

**Prayer Requests:**

- Sixt Family—for their visas to be approved soon!
- Bible club—pray for L, E, J and I—we've also had a few new visitors in recent weeks—pray for summer activities
- Bible study ministries—I'm also going to be starting a one-on-one Bible study with a woman in my neighborhood. Please pray for these opportunities!
- Tract writing/distribution—Current focus in Skillingaryd
- Brochure writing—for use with the teen gals as well as neighborhood ministry
- Nursing Home outreach
- English lessons—Pray for A. and I. We have had some good discussions—especially around Easter time. I is an atheist which she attributes to growing up under communism, but she is at least a little curious. A. professes to be a believer. She and I recently had a couple of one-on-one English lessons in which we read through a devotional from Our Daily Bread. The lesson ended up being more of a Bible study and prayer time! I praise the Lord for these opportunities.
- Neighborhood outreach—upcoming summer activities/outreach

Dear Praying Friends,

The past 2 months have flown by! We are still fervently praying for the Sixts to receive a positive answer from the migration board. We are certainly ready for them to get here!

I have finished distributing tracts to the houses in Vaggeryd and am now working on the town of Skillingaryd. (We are looking to locate our church in one of these 2 places.) I have enjoyed being able to get to know the area, as well as some of the people there. When the weather is good, and especially when Riley is with me, I often have occasion to visit with people who are out and about. I had one interesting and totally unplanned experience recently while taking the train home from Vaggeryd. There was a track change announcement, which led those of us wanting to go toward Jönköping to get on a train at a different track than normal. This would have been fine, except that after we were already on and settled, they apparently changed their minds, and we were all suddenly on the wrong train. Even the worker on the train was confused. It certainly wasn't a convenient problem, but it ended up being a real blessing! I was able to spend a lot of time talking with an older woman who was very worried about ending up in the wrong place and having to find the right train to get back to Jönköping. I assured her

that she could stay with me and we would find it together. Through talking with her, I came to learn that she is a believer, and one of the very few people I have met here who genuinely believes there is a need for missionaries even in Sweden. She was excited to hear that we were looking to plant a church in her area. Please pray for M!

Please pray as I now focus my time in Skillingaryd. One of my supporters has a cousin who lives there, and I am hoping to be able to connect with them in the near future!

This week I met a young Muslim woman from Syria who has been in the country for 6 months—and had only been in Skillingaryd 2 days. She couldn't speak a lot of Swedish, but we were able to talk a little! She was looking for the train, and we had a chance to visit while we waited for the train together. I gave her a Swedish tract. Pray that she will take the time to work through the tract so that she can understand what it says, as well as understand her need for Christ.

I was at the nursing home this week, and was able to spend time visiting with several women. One of the women took an extra special interest in Riley and Cash (my neighbor's dog I was watching for the day). We had visited a while, and as I was leaving, this woman took my hand and asked me if I would come back soon and read the Bible

to her. I told her that I would be very happy to do that, and I plan to go back very soon! Please pray for I. I'm looking forward to spending extra time with her in God's Word! I'm so thankful for the open door.

Pray also for Bible club. It has been discouraging to see a continued lack of interest in spiritual things. The world's pleasures are truly tempting. But these gals are still coming, and I'm praying for them! Pray for our upcoming summer activities. I'm planning to try to focus around the theme, "Big Questions." I would like to do different activities each week (cookouts, hikes, etc) and take a little time during each outing to focus on a Biblical question. I'm praying and hoping that the girls will come out, and that they will find not just a renewed interest in Biblical things, but that they will see their personal need of salvation.

Thank you again for your support and especially for your prayers for us here in Sweden! When things are discouraging, it's an encouragement to know that you are standing with us in prayer! God bless and have a wonderful summer!

For Christ Alone,  
Melissa Carlson  
Jer. 32:27



## RILEY'S CORNER

Hej Pals!

I hope you are having a good spring! Summer is basically here—today it even feels like it's here! I love the sunshine and the long days!

I have enjoyed going visiting with my human! My friend K.E. had to move into a nursing home, and it's weird to not

see him at his house. But I got to go see him this week! He was happy to see me, and I was so happy to see him again! My allergies were really bad this spring! Thankfully, my human got me my medicine so that I don't lick and chew my feet off!

I hope you have a great weekend!

Enjoy getting out there and serving the Lord!

Your Pal,

Riley

