



# swedenbound

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Dear Praying Friends,

Just wanted to get a quick update out to everyone before heading off to the States!!! We're praising the Lord for a wonderful ladies' Bible conference! The ladies who were able to attend seemed to really enjoy the conference—the time spent together in God's Word and in fellowship with one another!



The Lord certainly used Cindy Peterson to be a great blessing and challenge as she spoke to us on the topic of courage—being unashamed to stand for God, living lives of no retreats, no reserves, no regrets.



Ursula Morell, missionary wife from Stockholm, was also able to come and share a testimony at our banquet! It was certainly a blessing—and an encouragement—to

us in our own lives!

It was also wonderful to see several visitors come out for the conference! Please be in prayer for one who came who is unsaved!

Also, please be in prayer for the son of a lady I do regular Bible studies with! He has been asking a lot of questions about God and salvation. I was able to share the Gospel with him this past Thursday. Please pray for him to understand his need to personally accept Christ!

And please pray for all of the young people in our church! It's a real challenge to be a Christian in the high schools here in Sweden. There is an extreme lack of morals—and an extreme lack of interest in anything God-related. To stand for Christ is to stand alone. Pray for our teenagers—that they would

be willing to stand for God, and for what is right! I know the girls that I have Sunday School/Bible study with have such a great burden for their friends! They try to get their friends to come out to Bible study (and sometimes some of them do come!!!), but it's hard—and often discouraging for them! Please pray!

And please pray for me (and my dog) as we will be, Lord willing, flying back to the States on Tuesday!!! I'm excited to get to see family again—and so happy for my sister who is getting married on the 13th! I will also be visiting a couple of supporting churches while State-side! Please pray for safety—and for everything to go well on the trip!

Thanks for your prayers!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson Jer. 32:27

## Prayer Requests>

- Traveling Tuesday morning—10am Swedish time!
- Visiting a couple of supporting churches while in the States
- Pray for the ministries here in Jönköping!
- Unsaved contacts here—especially those who have been coming to church lately, and for my friend's son!

## Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

I'm ready for my very first trip to the United States!!! I've been practicing barking in English—I hope the other dogs will be able to understand me! :)

Please pray for a good flight! I'm a little nervous, but I'm trying to be brave for my mommy (I think she's more nervous!!!!). Pray that everything will go smoothly in both Sweden and in the

States!

I can't wait to meet my mommy's family (and especially their cats!!!).

Your Friend,  
Riley