

swedenbound



Dear Praying Friends!

I hope you are having a great summer thus far!

The past months have certainly seen their challenges, but I'm so thankful for the faithfulness of God! I'm so thankful to be able to serve the Lord here in Sweden—to see God at work in this country!

I thank you for all of your prayers and encouragements these past months!

Thank you for being such a vital part of the ministry here in Sweden!

Outreach/New Opportunities

We are really excited about a new window of opportunity that has opened up for outreach in the province of Halland on the southwest coastal area of Sweden. We have been in touch with some folks in the town of Laholm (a couple of hours from here) who are interested in meeting for regular Bible studies. There isn't really a good church in their area, and there has been a desire and prayer for Biblical teaching for these folks for

some time now.

Our assistant pastor, Karl Andersson, plans to lead these Bible studies on a bi-weekly basis. Please pray for us as we plan details - that we would be able to encourage believers as well as reach out to those in that area who need to be saved!

Bible Clubs

It has been such a blessing to have a good number of kids showing up to our Thursday clubs! We've had some new kids out, and I've also enjoyed the opportunities to get to know some of the parents a little bit better! The clubs have really opened up the doors for good conversations/witnessing opportunities with the kids—both during the club time itself as well as other times, at my home or just when out and about and seeing the kids! Please continue to keep the Bible club in your prayers!

I'm also working on a couple of ideas for August and September. We would like to do our annual week-long Bible club time. We usually try to wait until after the vacation season, as so many families are out traveling during the summer! And we would also

like to try to plan an activity for some of the older kids in the neighborhood. Some of them have come to our Bible clubs in the past, but seem to be losing interest as they are getting older. So we would like to try to reach out especially to that older age group! Please pray for us as plans are made!

I have also been working on a new kids' musical which will cover Adam/Eve in the Garden as well as Christ's death, burial and resurrection. I have some of the script finished as well as about 3 of the songs! My desire is for the writing/orchestrating part of this project to be completed by the end of the year so that we can get it recorded/distributed at some point early next year! Please be in prayer for this project!

Thanks again for your faithfulness in prayer and support! You are all a special blessing to me! Please know that I am so thankful for each one of you!

God bless!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Prayer Requests:

- **Church ministry/ Outreach/"growing pains"**
- **Monthly Sunday pm services in our neighborhood**
- **Unsaved. Pray especially for E, R, L, A och T.**
- **Bible clubs on Thursdays/Coffee times for the community each month**
- **Bible translation work/printing of the NT—they have already received several big orders for Bibles!**
- **Masayo's paperwork (Pastor Karl's wife)**
- **New kids' musical**
- **New ministry outreach/ Bible study in Laholm**
- **I'm planning to attend the Mission Possible Retreat, 7-11 November—a missions retreat for independent Baptist missionaries serving in Europe**
- **Sixt family, deputation—travel/support**

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

I hope you're having a fun summer!

I am enjoying it so far! I have especially enjoyed going visiting to people from the church as well as to neighbors and others!

I also enjoyed going on a road trip to Laholm to meet some new friends! Please pray that they'll be able to get a Bible study started there so that more people

will be able to hear the good news of the Gospel! There is such a huge need!

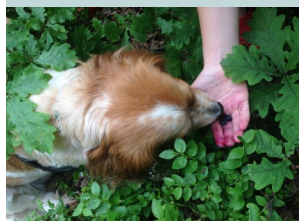
I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

God bless!

Your pal,

Riley

Picking—and eating—blueberries!



Riley with his buddy who just turned 94!