

May-June 2013

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Dear Praying Friends,
So much has happened in the past couple of months! Visitors. Travels to Stockholm/Ireland. Bible Club. Church Camp. Music Work. It's been a full schedule—full of activities and full of blessings!

Visitors

It was fun to be able to have some visitors this past month! A friend of mine from college was here for a little more than a week! We were in Jönköping for a bit – then headed up to Stockholm for a few days before flying out to join another friend in Dublin for a week of traveling around Ireland! That was a really fun time! It was nice to be able to do some traveling! And it also made for a good chance to be

able to spend some time with friends in Stockholm!

I got back to Jönköping, and 2 days later my next visitor flew in! It was great to have Sarah from Louisiana here to help out with our week-long neighborhood Bible Club! She was definitely a real help and blessing!

Bible Club

Our theme this year was "Creation." A couple from the church here helped me out with the lesson time! They had a lot of stories to share and stuff to show the kids—fossils, dinosaur teeth, etc. But most importantly, they were able to share the truth of the Gospel through the Creation account. It was likely the first time some of

these kids have heard the truth of Creation—it's certainly not what's taught in schools here! It was exciting to see them listening and learning—memorizing verses and answering questions! One little boy was even remembering things we talked about last year in Bible club! Please keep these kids in your prayers! I love each one! They are such a blessing—and I would love to see each one of them come to Christ! Please pray for further opportunities for outreach/Bible clubs with them! I've already got a few ideas for some "mini" Bible clubs (one-day clubs) for the summer!

Church Camp

Right after Bible club came church camp! It

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Prayer Requests:

- Ministries at Bible Baptist Church here in Jönköping
- Outreach—pray for a man who recently stopped to talk one Saturday while we were handing out tracts. He is really searching - and took a Bible and other information. Pray for his salvation!
- Neighborhood Children's Ministry
- Kid's Program—translation, orchestration being worked on now
- Plans for our Fall Ladies' Conference
- Contacts in the neighborhood; contacts in Sweden



Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

It's been a busy couple of months for me too! I really liked having people come and stay at my house! That was fun! :) And even though I was

a little bit sad at first when my mommy left me in Stockholm for a week to go to Ireland, I really did have fun with the Morells! They took good care of me! I can't wait to visit them again!

Church camp was fun too! The kids played with me—and they gave me yummy food from the grill! I even got to go swimming in the lake! And I made friends with some cows! It was

fun there! But now I'm tired! The kids came and played with me today! I think I need a nice long nap! Have a great day!

Your Pal,
Riley

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was nice to be able to spend several days at camp with our church family! The weather was amazing! (That's not necessarily typical for church camp!)

The theme for the week was God's Word. As part of the camp, we were updated on the Bible translation project Ron Neely (as a part of a group of men here in Sweden) has been working on. We also learned some of

the history of Christianity here in Sweden—as well as the history of the Bible in the Swedish language. It was really quite interesting.

I know I was certainly challenged and encouraged in my own walk with God!

Kids Program

Because of everything else going on, I haven't been able to do as much work on the kids' program as I wish I could—but now I'm back to focusing more on that!

Please pray that the translation and orchestration will

go smoothly! Then we'll finish casting it and, Lord willing, be able to record it so that we can get it into the hands of kids here in Sweden! Please pray that the Gospel message will be clear, and that God will be glorified in it!

I apologize for the length of this letter! There just seems to be so much to share! I definitely want to keep you all well-informed of the ministry God has provided here!

Thank you for your prayers and for your support!



God bless you!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

