

swedenbound

Church Ministry

Bible Study

I love working with the ladies' Bible study! It has been such an encouragement and blessing and challenge in my own life! This past week as I was preparing for this week's Bible study, I was studying the life of Lydia from Acts 16. What an amazing example and testimony—and all in just a few short verses!

Lord willing, this week we'll be finishing up our study of various women in the Bible. We then plan to begin a study on trusting God!

Tracts

I just finished working on a new Swedish tract for use in the ministry here! And I am also working on another one for Easter—a "He is Risen" tract. Please pray that the Gospel will be able to be clearly presented, and that people's hearts will be opened to God's Truth!

Music

We also have the first set of our new song books for church put together! Praise the Lord for music—a wonderful way to worship and praise and glorify God, to

hide the truths of God's Word in our hearts, and to spread the amazing message of salvation!

Conference

I have also been working some more with the initial planning for our ladies' conference coming up this fall! I am truly excited about this opportunity, and I'm praying that it will be a spiritually refreshing time—as well as a spiritually challenging time—for us ladies! Please be in prayer even now for this ministry opportunity!

Kids Ministry

Another ministry opportunity we have is coming up in April! A friend and I are planning to have another kids party here in my apartment! I also have a children's film about the life of Christ (in Swedish) that we're planning to show! Please really be in prayer for this—that the kids would come and that they might understand what Christ has done for them! Pray that it might be a good tool to reach into these homes with the Gospel!

School

School has been going well—

though I must admit I'm beginning to get a little weary with the constant schooling (o, what a familiar feeling—brings back memories of college days!). But I can see the light at the end of the tunnel! Only a couple of months left and then I should be done with language school here in Sweden! But while I may be tired physically (and often mentally!) I have been refreshed spiritually! The Lord has truly opened up some more doors for witness and conversation about God with some of my friends at language school! Even this past week, a classmate of mine, who is Muslim, asked me how things were going at church—with Bible studies and such! Another read the tract that I had taken with me in order to proof-read before class! And then another expressed interest in coming to the ladies' conference later this year! I praise the Lord for open doors! Please continue to pray!

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness to this ministry—your faithfulness in prayers, support and encouragement!

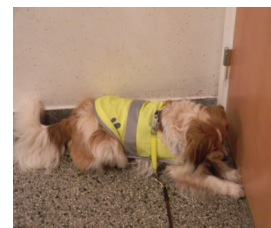
God Bless!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

Prayer Requests:

- The Ministry in Jönköping
- Unsaved contacts here
- April Kids' Party/Film about Christ
- Fall Ladies' Conference
- Language School—projects and tests (First test for this class is on Thursday!) / contacts and opportunities to share Christ
- Ron Neely traveling back to Sweden from the States on Thursday
- March 17th—trip to Borås to meet with a friend (Jennifer)



Riley begging for his buddy Gizmo to come out and play!

Riley's Corner

Guess what?! Spring is here—at least for now! I love the snow, but I love grass and mud too! Today I went on a really fun walk in the woods with my mommy! She had lots of treats in her pocket! And she even let me run around in the woods without my leash! She told me that I had to be good or I would have to wear the leash again—so I decided I

better be a good boy and listen! It was so much fun! I love to run and play! And then, when we got back home, I saw lots of my little human friends playing outside! They wanted to play with me too—so we ran around and played fetch and chase with some sticks! It was great fun!

And guess what else!!! On Wednesday is my birthday! I'm going to be 1 year old! My mommy said that we can go to the dog café to celebrate! I can't wait! Hope you have a happy day!

Your Pal, Riley