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# swedenbound

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## Prayer Requests:

- Church Ministries
- Ron/Inga as well as another couple in our church are currently on a trip in the former Yugoslavia area.
- The Bible Conference—20-23 September
- Bible studies/ outreach
- Unsaved contacts
- Visa Renewal
- USA Trip—2 October

Dear Praying Friends,

The summer has simply flown by! Here we are at the beginning of September already, and I'm looking forward to a new month of serving God here in Sweden!

### Conference

There is certainly a lot to look forward to in the coming months! In just a few weeks we'll be starting our first annual ladies' Bible conference! I'm really looking forward to it—and praying for the Lord to encourage and strengthen the hearts and minds of all the ladies who will be able to attend!

### Bible Studies/Sunday School

This past month I also had the privilege of beginning

two new ministries! We started a regular Bible study for teen girls, and I was able to take over as Sunday school teacher for the teen girls in our church! I'm so incredibly thrilled about these possibilities! I love being able to spend time in God's Word with these girls!

### USA trip

My trip to the States is coming up very quickly! I'm looking forward to being able to spend time with family—as well as visit a few supporting churches in my home area! Please pray for safety—and for a smooth trip for my dog, as it's his first plane trip!

### Visa

It's already about time to renew my visa! It's so hard

to believe I've been here nearly two years already! My current visa (of 2 years) expires in the end of January, so I will need to apply for renewal as soon as I return to Sweden after my trip in the States. Please pray that the process will go smoothly and that there would be no problems for me to be able to stay in Sweden!

Your prayers and support are a continual blessing and encouragement to me! And thank you to those who have sent cards and emails—thank you for your faithfulness in prayer for God's work here in Sweden!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27



Me and my friend Jennifer from Borås: She was able to spend last weekend with us here in Jönköping!

## Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

I can't believe that I'm actually going to be able to ride on a real airplane pretty soon! I think I'm excited, but I'm also a little scared since I won't get to stay with my mommy! Please pray for me not to be scared—and pray that my mommy won't worry about me too much when we're

in the airport and on the plane!

I'm looking forward to visiting the States—and practicing my English! I wonder if I'll be able to understand the other dogs I may meet?

I can't think of anything else to say...except maybe enjoy the rain! I was just outside after a big rain storm, and do you know what? There were some really

great mud puddles out in the yard! There's nothing more fun than playing in the mud—and lying down in puddles! Always look for blessings in the stormy times! I'm sure you'll find lots you can rejoice in! God is good that way!

Your Pal, *Riley*

