, harsh winter! I've definitely enjoyed experiencing this my first spring in Sweden!

Ministry

I continue to enjoy being involved in the ministry of Bibel Baptist Församlingen. What a great group of folks with which to serve the Lord! And it's exciting to see visitors coming to church almost every week!

I love being able to be involved in the music ministry of the church! We had our first "choir" of sorts sing Easter Sunday! We sang "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (in Swedish). We're excited for more such opportunities!

Easter Sunday was also exciting for me in that it was my first time to teach Sunday School—in Swedish! I praise the Lord for that opportunity! And what a great lesson to start with—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! The kids were great—and I can't wait to be able to teach again!

I've started a Bible study with one of the teens in the church—that's a really special time! We're also looking to get a ladies' Bible study started sometime soon! Please continue to pray for these opportunities!

Contacts

Please continue to pray for contacts that have been made—for friends in my language school class, folks I have contact with at

ting with both within the next week! These are good opportunities for meeting more people, practicing my Swedish—and playing in a group again!

Language School

Language school continues to go well! I'm learning a lot—more and more every day! Please pray for me as I have my next major test on the 12th of May!



I can't thank you enough for your prayers and support! Thanks for the cards many have sent! Thanks for all the encouragement!

You've been a tremendous blessing in my life!

I will definitely continue to keep you updated on all that's going on here in Sweden!

Have a wonderful spring!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

the smoothie shop in the mall and my local pizzeria, and for others! Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel!

More Music Stuff

I also have the opportunity to get involved in some local music groups! There are two community bands in particular that I'm looking into! I'm actually prac-

I've put some music up on YouTube—including a song that seems especially appropriate for Easter called "Shadow of the Cross." Feel free to check it out if you want!

Click [here!](#)

Hope it will be a blessing to you! To god be the glory!