

Prayer Requests:

- The ministries of Smålands Baptistförsamling
- Kristian and Yuli's neighbors— for their salvation
- Isak—for encouragement as some of his friends are giving him a hard time for his faith
- Neighborhood outreach opportunities: Thursday coffee times, Bible studies, Ladies' meetings
- Brochures writing/distribution (a couple of new ones completed), Fruit of the Spirit and other music/writing projects
- J/L are now 18!! I don't have as much contact with them these days as they are growing up and out and about more. I've had more contact with J. She cuts my hair, which gives us a chance to talk. :) Pray for these girls' salvation!
- Pray for N, G, J, L, B, G for salvation
- Riley's health



A gift from a neighbor—a drawing of Riley!



Cash and Riley

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

I hope everyone is having a good summer! I think that it's way too hot here these days! I'm not a big fan of the heat. But my human got me a cooling mat to lie on—plus my own little fan that helps me keep cool! Also, my bestest

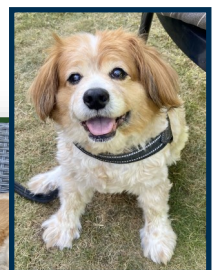
neighbor friend also lets me sleep on her balcony sofa sometimes when the sun is shining on my balcony. Her balcony has shade at that time of day! :) I let my human and her visit and drink coffee and sometimes do Bible study together while I enjoy the shade!

I also want to thank everyone for praying for me and my health. So many have been an encouragement and help! I have good days and bad days. Just pray for my human to have wisdom to make the right decisions for me at the right times. This isn't easy for her.

Thanks for all the love and prayers! I love you all too!

Hugs,

Riley



A bridge in Jönköping, a view while playing marches in town with my community band



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Dear Praying Friends,

I hope everyone is off to a good start to the summer! It has been particularly warm and sunny here, and, while I enjoy the long day-light hours, we could sure use more rain.

Neighborhood Ministries:

Our monthly ladies' meetings have been an encouragement to me. It's such a blessing to be able to share from God's Word with the ladies who come. Pray especially for B. I asked prayer for her in my last letter as her partner had just passed away. I see God continuing to do a work in her heart. She even invited me and another neighbor to join her for a hymn sing and hamburger grill event at a small church in the community where her partner was buried. A close family friend of hers is a part of the church and had invited her. I was able to visit with her friend. She is a believer, and was it was encouraging to get to spend some time talking with her about

the need for the Gospel in Sweden.

Also, at the last ladies' meeting, B got involved in the discussion as we talked about faith and the peace of God. She grew up in a Christian home, so she knows a great deal about God and the Bible, but she has been resistant talking about such things in the past. I see her opening up more and more. Please pray for her salvation!

We also have our Thursday coffee times. Now that it's summer, we meet outside. As a result, more people tend to drop by. Please pray for opportunities to deepen relationships and open doors for further conversations about Christ and the Gospel.


I have been able to get to know a few more neighbors through contact with other neighbors I know. Recently, I was able to have a conversation with two guys N and G. I was sitting outside with Riley and a couple of other neighbor ladies when N/G

came over to say hello. At some point the two of them started talking about their past drinking habits, and N rightly guessed that I don't drink. Pretty soon the conversation turned to priests he knew who drank and his own off/on relationship with religion and church, which led to a good opportunity to share the Gospel. Please continue to pray for my neighbors!

Thank you so much again for your faithful participation in the ministry here, both financially and prayerfully. I greatly appreciate your partnership and involvement. Your prayers and encouragement mean the world to me. Thank you for everything.

I pray for you as well, and I wish you all the best in your continued service to God this summer!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Princesses at church! :) 

K and Riley at Bible study

