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Spring 2017

Prayer Requests:

- our regular ministry opportunities: Bible clubs, Neighborhood coffee times, etc.
- Unsaved: G, G, B, I, C, I
- The church here, for Pastor Ron
- Don and Beverly Sixt on deputation to Sweden
- Nursing home ministry
- Kids' Musical that I'm writing
- Unspoken Request
- My trip to the US—flying out April 11th (Riley too!)

“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

- 1 Thess. 5:24

Dear Praying Friends,

Happy Spring! We've had a really mild winter this year, but it is always nice to see the sunshine again!

Thank you all so much for your continued prayers and support!

I'm so thankful for all of the opportunities for outreach and evangelism. We hosted a coffee time for my neighbors a couple of weeks ago (something we do once a month) and 5 older ladies came—3 for the first time. We were able to talk about a lot of different things. A couple of these ladies have been really closed to the Gospel, but the conversations were eye-opening. Please keep these folks in your prayers!

I was able to visit a former neighbor who is currently living in a nearby nursing home. It was a blessing to be able to spend time with her. Please pray for G. I'm supposed to go visit her again this week!

I am also praying about visiting a few other nursing homes in other neighboring communities as well. It's such a great way to be able to reach out to folks and share the hope that we have in Christ.

I have enjoyed the times I've had with the kids in the neighborhood. There haven't been a lot of kids out to the Bible club times the past couple of weeks, but I have had other opportunities to chat with them. The other day I was out with Riley and a couple of little girls wanted Riley to come swing with them. It was one of those big swings that can hold a few people at a time. They climbed on and Riley sat on their laps (I think he actually enjoyed it, oddly enough!). While I was chatting with them, one of the girls started singing the song “Jesus kärlek är så underbar” (“Jesus' Love is Very Wonderful”). She remembered it from Bible club! It was just another open door

for sharing the Gospel with the kids around here!

That same little girl was over at my place last week and was looking at a crown of thorns I had made out of clay and toothpicks as an illustration. I again had the opportunity to share about what Christ did for us on the cross.

Please keep praying for this ministry and these precious kids!

I am planning on being back in Watertown, WI for a short furlough. Please pray for me as I fly out on April 11th! I'm looking forward to being with my parents for Easter!

Thanks again for your prayers!

May God bless you all in your service to Him!

For Christ Alone,
Melissa Carlson

Jer. 32:27

Riley's Corner

Hej Friends!

How are you guys doing? I'm happy because it's spring!! And the people in my neighborhood finally got rid of all the gravel they've been throwing out on the sidewalks all winter!! It's much easier on the paws now!

I love to go visiting! I got to go to the nursing home and I got to go to Huskvarna to visit an older lady from the church who can't get out to services because of her health. And I love to go visit the neighbors around here! One lady even gave me a

waffle!

I love the kids too—even if the babies scare me a bit! (They like to pull my ears, you know!) I even went on a swing with a couple of kids! It was fun, even if I was a bit skeptical at first. In the end, I really didn't want to get off!

I hope you all have a great spring! Enjoy the flowers and the sunshine—and even the rain (though, honestly, I don't care much for rain myself!)

Your Pal,
Riley

