



April-June 2014



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Dear Praying Friends,

I figure that it's probably about time to get another prayer letter written! Please forgive me for the delay! I have certainly been keeping busy with travel and meetings and time with friends and family!

I want to start by saying thank you so much for all your prayers and encouragement as I've been traveling the past couple of months! I really appreciate it! It has certainly been a bit of a whirlwind! I've seen snow, sunshine, rain, storms, mountains, prairies, valleys, fields, deserts, lakes, rivers and more! But best of all, I've seen many of you! And I've truly enjoyed my time with you! I have been so encouraged by the fellowship of both old and new friends! What a blessing you have been! Thank you! I very much look forward to continuing in my travels and seeing many more of you in the coming weeks!

I started out my furlough

with a meeting in Brookfield, WI before flying down to AZ for a couple of meetings and an opportunity to speak in a ladies' conference.

After my time in AZ, I headed up to International Falls, MN before continuing west to visit supporters and churches in SD and WY. From there, I headed out to Bend, OR where I was able to spend time with my new little nephew, Korbin! I was also able to share my ministry with my sister and brother-in-law's church there.

I headed back east by way of Elko, NV, where I was able to connect with a family I've been corresponding with from Sweden for some time! From there, I traveled back to WY for a couple of meetings in Cheyenne. I then made stops in both Redfield, SD and Fridley, MN before ending up back in WI to spend a couple of days with my dad and my dog!

I then spent this past week in IL with meetings in both Peoria and Altona.

This weekend, I will, Lord

willing, be heading out east to NC for a conference with my mission board (WWNTBM). I am looking forward to the coming weeks in NC, VA, PA, NY, IN, IL and MO!

Traveling has gone well! I'm praising the Lord for providing a good car for me to use during my furlough! I ended up buying a car from my parents' neighbors for very cheap! It's a 1995 Oldsmobile—it may be a bit rusty, but it has the heart of a lion! :) The car has done pretty well for me thus far—with just a bit of an issue with the power steering this past week! I'm very grateful for the help from folks from Bethany Baptist in Altona, IL! But the car has certainly been an answer to prayer! Thanks for praying for me in this need!

Again, I am so thankful to each one of you! Thank you especially for your prayers!

God bless you in your continued service to Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

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Your Pal,

Riley

Prayer Requests:

- Continuing ministry in Jönköping
- Pray for the salvation of A. and T. and L.
- Pray for our teenagers—V. and C. and G.
- Pray for the kids' ministry in Sweden
- Pray for the Sixt family—survey trip to Sweden this coming fall
- Pray for my visa renewal this coming January.
- Furlough—lots of traveling, meetings—pray for energy and rest
- Traveling back to Sweden on July 24th!

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Just a quick howdie! I'm really enjoying being in the USA! But I am kind of sad that I can't be with my mommy the whole time! She tells me that people always ask about me—I sure do wish I

could be able to meet you all! But I'm keeping things hopping here in Watertown! I really do love my grandpa and grandma! They're taking good care of me!

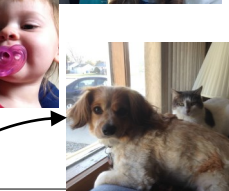
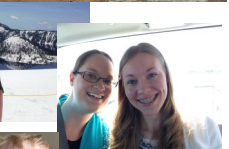
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here's me and grandpa on a hike!

here's me with my friend, Lucy!

