

Prayer Requests:

- Ministries of Smålands Baptistförsamling
- Sixt family—furlough, traveling July 8th
- Please pray for the family of L who passed away suddenly very recently.
- Summer Neighborhood Coffee outreach
- Fruit of the Spirit kids' series work
- Ladies' Bible study/outreach activity in July
- Traveling Bible club
- Brochure writing/distribution
- Pray for E, S/M, G, B, M, A
- Please keep praying for J and L (Bible club girls). I have had more contact with J lately!
- An unspoken

Dear Praying Friends,

I hope your summer is off to a good start!

Summer here has been one of beginnings and endings: the celebration of a friend's son's graduation on one hand, and the sad passing of a neighbor on the other.

Through it all is the constant reminder that life is continually moving forward. Our earthly life is fleeting; eternity is long. People need the Lord!

Please pray for the family of my neighbor L. L grew up in a Christian home, but she very much rejected the faith she was raised in. I know that that is a hard thing for her sister at this time. It's definitely a hard loss at the passing of one who seems to have totally rejected Christ.

Please pray as well for B at this time, who was a close friend of L. She grew up in a similar situation to L, and has also been fairly against talking about the things of God in the past. But she really seems to be softening as of late. (She has even indicated that she is interested in coming to a ladies' Bible study activity we are planning for this month.) Please pray that

the Lord would continue to do a work in her heart.

Please be in prayer for our summer ministries. We started our Thursday summer coffee times in my neighborhood today. We had a good number of people come by!

I was also encouraged by a positive response to an upcoming ladies' Bible study activity. Please pray that people will come! J's (Bible club teen) mom and little sister are now planning to come as well. Please pray for this opportunity to further reach out to the ladies' in my neighborhood.

Please pray for the Sixts as they travel back to the USA for a furlough. There has been some travel uncertainties for them regarding the airline and possible strikes. Please pray for everything to work out well without further complications. They are now planning to fly out on July 8th. I'm sure they would appreciate the prayers! And please keep us in your prayers as well as we continue with church ministries/outreach while the Sixts are stateside. Pray for Kristian Oskarsson as he leads our church ser-

vices during this time.

Please continue to also pray for our work with the Fruit of the Spirit series for kids. I am enjoying working with the characters (Felix the mouse, his cousin Patrik and their friends—such as Charlie the hedgehog and Kajsa the Jackdaw)! Lord willing, we will be able to start some recording in the fall! Please continue to pray that this project will be an effective tool in reaching children and their families with the Gospel!

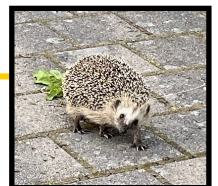
Thanks so much again for your prayers! And thank you for your faithfulness in support which allows me to remain here in Sweden. You are much appreciated and a tremendous blessing to me.

Thank you for encouraging my heart.

I pray for you as well! Please let me know if you have something specific I can pray with you about.

May God bless you in your service to Him this summer!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27



Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

How are you doing? I hope you are having a great summer so far!

We have had a few really hot days in the past week. I don't like the heat so much.

On the positive side, I have a new hedgehog friend! We have seen him around in the evenings, and he even came pretty close to me a couple of times! I was so annoyed that my human wouldn't let me go up to him. But every night, I still watch and wait

and hope for him to come out just the same!

Have a great summer!

Your Pal,
Riley

