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What a Journey it is with God!!

Hey Everyone!

Well the month of May was very busy, exciting and full of adventure. I have been encouraged by three wonderful Canadians this month Bev Jones, my sister Karen and her friend Kim. Bev came to visit me the last 2 weeks of May and my sister came June 3rd and left on the 9th.

Once again, it is amazing how supported I feel by those at home! Thank you so much to all of you who sent greetings and gifts!

Many of you may wonder what life is like here with YWAM. This newsletter will focus on an interview with BEV! Hope that this helps you to get a better perspective of what life is like here in Sweden!

What has Bev learned about YWAM Restenäs?



Q: What has been a highlight?

A: The rain... he he he. I'd say that one highlight was the Fika breaks; we would call it coffee break. Here in Sweden at 10:30 a.m. work stops and people meet together for a coffee and a chat. While I was at Fika, I had an opportunity to meet many different people. In fact, it seemed that every time I turned around I was meeting a new person. I was struck by the fact that the base is multigenerational and filled with people doing many different ministries such as the Mobilization Team, The School of Biblical Studies, The Korean culture team, the Maintenance team, The Live Production Team, the Communications Department and much more.

I have been impressed by how disciplined everyone has been. People get up every day and go to work, just like me. At the same time they still work together as a community, which is something quite unique.

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Another highlight has been gaining an understanding of what Heather is doing in Sweden and the value of her learning the language. When Heather left, her vision was to encourage people and I understand how



Here you see Bev waxing one of the missionaries on the base.

important it is for her to understand and speak the language in order to encourage Swedes. The number of people that I have met who have been encouraged by Heather has impressed me.

I also enjoyed ministering to other missionaries on the base by providing them with some aesthetic pampering. While at Restenäs I was the waxing queen! The girls really appreciated the pampering, and I loved encouraging them in this small way.

Finally, I'd have to say that a highlight was going to school with Heather and driving a white volvo in Sweden.

Q: What is important for people to know about what Heather is involved in?

A: On top of your struggle to learn and new language, make new friends and adapt to a new culture, you also have the same day-to-day issues that all of us struggle with. So if people are wondering what to pray about, pray for Heather's daily life. I found it challenging here. Heather lives in one room and doesn't have the luxury of her own bathroom, showers or kitchen. Everything is shared here. Living in community is fantastic but it has its challenges!

Reaching the world in Sweden!



While attending SFI (Swedish for Immigrants), I met a special young woman named Fahia. She is a refugee from Somalia, living in Sweden without a family to love or care for her. I have become friends with her and we have hung out quite a few times. While my sister was here, she invited us to share a Somali lunch with her. She made us quite the feast and after lunch she asked if she could teach us to dance. Of course dancing Somali style requires the proper clothes. So she dressed us up and taught us some moves. We had a great

time together and I was struck by the fact that I was in Sweden doing the very things I've done on outreach. It is amazing that God has brought the world to me through my SFI classes! In one way, I've been

able to embrace the immigrants more than on the typical 'outreach' because I too am an immigrant!

Pray for ...

- *My Somali friend named Fahia. It is my prayer that she would find the true unconditional love, the kind of love that changes hearts.*
- *Focus and balance: As I've said before, there are many good things to do on this base, but I desire to keep focused on what God has called me to do. Sounds easy, but it's not...I need lots of help!*
- *My time at home to be a time of refreshment and meaningful reconnecting!*

IN CANADA!!: I'll be home July 7th to August 7th! Please e-mail me if you would like to set-up a special time to meet me. I will be in London from July 22nd to the 30th and the remainder of the time I will be in the York Region Area.



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