



Prayer Requests:

- **Visa Renewal**—not just for me, but for other missionary families as well
- **There are a few new families seeking to come serve the Lord here in Sweden! Pray for God's leading and provision in their lives!**
- **Pray for A, A, K, I— for salvation**
- **Pray for the kids' club ministry here in my neighborhood (clubhouse possibilities, Bible clubs, Bible story programs, etc)**
- **Pray for our church ministry/outreach**
- **Unspoken need**

For those who have asked, my most recent visa is expired at this point, but that isn't unusual. The migration board doesn't usually even look at the application for visa renewal until the old visa is expired. Because of this—and because I had all of my paperwork turned in before my visa expired—I am able to remain and continue working in Sweden during the entire process. This also means that I have to stay in Sweden for the duration. If I leave, I won't be able to get back in. Thanks for your prayers!

Riley's Corner

Dear Friends,

I hope you're having a great week! Not much to report on my end—except maybe my new haircut! :) I got so tired of the winter fur! I'm glad my mommy could take it off for me!

Other than that, not much else new going on! I still go with my mommy

to town on the weekends to help hand out tracts! I like to talk to the other dogs while my mommy talks to their people!

I also get to go with my mommy when she teaches piano lessons at the church on Thursdays! There's a new girl coming now! She's really nice! I'm glad that my mommy can get to meet

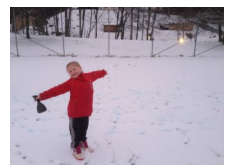
new families! Please pray for chances to share the Gospel with these new people!

Thanks for praying for us!

I hope you have a great day!

Your Friend,

Riley 



*My flesh and my heart faileth:
but God is the strength of my
heart, and my portion for ever.
Psalm 73:26*

Dear Praying Friends,

Several of you have asked for an update on my visa situation. I really appreciate the continued prayers! Unfortunately, there isn't much of an update at this point. I still haven't heard anything, so for now, all I can do is keep waiting and trusting God's timing and plan in all of this! I will definitely let you know as soon as I hear something! Thanks for praying with me about this need! And thanks for the notes and emails of encouragement! You have no idea how much of a blessing each one is to me! Thank you!

It has certainly been a bit of an interesting start to this new year. Besides the visa stuff, there are some other challenges I would certainly be grateful if you could pray for. I don't want to go into details just now, but please

pray for wisdom and that God's will will be done!

When everything seems a little uncertain, it is always encouraging to know the blessing and peace of trusting God. I know that no matter what happens in life, God is in control. He knows what is best, and He is to be thanked and praised in all things!

And I certainly do have a lot to be praising God for!

I'm so thankful for our winter Bible club at the end of January! We had a bit of a rough start to the week as no kids came on that first day, but God answered prayers. We had more kids each day following—and even had 9 kids come out on Friday (which is a lot for us)! The kids listened so well! They asked questions, they learned verses, they learned songs. But most importantly, they heard the Gospel. Please continue to keep these kids in your prayers! And many thanks to those of you who provided supplies and prizes for the

week! And a special thank you to all the kids from Clark, SD who made cards to share with the kids in our Bible club! The cards were a bit hit! The kids loved them! Thank you for your ministry!

Another blessing to share—

One of the ladies that came out to our neighborhood Christmas Carol Sing this past December has started coming to our ladies' Bible study! Please pray for K. It's always exciting to see God open doors in ministry!

So that's pretty much the recap for the time being! Again, I truly appreciate your prayers! Thank you for your heart for these people here in Jönköping! Thank you for your support! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Lord here!

May God bless you as you serve Him!

For Christ Alone,

Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27