



Dear Pastors, Churches, and Praying Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family and ministry. November and December are dark, cold, and wet months here in Sweden. But there is a certain warmth that comes with the season as well. The Swedish word for "cozy" is "mysigt," and is probably the best way to describe the mood that comes with this time of year. Nearly every window in every occupied building, including places of business, is decorated with candles or a star. Because there is only about six hours of daylight during the winter solstice, these lights make for a pretty view as you drive through the city and countryside. During this Christmas season, our church here in Sweden will be spending four weeks revisiting the first coming of Christ, looking into both the Old Testament and the New Testament to study the birth of Jesus. I have been trying to implement a bit more Swedish when I speak, including reading from the Swedish Bible. ***My hope and prayer is that my language abilities can greatly enhance in 2021. My language studies are much more consistent and beneficial now that I am in language school again.***

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Swedish for Immigrants (SFI), the Swedish language course provided free-of-charge to all people immigrating to Sweden, utilizes a series of national tests to gauge the progress of the students' language abilities. There are four courses in the program. I (Don) recently passed the third course and will be beginning the fourth and final course after the turn of the year. Once the final course is completed, I can enroll in the next program, which is called Swedish as a Second Language. ***I am hopeful to finish the final SFI course by March, which is the next time the national tests will be offered. Please pray that all of these things would produce competence and fluency in the Swedish language.***

With 2020 coming to a swift end, it seems only natural to reflect back on the year that the Lord has given us. For many, this year has been met with a series of unexpected challenges, many of them stemming from the current global pandemic. Some have had friends and/or family members pass on to glory. For our family, the travel restrictions has been one of the greatest challenges this year. Beverly's uncle passed away in May and her grandmother just passed away a few weeks ago in early November. The current guidelines for air travel make it very difficult to take trips back home. In addition to this, it is currently not possible for our family to travel to us. Lord-willing, the current situation will soon subside and the restrictions will be lifted. Either way, we are thankful for our time here in Scandinavia and are grateful to serve the Lord where we are.

Yours in Christ,

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