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Prayer Requests:

- The ministries of our church—Bible studies, prayer meetings, services, outreach
- Ladies' Bible Study—the next one is on Tuesday night! We'll be discussing Mary and Martha. There's a possibility of a few visitors coming—please pray!
- I've started doing more translating for English speakers during the Sunday service. I would definitely appreciate your prayers!
- Pray for unsaved contacts—pray especially for the mother of a lady in our church. She has cancer and is unsaved.
- Ron Neely will be travelling to the States next week in order to help and spend time with a brother who is suffering from cancer.

Dear Praying Friends,

Every day I find new reminders of God's blessing in my life! And this past week I was reminded that these blessings don't always come with big fanfare—sometimes they are found in something as simple as a picture drawn by a child! My refrigerator doors are currently covered in artwork—with a file full of more in my office! Simple drawings and projects given to me by kids in my neighborhood. Simple drawings—but given out of love and kindness! Reminders of what an incredible blessing it is to be able to serve the Lord here in Sweden!

I am so incredibly thankful for the ministry God has allowed me to be a part of during this past year! Can you believe I've been here for more than a year now? I don't know where the time went! God has been so good, as He always is—regardless the circumstances!

I am really excited about this



Hej Friends!

So glad to say hi to you all again! I hope you're having a great day! I'm enjoying my friends and family here in Sweden! I've gotten to play a lot more with Gizmo (my neighbor dog) and that's been really fun! I have also spent more time out in the woods with my mommy! She's been finding new trails for me to

year! There's a lot going on—and a lot to look forward to!

Language School

In the middle of January, I started my last language school class! I'm excited to be done soon—though there is much work to be done before the class is over! I even have a research paper to write—though thankfully it's a group project!

Music and Writing

I also have several music and writing projects underway! I am working on finishing up an Easter cantata that I have been working on for a while now. I have also started to write a children's series—using a radio-style format—to teach Biblical truths with stories and songs. I'm doing this first in English—with the goal of getting it translated into Swedish in order to use with the children here! Please pray for these projects—that God will be glorified and the gospel clearly presented!

Conference

We have also begun planning for a ladies' conference to be held here in Jönköping some-time in the fall! We will be inviting other Christian ladies from all over Sweden to join us for a time of study and encouragement in God's Word! Please pray that God will even now begin preparing hearts and minds for the teaching of His Word!

Church Ministry

Today, after the celebration of the Lord's Supper, our church installed our first deacon! What a blessing it is to see God at work in our church! I'm very thankful for our church family!

Please keep us in your prayers!

Thank you for the blessing that you are in my life! Thank you for your prayers, love, support and encouragement! May God bless you as you serve Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Riley's Corner

sniff! Sometimes there's even a creek—or water falls! And there's this one place that's so high up you can see for miles and miles—even all the way to the big lake by Jönköping! I wanted to go closer to the edge for a better look, but mommy wouldn't let me! Silly humans!

I also went sledding for the first time—but it was a little scary! I

was glad that those neighborhood kids held onto me tight!

Well, that's it for now! See ya next time! Have a great day!

Your Pal,

Riley