

# swedenbound

▶ Melissa Carlson

Dear Praying Friends,

I do apologize for my delay in getting this update written! Time just seems to go by so quickly, and there's always something more to be done!

I do very much appreciate your continued prayer and financial support! Without you, I wouldn't be able to be serving here in Sweden. Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry!

## Kids' Program

We've been working really hard on our kids' program the past couple of months! I'm so thankful for everyone who has been so willing and excited to help with this project! We have people in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Jönköping helping/acting/singing in this project! Working out practice times through Skype and such is always interesting, but everything seems to be going really well thus far! Please pray for us as we continue to prepare for recording the weekend of 22-23 March!

My prayer is that this project/cd will be able to open doors for further ministry opportunities, that the Gospel would be able to reach into more homes/families, and that souls might be saved!

Thanks for praying for us!

## Outreach

Please continue to pray for the many opportunities that we have for outreach through the church and in our neighborhoods each week!

Along those lines, it has been really exciting to have a neighbor gal join us for our ladies' Bible studies nearly every time we meet! Please pray for her and her family! (They just had their first baby right before Christmas! He's a cutie!)

Keep praying for the kids here too! We had a fun cookie-baking activity in January! Pray for further opportunities for Bible clubs and such especially when I return to Sweden later in the summer!

We're also thankful for the university students who have visited the church this semester! A couple of them have Catholic backgrounds. Please pray for them as they are able to hear the truth from God's Word!

## Furlough

I would especially appreciate your prayers as I prepare for my very first furlough! Please pray for all the details to come together as needed! I'm particularly in need of a car for a couple different legs of my journey! Please pray for this need!

I'm really looking forward to being able to be with so many of you! I've included a schedule of the churches that I will, Lord willing, be visiting! If you're in the area, please feel free to come by! I would love to see you!

Over-all, please pray for safety and wisdom in preparation and travel! Pray for many good opportunities for ministry and service in the churches that I will be visiting! But

pray especially that God will be glorified and honored during this time back Stateside!

Again, thank you for praying for us here in Jönköping!

May God bless you as you serve Him in the mission field He has for you!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson  
Jer. 32:27

## Prayer Requests:

- Ministries here in Jönköping: church, outreach, teens, children
- Pray for contacts—neighbors, opportunities for outreach/witness
- Kids' Program—practices; recording 22-23 March
- Furlough: 9 april-24 july / transportation needs
- Pray that the Lord would lead others to serve Him in Sweden (even specifically Jönköping—we could use the help!)

## Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Guess what? In just one month I get to fly on an airplane! My mommy brought my crate up from the basement so that I can get used to it again before we leave. I don't love the thing, but it doesn't bother me too much, I guess! :) I just think it will be so much fun to be back in the States

for a little while! I can't wait to meet those cats again! They live at my mommy's parent's house—and I get to stay there with them! Hope they'll want to play with me this time!

My other big news is coming up even sooner!!!! I turn 3 years old in 1 week! :) I think I should have a party, don't you? My mommy said that we can have our neighbor and her dog Lisen over for

fika! Sounds like fun to me! I love it when they come over and visit me!

I also got to meet my neighbor's brand new baby! He is so tiny! I guess he's kind of like a puppy! Not so sure—all I know is he likes to cry sometimes! I try to cheer him up by bringing him my toys, but that doesn't seem to help much! My mommy says that he's too little to play with me just yet. I don't understand that! I mean,

I was smaller than he is and I could still play! I guess I just don't understand human puppies! O well! He makes interesting noises and he smells kinda interesting too! I guess I'll just wait until he gets bigger to show him how to play!

Well, gotta go! Have a super day!

Your pal,

Riley

## Furlough Itinerary 2014

9 april - to USA!

26 april - Ladies' Conference, Northland Baptist Church, Flagstaff, AZ

27 april - Northland Baptist Church, Flagstaff, AZ

1 may - Sun and Shield Baptist Church, Marana, AZ

4 may - First Baptist Church, International Falls, MN

7 may - First Baptist Church, Clark, SD

8 may - Mountain View Baptist Church, Custer, SD

11 may - Bethany Bible Baptist Church, Tulare, SD

18 may - am service: First Baptist Church, Upton, WY / pm service: Grace Baptist Church, Sheridan, WY

25 may - Central Oregon Baptist Church, Bend, OR

1 june - Coffee Pot Bible Fellowship / Faith Baptist Church, Cheyenne, WY

5 june - Woodcrest Baptist Church, Fridley, MN

8 june - Fellowship Bible Church, Peoria, IL

11 june - Bethany Baptist Church, Altona, IL

16-19 june - World Wide New Testament Baptist Mission Conference, Shelby, NC

25 june - Calvary Independent Baptist Church, Huntingdon, PA

29 june - Grace Baptist Church, Syracuse, NY

2 july—Skype call with kids club at Hope Bible Church, O'Fallon, MO

3 july - Ambassador Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA

6 july - Heritage Baptist Church, Crown Point, IN

9 july - Grape Creek Baptist Church, Danville, IL

13 july - am service: Grace Baptist Church, Taylorville, IL / pm service: Hope Bible Church, O'Fallon, MO

20 july - Heritage Baptist Church, Roscoe, IL

23 july - Calvary Baptist Church, Watertown, WI

24 july - home to Sweden!





