

# swedenbound

## Prayer Requests:

**\*Church ministries—**visitors, good outreach, etc.

**\*Ladies' Bible Conference—**in November; we would appreciate prayers for preparations, for the speakers, for those who plan on coming, etc.

**\*Kids Program—**finishing up translation and orchestration; for wisdom in coordinating how best to put it all together on cd!

**\*Children's ministry** for this fall; I'm also starting to teach a couple more piano lessons!

**\*Further open doors in neighborhood ministry!**

**\*Furlough planning for 2014—**\*\*Looking to possibly borrow a small-ish RV type vehicle for a 4-5 week trip from WI-OR (visiting churches all along the way)/back for May-early June of next year! If you have one, or know of one I might could borrow, please let me know! Thanks!

Dear Praying Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over! It has been a beautiful summer here, but the days are quickly growing shorter and the temperatures are growing cooler. Fall is on the way! Some of the leaves are even starting to change colors! I love fall! It's my favorite season!

## Church ministry

The Lord has blessed with several visitors in recent days! A few new young people have started coming! Some are from the area, a couple are university students here for a short time. We are blessed to have a young man here from Kansas! He's studying at the university business school for the semester and has already been a help and encouragement to us as he seeks to be involved in ministry during his time here!

I've also been able to get a new tract written and put together for use in soul-winning. Please continue to pray for further good opportunities for witness—and that the Holy Spirit would continue to do a work in hearts!

Our church Bible studies are now back on track after a short break for the summer! (Sweden is a

very quiet place during the summer! Everyone is gone on vacation!) Our ladies' Bible study has continued with a "mini-series" on ministry, music and worship in the church. And our church-wide Friday night Bible studies start back up this week!

Please continue to keep our teens in your prayers! The school year has started up once again—and there are so many challenges and pressures that they face, as I'm sure those of you with young people of your own understand! Please pray for them to choose to follow God! It's a struggle for them, and I'm sure they would appreciate your prayers. A few of the teens in particular are going through some particularly difficult struggles right now. Please remember them!

I've also been working on a survey that I'm trying to coordinate through the teens in our church. It's a survey for young people—just trying to get a clearer idea of their hearts and ideas and thoughts and beliefs.

## Neighborhood Ministry

God has continued to open doors for relationship building and ministry here in my neighborhood! I truly love my neighbors! And I'm

so thankful for recent opportunities to be a help to several of them in particular! Through this, I've been able to get to know them better as well as share more of my heart and particularly the Gospel with them! I thank God for these opportunities and pray that He would be glorified in and through them!

The children continue to be a blessing! Please pray that we may be able to do another mini Bible day club in the coming months! Pray for these kids! They have heard the Gospel—they know what God's Word says! Pray that they would accept Christ!

## Furlough 2014

I am planning on a short 3-3 1/2 month furlough for this coming year—mid April-mid July. I'm now working on scheduling, and am doing my best to schedule as many of my supporting churches as possible during that time! Please pray for everything to come together according to God's will!

Thank you so much for your prayers! Thanks for serving the Lord with us here in Jönköping!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson

## Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

What a summer it has been! I've had lots of fun playing outside and going on long walks with my mommy! I've also really enjoyed visiting my neighbors! They must like me a lot, because they a almost always have some-

thing yummy for me to eat! :)

I've also been able to go for long walks with my dog friend, Malta! His mommy got hurt in an accident and can't walk him very well right now, so he gets to go with us! He's bigger than me, so sometimes I have to

walk fast to keep up! But that's ok! It's fun to have another dog to walk with!

Hope you all have had a fun summer!

Hugs!

Riley





