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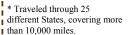
Prayer Requests:

- Church ministry in Jönköping
- Don and Beverly Sixt survey trip to Sweden (sep 30-oct 11)
- Missionary friends in Stockholm waiting word on their visas—their case is currently under review.
- Pastor Ron Neely currently in the States. His brother passed away last week. Pray for the family. Ron returns to Sweden on Sep 19.
- Church conference: Nov 13-16—Pastor and Mrs. Bob Loggans coming from Watertown, WI.
- Pray for A. and A. and M.—need for salvation.
- My visa renewal
- Children's ministry in my neighborhood



It was so nice to have Pastor Ray and Mary Anderson from Lone Rock Baptist Church of New Lisbon, WI come through Jönköping during a recent vacation to Sweden!

Random Furlough Facts:



- * Spent more than 200 hours in my car.
- * Was able to participate in about 30 different churches and/or ministries

Thank you so much again for your faithfulness in prayer!

Dear Praying Friends,

It's so hard to believe that I've been back in Sweden now for over a month! Time sure flies when you're keeping busy; and there is certainly a lot going on here in Jönköping this fall!

I've really enjoyed getting back to working with the music here at the church! With a conference coming up in November, it's time to work on choir songs and other special music!

And in regards to the conference, please pray for us as we sort out schedules and details in preparation! I'm really looking forward to having my home pastor and his wife with us for that week! Please pray for the Lord to do a work in our hearts, our church and our community!

We've started up our ladies' Bible studies again! We're continuing on with a series on the tongue. Please pray for A. that she would be able to join us again for these studies! I've enjoyed several times of fellowship with her since returning home, but please pray that she may be interested in coming out to Bible study again!

I've also jumped back into Spanish lessons! I meet 2x a week with a Columbian gal from our church (who also happens to be my neighbor!). I enjoy our lessons together! Now to just get all these verb conjugations down...!:)

Since getting back home, I've also been able to get a new tract put together—sort of a play off another idea I had used for a kids' club a while back. It's a small square that folds out into a cross with John 3:16 written on it. On the top is simply the name, Jesus. It has been interesting to watch people's reactions when I offer them the tract. Seeing the name "Jesus," many simply walk away without a word, some seem offended, others laugh. And then there are those who rejoice in the name of Jesus, thankful for the salvation that He brings! Please pray for the souls in Jönköping!

This past week I was able to talk with a couple of

Mormon missionary gals from the States. We all got on the bus at the same time. As I see how active some of these other groups are in this area, it really challenges me with the need for the Truth of the Gospel!

Getting back to Sweden, it was great to see that the kids hadn't all forgotten me! I continue to have regular visitors to my place! I'm now in the process of trying to figure out when to have our next weeklong Bible club! I have a few ideas for things—and I'd really like to try to expand our outreach to another apartment area just up the hill from me. I know a few of the kids up there, and it would be exciting to see them come out to Bible club! Please pray!

Along those lines, I've also played around with a few ideas for our next cd project for the kids! I'm going to attempt to write it straight into Swedish this time around! Please pray for me! :)

Then, lastly, I do want to mention that it's about time for me to renew my visa again! My plan is to get all the stuff turned in within the next month or so. Please pray for wisdom in filling out all the information needed. They seem to change the process slightly each time I go to do this! So please pray that I can figure it all out and that there wouldn't be any problems! I should be able to, Lord willing, apply for a permanent visa this time around! Please keep this matter in your prayers!

It really was such a blessing being able to see so many of you this past summer! Thank you for your many encouragements and prayers!

I pray that the Lord will continue to use you and bless you in your ministry and service for Him!

God bless!

For Christ Alone, Melissa Carlson Jer. 32:27

Rifey's Corner

ej Friends!
I'm enjoying being back home in Sweden—though I do miss my USA family! I had so much fun visiting them!

I kind of got used to things in the States, but don't worry! I still

remembered everyone and everything back here at home! I didn't waste any time getting out to see my friends! In fact, one little girl came to visit me the same afternoon I got home! I think she missed me just like I missed her! I've also been able to spend lots of time with my neighbors! It's good to be home helping my mommy tell others about Jesus!

We've been to the market in town the past several Saturdays—it's great to see all the people there! Please pray for them! And please pray for my little friends here in my neighborhood!

Have a super day!

Your Pal, **Riley**