

Winter 2022

Swedenbound



Christmas tract

A snowy day for tract distribution!

Dear Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying a great December so far. What a wonderful time to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ! In all of the busyness of the season, may we never forget the One we celebrate. May Christ always be kept at the center of Christmas.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for the ministry here in Sweden!

K continues to come regularly to church. We are so thankful for that, and it is encouraging to see growth in her life! Please keep praying for her.

We were also encouraged by some extra visitors who came to our harvest fellowship/service in November. A neighbor who joined us for that service is also planning to come with me and K. to our Christmas program this coming Sunday(18th). Please pray for these opportunities. And please pray for growth for our church.

A Praise! We were finally able to get our meeting room back after

a very long time without due to construction projects in my area. As of Thanksgiving day, we have been able to resume our weekly coffee times! Last week we were also able to use the room for a ladies' meeting/craft time/Bible time. This time with the ladies was fun and encouraging! Five ladies came.

The focus was Christmas. We worked on Christmas crafts, and I was able to share the Gospel with the ladies. The theme was "Emmanuel: God with Us."

As far as the meeting room, the plan going forward is basically to continue with our Thursday coffee times, but take one Thursday a month to spend some extra time focusing on Scripture and doing some type of activity or craft with the ladies. Please pray that people will continue to come, that we will continue to have opportunities to share Christ through these many interactions, and that we will continue to have access to this fellowship room. There is a chance they will "repurpose" the room again in the spring, so we will have to wait and see. Please pray that we will make good use of the

time we have!

Please pray for our Christmas outreach! We have a new Christmas brochure that we are handing out/putting in mailboxes: "Jesus, the Light of the World". Please pray for people to be responsive to the Gospel!

And please continue to pray for our "Fruit of the Spirit" project work. There have been some set backs with getting some of the recordings done, but we are still moving forward. Please continue to pray for Kristian's health! Lord willing, we will be able to get the first episode finished very soon! Thank you for your prayers for this project!

Thank you so much again for all of your prayers and encouragement and support! I appreciate all the extra notes and expressions of care and encouragement that I have received! Thank you so much.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Prayer Requests:

- Ministries of Smålands Baptistförsamling
- Sixt family on furlough
- Brochure/tract outreach
- Neighborhood outreach opportunities; weekly coffee times/monthly women's meetings
- Fruit of the Spirit project recording work— pray for Kristian's health needs
- Bible studies/Bible club opportunities
- Praise! An unspoken request has been answered! Thanks for praying!
- Pray for G, E, S/M, B and teenagers J/L

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

How are you all doing? I'm doing well! I'm enjoying the cold weather we have been having, and I really like the snow! My human calls me her little "isbjörn" (polar bear). I'm not sure she likes things as cold in the house as I do! Haha! Probably why she just gave me another haircut—again!!! O well, I still like it cold!

I have continued to enjoy following along with my human when she goes on visits or when she distributes brochures/tracts! I just like being with!

I even enjoyed singing along with the kids when they were singing "Away in the Manger" the other day. I don't know why my human told me to be quiet. I thought I was doing a good job. I figured that if the cattle were "lowing" then why couldn't I be a part of it all too?

Anyway, have a very Merry Christmas!

Your Pal,

Riley

