

Spring 2022



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A Buddhist temple in a nearby community.



People need the Lord!

Prayer Requests:

- Ministries of Smålands Baptistförsamling
- Sixt family—furlough starting this June
- For opportunities to reach out to refugees coming from Ukraine
- Brochures—writing/distribution
- Neighborhood Outreach—Pray for S, M, B, G
- Traveling Bible clubs: Pray for L., A. and I.
- Childrens' "radio theater" series on the Fruit of the Spirit
- Bible studies—weekly Bible studies with K. / Other more informal Bible studies with another neighbor
- An unspoken prayer request

Dear Praying Friends,

Psalms 61:2 says, "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Everything going on in the world right now can truly leave one feeling more than a little overwhelmed. I'm so thankful that we can turn to God. He is truly our shelter and strong tower, our rock. We can leave all our burdens with Him.

I'm sure many of you are already praying about the situation in Ukraine right now. Europe is receiving millions of refugees, and Sweden is predicting to have taken in around 300,000 total refugees by this fall. Please pray for opportunities for us to be able to be a help and a blessing and a witness to these people coming into our communities.

Sweden has been on a more heightened alert with

all that is happening in Ukraine. There has been an increase in military presence/training operations. The government has asked the public to be extra vigil. It is not an unusual thing for Russian military planes or submarines to enter (without permission) Swedish air/water territory (even before the war in Ukraine) - and planes have been spotted in Swedish airspace within the past few weeks. While there is no real immediate threat to Sweden, a lot of people here are on edge.

All of this has provided open doors for sharing the hope of Christ with people, particularly in my neighborhood. I had a good opportunity to witness to a man recently as he brought up all the worries and uncertainties around us. Please pray for G—and for the others we have been able to share Christ with in recent days.

Please pray also as we continue work on our Fruit of the Spirit drama/musical series for kids.

Pray for our brochure/tract outreach ministry, especially as we move into the Easter season.

Also, I was able to start our new traveling Bible club this month (March). We wanted to start last month, but the kids kept getting sick, so we had to wait a bit. But please pray for the girls I'm able to do the club with—and for the potential to do other clubs in other areas.

Thank you for praying for us here in Sweden. You are very much appreciated. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I pray for you as well. May God bless you in your service to Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27



Riley helping me distribute brochures! :)

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

Guess what?! We have had a lot of sunshine the past few weeks! I have enjoyed the longer days and the opportunities to sit outside in the sun with friends and neighbors. It's so fun when spring is on the way—though, I guess it's supposed to

be colder for a while again. It even snowed some today. But that's okay. That's usually how it is this time of year. Spring will be here eventually! :)

Please keep praying for us! And if you think of it, please pray for my paws. I have bad allergies, and it's always worse when the pollen comes

out! Please pray that my paws won't be too itchy!

I hope you all will have a super great week!

Your Pal,

Riley



A very dear neighbor

