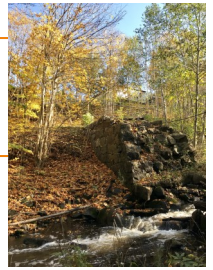


SWEDENBOUND

Fall 2018



Dear Praying Friends,

Darkness is falling over Sweden. It's that time of year again when things just get increasingly darker as we head into the winter months. I was out canvassing my community yesterday afternoon, and I was thankful for my reflectors! Makes me think of the spiritual darkness around us. We are certainly praying that the Light of the Gospel will cut through the spiritual darkness of this country and be increasingly reflected in the lives of the Swedish people!



Smålands Baptistförsamling

Things are moving forward on the new church plant! Our name is Smålands Baptistförsamling, or Smålands Baptist Assembly (Småland being the region where we live in Sweden). We have been working on writing up our Statement of Faith as well as putting together our constitution/by-laws. This has all taken time, but, Lord willing, we are nearing completion! The plan is to try to have everything that we need to send in as part of the application process for establishing this ministry turned in by the end of this month. Lord willing, Don and Beverly Sixt will then be able to apply for their visas by the middle of December. We are really looking forward to having them come and join us! Please pray that all of these processes will go smoothly!

Bible Club

Bible clubs have been going pretty well. The girls continue to come regularly! It has, however, in some ways, been a lot harder since I've returned from my furlough to try to get the gals

to focus their interest back on spiritual things, but we have been able to have a few really good conversations and discussions. Please keep praying for these girls!!! I love them so much!

English Lessons

English lessons have gone well thus far! I've really been enjoying the time with these ladies. I've had some amazing opportunities to share the Gospel with one of the ladies in particular. She says she is a believer, but has a hard time explaining her salvation. She has a background in a variety of different churches/denominations. Pray for her! We have had some really good conversations.

Frazor Evangelistic Team

We are looking forward to having the Frazor Evangelistic Team with us at the end of November! I met them briefly this past summer, and we had talked about how neat it would be for them to come to Sweden at some point. Well, that point came sooner than I think any of us thought! :) We are excited to have them come! Please pray for a good turn out to their concert! The Gospel will be presented—please pray for any unsaved who may be present!

I have spent hours canvassing the community to try to encourage people to come out. As I am walking the neighborhoods, I am praying for the people who live there. These people need the Lord!

Conference

This coming Friday, I'll be heading down to Germany to spend some time with some missionary friends before we all head up to the annual Mission Possible retreat in Rothenburg. I'm really looking forward to fellowshipping with other missionaries from all across Europe! This conference is always very refreshing. Please pray for all the traveling involved!

Thank you so much for all of the encouragement I have received through your emails and giving! I am humbled by the love and generosity you have shown. Thanks for desiring to be a part of this ministry! You are a blessing.

May God bless your continued service to Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27



Prayer Requests

- * Pray for the ministry of Smålands Baptistförsamling!
- * Pray for L, J, E, A, !!
- * Pray for the outreach with the Frazor Evangelistic Team!
- * Pray for my Germany trip/conference!
- * Pray for Don and Beverly Sixt as they prepare to apply for visas to Sweden!
- * Studying and looking into getting my driver's license

Riley's Corner



Hi Friends!

I hope you are having a fun fall! The end of October for us brought some snow! It only lasted a couple of days, though. But I enjoyed it while it was around!

I get to spend some time at a neighbor's house while my human goes to Germany. I like going to her house. She spoils me a lot—she knows the best bones to get! It will be fun!

We met some new neighbors today while we were out on a walk! Please keep praying for us—that we would have many good opportunities to share the Gospel with those around us! Have a great weekend!

Your Pal,

Riley

