

Swedenbound

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Dear Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas! I hope you are all having a wonderful Christmas season!

School

At the beginning of December I successfully finished my SAS-A (Swedish language) course! I start the last language course, SAS-B, in the middle of January. Almost done with language school!

Christmas

Christmas is always an exciting, but busy, time of year! I was able to write a couple of Swedish Christmas tracts—one which I used for our Saturday morning street outreach, and another one geared for children which I used during the Christmas party I had for the neighborhood kids.

Christmas Program

The church Christmas program was a lot of fun! The kids did a short drama and sang a couple of songs. It was fun to help work with them! They did a great job! One of the kids even played "Silent Night" on the guitar with her dad! That was a special treat!

At the start of the Christmas program, one of the young ladies in our church was baptized! What a huge blessing! So exciting! Pray for her as she continues to serve the Lord and walk with Him!

Christmas Party

I was also able to have a Christmas party at my place for some of the kids in the neighborhood! I have been able to get to know them over the past months by being out and

about with my dog! They are such great kids! There were 8 who came—and another dog! :) We baked sugar cookies—and decorated them! That was fun! I loved being able to spend time with the kids! Please pray for more such opportunities!

Music

I also enjoyed playing in 3 Christmas concerts with Norrahammar's Musikkår, the community band I am a part of. It was a good chance to share a little bit more about the Christ of Christmas with some of the people I play with!

I trust you all will have a blessed Christmas!

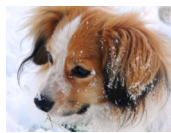
For Christ Alone,

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Jer. 32:27



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for several of our church families who are facing difficult situations! Pray especially for the mother of one in our church—she has severe cancer and isn't saved.
- Church Ministries/ outreach—pray for the unsaved, especially those who have been coming to church
- Music ministry



Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Guess what! I got to play in the snow for the first time ever and I loved it! I love to run in it and play in it and eat it! It's so much fun! :) But it's also slippery! I tried jumping up on a rock one time, and I slid right off the other side!

I also had a great time at my mommy's Christmas party! One of the girls who came even brought her dog, Dexter, with her! It was fun to play with him! I think it's the best fun to play with other dogs! Here's a picture of me and my pal Gizmo! He's my neighbor! We love to play

together!

Hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Your Pal,

Riley

