

Dear Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas! I'm sure you are all busy with Christmas programs, ministry, parties, visits with family and friends, etc. I trust that through it all you won't lose sight of the reason for the season, and that Christ will remain at the center of all celebration!

Huge Praise!

We got all our application paperwork turned in for the new church plant, and I'm pleased to be able to share that all was approved! Smålands Baptistförsamling is now official! Praise the Lord, and may He be glorified in this new ministry! Please pray especially now for Don and Beverly Sixt/family as they begin their visa application process. They are hoping to have everything turned in at some point here at the beginning of the new year. Please pray for all the details to fall into place as needed. We are so excited to be able to have them join us! Please pray for the Sixts as well as one of their twins has had some health issues and had surgery this past week. We are rejoicing that this little one is doing better, and we continue to pray for complete healing and good progress!

Prayer Requests:

- *Praise! Paperwork approved for Smålands Baptistförsamling
- *Praise! The Germany Mission Possible Retreat was a great encouragement and blessing!
- *Praise! Good concert/outreach with the Frazor Evangelistic Team. Pray for the unsaved who attended the concert.
- *Don/Beverly Sixt—visa application process/health needs of their baby girl
- *Bible Club—pray especially for L., J., E. and I.
- *Nursing home outreaches—pray for G.
- *Upcoming canvassing events (tract distribution in various area towns)

Outreach

We enjoyed having the Frazor Evangelistic Team with us this past month. We didn't have a big turnout, but I was so pleased that three of my Bible club gals (two regulars and one who comes occasionally) came out to the concert! We also had a man from the area come as a result of receiving a flyer. The majority of those who came from the area, in fact, are unsaved. Please pray for them! They all went away having heard the Gospel.

We have some Christmas outreach coming up this week in my neighborhood. Please pray for these events!

Thank you for thinking of us! Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for the cards and gifts and encouragements you have shared! May God bless you this Christmas season!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Merry Christmas!! I hope you are all doing well this holiday season!

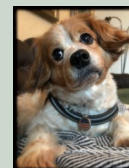
I love this time of year—and I especially love opening presents! I don't really care what's in the present; it's the process of ripping up paper that I find so appealing!

I also enjoy all the Christmas lights in the windows when we're out walking in the winter darkness. I also like hanging out with my neighbors and friends.

I hope you have a super week! Take time to enjoy all the special moments this Christmas season! Don't get in too much of a hurry that you forget the important things, like petting your dog or hugging your kids! :) Enjoy all the little moments that makes this time of year so special!

Your Pal,

Riley



I saw this spray-painted on a time-table as I waited at a bus stop in a town south of here. "Next Stop is Hell."

Sadly, this is the reality for so many. But it doesn't have

to be that way! May people's eyes be opened to the Truth of the Gospel! There is such a need!

