

swedenbound

Dear Praying Friends,

It's nice to be back home in Sweden again! My furlough in the States went well, but after visiting 28 churches, covering 24 states and 2 coasts, and driving over 13,000 miles, it's good to be home and in one place for a while!

Thank you so much for all of your prayers for me as I've been traveling! I don't take for granted the safety God has granted through the many hours spent on the road. I praise Him for that!

I enjoyed being able to be with so many of you these past months! I greatly appreciate the encouragement and blessing you have been to me! Thanks for praying for us and the ministry here in Sweden!

It has been exciting to get back into the swing of things. My first week home, we were able to hold a neighborhood coffee time, and 13 people came, including my Bible club gals! We also had a ladies' Bible study and Bible club this past week. I've even had another girl from the area express interest in coming out to Bible club in the near future! Please pray for L. She has come to Bible club in the

Prayer Requests:

- Church Plant Work—getting things started
- Don and Beverly Sixt—preparing to come and join us! Pray for them as their twins are due to come this week!
- Bible Club Ministries: Pray for L, J and E
- Neighborhood Outreach
- New Tract/Pamphlet Project

past when she was younger, but it has been a while. I'm praying that she'll be able to join us soon!

We are planning an activity/ice cream sundae party for the kids here in the next week. Pray that we can have good outreach with that.

We are excited about moving forward with the new church plant. Please pray for us to have wisdom as we look into and begin the process! And pray that Don and Beverly Sixt will have no problems getting their visas so that they might be able to join us and lead in this new church plant soon. I am very much looking forward to working with them!

Thank you again for your support and your prayers—for investing in this ministry. May God be glorified, and may souls come to Christ!

Have a great week!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson
Jer. 32:27

Riley's Corner

Dear Friends,

I'm glad to be back home again! I sure missed my neighborhood friends, and there is so much to sniff and see and catch up on in my area here!

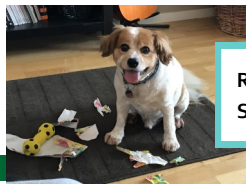
I had a lot of fun in the USA, though! My grandma and grandpa took real good care of me while my human was out traveling. They took me on car rides and even got me McDonalds drive-thru hamburgers from time to time! My human says I'm spoiled. I figure that that's just how it should be! :)

The flight home went well, even though I do hate to be separated from my human on the plane. Thankfully, she freed me from my crate once we got to Stockholm! I even got to take the subway and 2 other trains home to Jönköping! I had fun, but I was sure tired by the end of the day. I guess I was even snoring pretty loudly while sleeping on one of the trains home! I think my human was tired too—probably from carrying all of her stuff and mine! Thankfully, we found nice people on the trains that could help us get my big crate on and off! :)

Jet lag is no fun. I don't think my human likes it either—especially when she has to wake up and take me on a walk and feed me and play with me in the middle of the night! I'm all back on the right time now, though!

Thanks for praying for us!

Your Pal,
Riley



Riley got a welcome home gift from a pal here in Sweden!