

swedenbound

Dear Praying Friends,

Christmas is such a wonderful time for outreach! The world delights in celebrating the season, and we can share with them the true hope that lies at the center of Christmas! Jesus Christ—God in flesh, born of a virgin, the spotless Lamb of God. Jesus was born to die—to suffer on the cross for the payment of our sins. In Him we have life and hope. What a wonderful message to bring to those around us—this Christmas and every day of the year!

We were able to hand out tracts at Bottnaryd's Christmas market! Praying for the lost in our communities!

Please continue to pray for the ministries here in my neighborhood. Our church held a song service in the community room several weeks ago! In addition to our church folks, we had a few ladies from the neighborhood come out! Please pray for C. She first came to one of our neighborhood coffee times and was excited to be able to come to our song service as well! She said she was so encouraged and asked me to please come visit her. I was able to spend a few hours with her in her home and was able to again share the Gospel with her. She said she was saved when she was younger. She has since started coming to our ladies' Bible studies!

Pray also for our nursing home outreach. I'm planning to go and playing some Christmas music at a couple of nursing homes in the next couple

ple of weeks. Please pray especially for G. I have visited with her many times, and she doesn't like to talk about spiritual things. She usually changes the subject whenever I try to direct the conversation along those lines. Please pray that her heart would be open to the Gospel message!

Bible clubs continue to go well with three 12-year old gals regularly attending. We have had a couple of cookout activities in the past couple of months. Please continue to pray for L, J and E! L. especially continues to be open. J. recently commented that Bible club is like her "third home" (behind her mom's and her dad's places). Please pray for these girls!!

Thank you for your prayers! And thank you for your giving. It is because of you that I can be here and serve. You are such a vital part of this ministry! Thank you for all you do and for the sacrifices you make! I pray that God will bless you as you serve Him this holiday season—and in the new year to come!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson

Jer 32:27



Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Merry Christmas!! My main Christmas wish right now is...SNOW! And bones. And more snow. And maybe some more bones. :)

I've been enjoying my time with my neighbors! And with some new friends! Some kids in a nearby town come by once in a while just to play with me! Not a bad deal, if you ask me!

Please keep praying for us!!

Your Pal,

Riley

Prayer Requests:

- *Church Ministries/decisions
- *Praise! Masayo received her visa!
- *Praise! The Germany Mission Possible Retreat was a great encouragement and blessing!
- *Upcoming Christmas outreaches
- *Bible Club—pray especially for L., J. and E.
- *Neighborhood outreaches—pray for C.
- *Nursing home outreaches—pray for G.
- *Don/Beverly Sixt—deputation, Lord willing joining us next year!
- *My upcoming 2018 spring/summer furlough—I look forward to being with so many of you!

