

February/March 2013

SWEDENBOUND



Prayer Requests:

*Visitors who will be coming this year—One young lady is coming on the 22nd of this month! I also have a friend coming in May and then another young lady is planning on coming in June to help with our Bible club!

*Projects—the musical, the teen project, upcoming Bible clubs, Fall Ladies' Conference, Spanish language work, etc.

*Contacts and Outreach—especially for the unsaved who have been coming to our church

***Praise!** There are a couple of young men who are planning to be baptized this coming Easter Sunday! It's exciting to see their willingness to stand in testimony of what God has done in their lives! Please pray for their continued growth in their walk with God!

Dear Praying Friends,

Spring is almost here...maybe! It's so hard to know these days! But I'm just so happy to be finally seeing some sunshine, so I can't complain! God is always good!

Here are some things that are happening here in Jönköping...

Kids Club

Lord willing, this coming Sunday I'll be meeting with a couple from my church who is going to help me out with our week-long Bible Club this summer! The theme is on Genesis/Creation and this family has a lot of great tools and resources that we can use with the kids!

There is also a young lady from the States who is planning on coming to help us out for that week! We would certainly appreciate your prayers as we plan and prepare!

Music and More

I've also been trying to finish up writing the musical project I've been working on for the kids. The focus is on the life of Joseph. I just have a couple more songs to write—and then we can finish with the translating. I have a friend who is helping me

translate everything into Swedish so that's a huge blessing! It goes much faster that way! :)

I look forward to getting this project finished so that we can record it on cd to hand out to the kids in our church and in my neighborhood!

I'm so thankful for those who have already said they want to help with recording it! I'm really excited about this project and pray that God might be able to use it to open doors for the Gospel!

Teen Project

I really enjoy working with the teen girls! I love it when we're able to meet together for Bible studies—or even just for lunch! I'm also excited to see how God is working in their hearts and lives! Recently, one girl had the opportunity to stand up for her faith in a debate she had in school! I'm sure it wasn't easy for her—but I'm so thankful for her willingness to share her faith with her classmates!

Right now, we're looking into the possibility of doing a project with the teens—a type of survey project that we pray could be used as a way to reach out to the teens in the schools around here. Please pray for us as we consider different ideas and possibilities!

Spanish

It seems as though more and more Spanish-speaking folks have been coming to our church lately! And because of that, I've really been trying to focus more on learning Spanish! One of the young ladies in our church (who is also my neighbor!) has been helping me out a lot! She's from Columbia—and has been so kind as to meet with me a couple of times a week in order to study language together! She's a real blessing!

Piano Lessons

I'm also enjoying opportunities to teach piano/music lessons! I have 6 students right now—5 kids from ages 3-13, and 1 adult! It's certainly interesting teaching piano in Swedish! I'm learning a lot as well! :) But I love the chance to try to help and encourage families from the church—as well as to reach out to others! I'm praying that God can continue to use this opportunity to open doors!

Again I thank you for your prayers and encouragement! Thank you for your support! You are all much appreciated! God bless you as you serve Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27



RILEY'S CORNER

Hej Friends!

Guess what?! I just turned 2 years old today! I think that's pretty exciting! My mommy says that I can have a few of my human friends over for some pizza—so hopefully we'll be able to do that real soon! The kids are so sweet to want to celebrate with me! :)

I've been enjoying winter, but now I'm ready for spring! My fur is getting too long and itchy—so my mommy's going to take me to get a haircut next week! That will feel good, I'm sure! I just hope it gets warmer—and stays warmer—soon!

I've also been enjoying playing with some new friends too! My newest friend is Diesel! That's

him in the picture with me (on the left)! He's just a puppy but he's already pretty big! He's going to be way bigger than me! But that's ok! We have fun playing together!

I hope you all have a fun spring!

Your Pal,

Riley