

Dear Pastors, churches, and praying friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family and ministry. We are doing well. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us and for His continual protection and supply. In July, I (Don) took a two-week trip to Sweden. In my opinion, it was very profitable. I am very glad that I was able to go. While there, I visited a church in Gothenburg called Gothenburg International Baptist Church. It is a younger church with a very diverse congregation. There were several nations represented. The service was very sweet and the Word of God was faithfully preached. After the service, me and one of the pastors grabbed a bite to eat together. It was very encouraging being able to share our experiences of living and ministering in Sweden. For me specifically, it was an opportunity to ask several questions and glean from somebody that had been doing this longer than I have. But just seeing a congregation of believers worship together and praise the Lord together was a tremendous blessing in and of itself. The world is certainly not in favor of God or His people. And Sweden is well-known for leading in secular thought and ideals. But this body of believers met and worshipped and opened God's Word unashamedly in a city park for any passerby to hear and potentially stay and join in. It was a blessed time.

One of the highlights of my trip to Sweden was being able to spend several hours with one of our neighbors. His name is Lennart. He and his wife warmly welcomed me into their home for fika (a time of dessert and coffee). Afterwards, we sat and listened to some Christian music together. Lennart is battling some very serious health issues currently. But his faith in God is very strong and it was a real blessing to listen to him speak about the Lord and His faithfulness. Please remember Lennart and his family in your prayers.

When I returned from the trip, I received an email from an International English School near Gothenburg stating that our second son, Laban, had been granted admission into their school. Obviously, school has already started and we do not currently have visas to enter the country. But the fact that he was finally accepted was very exciting. He will remain at the very top of the waiting list, so his position in the queue should not be affected while we apply and wait for visas. This specific school is also one of only a few in all of Sweden that offers English education all the way through 12th grade. So we were overjoyed to receive the good news that he had been accepted into their school.

So it is now time for our family to begin drafting paperwork for our visa application. When we did this in early 2019, we only waited about three months to receive them. But the wait time has fluctuated ever since the covid pandemic and the current war taking place in the Ukraine. But regardless of the timeframe, I am intending on making a couple of trips to Sweden while everything processes. We will be sure to try and keep you posted on our status as we go forward.

Again, we truly appreciate your prayers for our family and ministry.

May God's grace be with you,

Don & Beverly Sixt



