

### Prayer Requests:

- \* Ministry of Smålands Baptistförsamling—it is always such an encouragement to meet together, worship together and pray with and for each other. Please pray that the Lord would grow this ministry for His honor and glory! May we be a light for the Gospel in the communities around us.
- \* Sixts continued adjustment/needs for permanent housing—pray especially for the kids!
- \* Bible club—for a renewed interest in the Gospel; J. is going through some tough stuff at home; please pray for L., J. and E.
- \* Counseling opportunities
- \* English lessons—for I. and A.
- \* Praise! Provision of good temporary housing for the Sixts.
- \* Praise! A car

Dear Praying Friends,

It's really starting to look like fall around here! This is my favorite season of the year. I love the cool weather and the colorful leaves!

We are so happy that the Sixts are here with us! They are certainly keeping busy settling in. Thanks for your prayers for them! It has certainly been quite the process acquiring all the different things needed in order to accomplish what they need to do to get set up here in Sweden. We are thankful that much of these different processes have gone much faster than they said they would. We are grateful for how God has and continues to provide.

The Sixts biggest immediate need has been housing. They have been able to rent through Airbnb up until now, but we are rejoicing this week in the provision of a home in Vaggeryd that they will be able to rent for 6 months. This is a huge answer to prayer. This will give them the time they need to get everything in order to be able to purchase a home.

Please continue to pray for them as they continue to adjust and deal with culture shock and language learning. Pray for their oldest son who will be starting school here very soon.

**Praise!** This summer, I was able to really focus in on getting my driver's license here in Sweden, and by the end of July, I passed the tests required. I was also able to purchase a vehicle. A huge thanks again to everyone who helped provide for this need by giving last summer. I know of at least one girl in particu-

lar who gave of her birthday money specifically so that I would be able to get a car. I think of her kind sacrifice often when I go to drive. God can certainly use anybody, regardless of age. A big thank you to this young lady!

God met this need at just the right time! It has already been a huge help and blessing for the ministry here.



A 2005 Honda CR-V

### Outreach

I have been able to finish handing out tracts to all the mailboxes in both Vaggeryd-Skillingaryd. I look forward to further tract distribution/outreach with new brochures. We have had some minor pushback from a man in one of these communities, but we have also received some positive feedback and interest from others in the area. We continue moving forward for the sake of the Gospel.

I have had some very good opportunities to sit down with people and just share the Gospel with them. I visited with one woman for a few hours straight the other week, discussing questions she had concerning teachings from God's Word. Please pray for M.

One of the ladies who comes to my English lessons is an atheist, but we have had some good conversations centered on the Gospel. The latest conversation was just this week. She brought up a bunch of questions, and I was again able to share the Gospel with her. She isn't too interested (in fact, she consid-

ers it a good thing she grew up in a communist country that allowed her to avoid growing up under "religion"), but she is still curious and open to talk about things. Pray for I.

I have also had many good opportunities for one-on-one Biblical counseling. I absolutely love the chances I have to sit down with someone and share God's Word with them. I love being able to pray with people. Please pray for C. I have met with her for Bible study/prayer often, and she is currently in the hospital.

I still enjoy visiting the nursing home. I have been able to visit with I. and read the Bible with her. Also, a neighbor of mine has moved into the nursing home near us, and we have been able to visit with him often.

Please continue to pray for my Bible Club gals. They are 14 now, and it has been harder as they aren't as interested in spiritual things. They were gone a lot during the summer for vacations (a very common thing here in Sweden!), so I have had to re-organize/re-think my plans a bit. Two of the girls have actually chosen to go through confirmation—one through the Swedish church and one through an ecumenical church in the community. They've just started, and I'm hoping to be able to use discussions about what they're learning to point them once again to the Gospel. I love these girls. Please keep them in your prayers!

Thanks for your continued faithfulness in prayer for the ministry here in Sweden! Thanks for your encouragement and your support! You are greatly appreciated! God bless!

For Christ Alone,  
 Melissa Carlson  
 Jer. 32:27

### Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

How are you doing? I'm doing well! I'm happy that my allergies haven't been bothering me much at all this summer. That's a huge praise! I also have enjoyed having a car of my very own.

Sure, my human says it's hers, but I know the truth! :)

I still love visiting people! I'm sad my human can't smuggle me into the hospital, though. I miss C. But my human can go visit her, so that's good at least. I do get to go to the nursing

home, though! All the people like to pet me. I like going there.

Well, I gotta take a nap now. It's raining outside. That's good sleeping weather! Have a great fall!

Your Pal,  
 Riley

