



swedenbound

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Prayer Requests:

- church ministries
- Unsaved
- A family in our church has just experienced the loss of a family member
- The young people in our church
- Bible Study
- Language School
- Music Ministry

Dear Praying Friends,

What a whirlwind the past two months have been!

Bible Study

We officially started our ladies' Bible study in the middle of August! We meet every other Tuesday night and we're going through the book Twelve Extraordinary Women. I've been working on translating the workbook pages into Swedish for each meeting, and I prepare the Bible studies in Swedish—so please pray for me! It's certainly a learning—and language stretching—process! But I'm thoroughly enjoying the opportunity! I love the times we are able to spend studying God's Word together!

Language Study

I've been plugging away at language school! I've survived my first paper, my first test and my first speech in this new class! And I praise God for the opportunity I

had to share the Gospel during my speech. We were given 5 minutes to talk about whatever we wanted—it was the perfect opportunity! Please pray for my classmates and for more such opportunities!

Music

I've also been working a lot with music—both at home and in church! I've been working on some compositions and got some new songs done in time for my sister's visit (she always sings with me)! And I've really been enjoying working with the music at church! It's been a lot of fun learning some of the Swedish hymns—and being able to introduce some new hymns to the church family!

Ministry

I'm also praising the Lord for the opportunities we've had during our Saturday morning outreach! Ron Neely was able to have a really good discussion with a couple of young Jehovah's Witnesses the other week—and another woman stopped by for some information about the church because her daughter had expressed

curiosity about what we believe. And there have been other such opportunities! Please keep our outreach times in your prayers!

Sarah's Visit

It was so exciting to be able to have my sister here for a couple of weeks! We had a great time together—hanging out, working on a music cd, getting her involved in the ministry here, showing her around the local sights, and even making a trip to Stockholm for a few days! The time went way too fast; it was sad to have to put her back on the airplane home! But we certainly enjoyed our time together!

Thanks so much for your prayers! Thanks for your continued support! Thanks for your part in the ministry here!

God bless you!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

riley's corner

Hello everyone!

It has been an exciting couple of months for me too! I'm now almost 7 months old—and I've definitely grown some! I had fun playing with my mommy's sister! It was fun to have her here—gotta love the extra attention! I even got to go on the train all the way to Stock-

holm! I had fun in the big city—I got to go on trains and ferries and subways! It was so fun to sniff around Stockholm!

I still love playing with the neighbor kids! They're so nice to me—they give me the best sticks and pats!

And it's so fun to help my

mommy pass out tracts on Saturday mornings! Sometimes people even stop to talk to me—and then will take the tracts! I like to try to help!

Well, gotta go play! Talk to you later!

Riley

