

Dear pastors, churches, and praying friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry. March and April have passed and we can look back with thanksgiving for our Lord's sustaining grace. We are doing well and feel as though we are beginning to have a little more clarity as to how we can move forward in Sweden in a manner that is conducive for our family. How we approach our children's education while abroad has been a great concern for us and something that we have not been silent about in our letters. In the best way we know how, we have given this to the Lord and are simply trusting Him alone for the wellbeing of our children and their futures. That being said, we have reached out to school administrators, education professionals, and several different schools throughout Sweden in an effort to learn more about their processes and capabilities. It appears to us that what we need, and what we feel is best for our children, is offered and can be provided in Sweden. Nevertheless, I (Don) am planning to take a trip to Sweden in May/June to personally speak with a couple different schools. Some particulars need to be known before we go back on a long-term basis.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

That our son Laban (currently in 2nd grade) would be admitted into an International English School. Laban has grown leaps and bounds during this school year. He is extremely bright and has a strong desire to learn. He absolutely loves school and enjoys learning new things. We are very grateful to our home church for helping us get him enrolled in our church's Christian school. It has been a real blessing. We strongly desire to see him continue his education in English when in Sweden. The great thing is that he will also be taught Swedish.

That Landon (currently in 3rd grade) would continue to develop educationally. It is Landon that requires a little bit more help in school. He has made significant strides this school year. He attended his first three years of school in Sweden, and in Swedish. We truly appreciated the school there, and his teachers were just fantastic; but the truth of the matter is that, from an academic standpoint, he was nearly three grade levels behind when we returned to the United States. Most children will probably pick up on languages with little problem and only a minor delay. But this will not be the case for all children. It is simply something that we cannot and will not repeat going back. Please pray for wisdom and a clear open door for Landon's education.

That we would know what to do and how and when to do it. Our hope is to not only live in Sweden, but thrive there as a family. It won't come without its challenges, but we certainly want to mitigate those as much as possible, especially with it heavily involving our children.

Concerning this upcoming trip that I am planning to Sweden, it will cost somewhere in the range of \$4,000-5,000. I know that I will be visiting the Stockholm area, as well as Gothenburg. There are a couple of schools that I would like to meet with in these locations. If you would like to aid us at all in these expenses, I can assure you that the funds would go directly to travel costs. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

We have been able to travel a little bit the past couple of months and give updates on our life and ministry. It has been really nice to see people that we have not seen in quite a long time. Your grace and encouragement has spoke volumes.

May the Lord richly bless you,

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