

swedenbound

January-February 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Another year has come and already it seems to be flying by! Here's an update on what's been going on here in Sweden the past couple of months!

*Our Christmas Carol evening/outreach went really well! We had a few more come out than we had the year before! Everybody who came was able to hear the Gospel!

*Our Christmas program went well, with a strong emphasis on God's Word and pointing people to the reason Christ came—to die on the cross in our place, to take upon Himself our sin so that we can be saved!

We had a few unsaved visitors that day as well—please keep them in your prayers!

*The place I was looking at for a possible kids' clubhouse fell through. It just wasn't going to work for our purposes. On the positive side, however, I have been able to book my apartment's assembly room (which has a kitchen, large

meeting room and bathrooms) for every Thursday afternoon in the year! So that's a step in the right direction! I am also able to keep a cupboard of stuff at the location so I don't have to carry stuff back and forth all the time! And another huge blessing is that I don't have to pay to use the room! Praise the Lord! Thanks for your prayers!

I was able to find a nice cupboard at a second-hand store yesterday, and the plan is to pick it up tomorrow. I'm working now on planning out some ideas and then getting the word out about the Thursday kids' time! Please pray for this opportunity!

*We had a Bible club at the end of January! Three kids came. Karl Andersson and his wife Masayo helped us out. Karl taught the kids about Peter. Please keep praying for these kids!! We're also planning a pizza party at my house in the next couple of weeks. It's the prize for the kids' work/behavior during Bi-

ble club! Please pray for further opportunities to reach out to them with the Gospel!

*Karl Andersson and his family have been a huge blessing to the ministry here! We are so thankful that they have come—and for their enthusiasm for serving God! We are also so thankful that Karl has accepted the position of assistant pastor in the church here! That's a huge praise! Please keep this family in your prayers as well!

Karl is also looking into getting started in a few new ministries in the community—one of which would be outreach/services in area nursing homes! I'm really excited about this potential opportunity! Please pray for us as we look into the possibilities!

Thank you so much for praying for us! It's so needed—and so appreciated!! Thanks for being a part of this ministry here in Jönköping! Thank you for your love and support and

encouragement!

You are a blessing!

I hope that you have a great day! God bless!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27



Prayer Requests:

- Church ministry and continued growth.
- A., L, I, M—salvation
- Thursday kids' outreach
- K.—my neighbor., just had heart surgery. He is saved.
- 21 Feb—Sunday evening service in my neighborhood
- Pastor Ron and his Bible translation work. They are getting ready to print the New Testament! Praise the Lord!
- The Pittmans and the Sixts—deputation

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

How are you guys doing? I hope you're having a great start to the year!

Please keep praying for my friend, L. I haven't seen her in a couple of weeks. Last time I saw her she was saying

that she and her friend I. want to come to Bible club sometime. Please pray that we can see them again sometime soon!

Enjoy your day!

Your Pal,

Riley

