



Dear Praying Friends,

The past three months have truly had their ups and downs, but through it all, God has shown Himself faithful.

As many of you have seen on Facebook, my dear friend and neighbor Birgitta passed away in April. I miss her so much. She was a very special friend. She would have turned 87 in May. She and I enjoyed many a conversation and coffee time together. She was an encourager, and she loved discussing God's Word. I'm so thankful that she was a believer, and I look forward to seeing her again someday in heaven! In these days following her passing, God has given many good opportunities to share the hope of Christ with friends and neighbors.

Please pray for open, receptive hearts and continued open doors.

Prayer Requests:

- The ministries of Smålands Baptistförsamling
- Summer outreach help - Nathan Carlson, July 3-22 / a mission team from Open Door Baptist Church of Troutdale, OR July 31-August 8th
- Summer Sports and Bible club for kids August 3-5th
- Bible studies/Other neighborhood outreach - Thursday coffee times
- Writing projects

Printing

I was able to finish my newest brochure, *Wonderful Grace*, and it is now printed and ready to go for the summer. Please pray that hearts will be open to the Gospel.

I also printed copies of the first 4 Felix books to be used for summer ministry. Please pray that they will be a blessing and an encouragement to families.



Summer Outreach

We are definitely looking forward to this summer. My cousin Nathan is coming on July 3rd to help us out for a few weeks. I'm thankful for his willingness to come and help prepare for the mission team arriving later in July, as well as to participate in other projects and outreach opportunities. Please pray for his travels and for his time here.

The mission team from Oregon is coming at the end of July. Please pray for all the details to continue to fall into place and for their travels. We look forward to having them participate in our Sunday service August 2nd and in other outreach opportunities throughout the week. We are planning a 3-day sports/Bible club for the kids, to be held in the gym where we often meet for church. We also look forward to having them join my local Thursday coffee time. Several of the young people play instruments, and I'm excited to have them get involved in this local outreach. We are also hoping to be able to cover some good ground distributing brochures in mailboxes in neighboring communities.

Bible study

After Birgitta passed away, I wasn't sure if anyone else was going to want to continue with our ladies' Bible study. But thankfully, B. wanted to keep going. She even invited me to come and lead the study in her home. She has continued to be open and responsive. U. has also joined us for Bible study for the past three weeks, and that has been an encouragement to see!

Please continue to pray as well for L. She has been studying hard for some major exams, so she hasn't been able to meet the past several weeks. Please pray that we can meet again soon for discipleship/Bible study together.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!
Your care is so very much appreciated.
May God richly bless you in your ministry to Him this summer!
For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27