



Astrid's News

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“...but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” Romans 5:3-5

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Please pray for:

- As I transition back into Swedish society pray that I will remain close to my Father.
- Courage as I speak to the people at school to get a placement.
- Gods will to be done this fall and that I will know what to do if God has other plans than Nursing School.

Back in Sweden

Again I am writing you from Sweden. I have been here now two-and-a-half months and should have written this newsletter long ago. My apologies for this delay and for the silence from my side. There is a lot to write about but I am not sure how to put it into words. It is strange and good and sad to be back in Sweden all together. It is great to spend time

with family and old friends. But I do miss India. My last weeks in India were packed with traveling to my former leaders' wedding, Margriet and Temjen in Guwahati, North-East India. I had the privilege of taking some of the pictures at the wedding. I also went to visit friends in the far North (West) India in

the Himalaya's. That was a great blessing. Otherwise I had things to finish off and try to get all my earthly belongings back to Sweden. It was hard to say goodbye to India and to the dear friends that I have made these past two years there, not knowing when I will be able to come back again.

Thank You!

Here is a small tribute to all the wonderful people that have supported me these past five years. It is something like what people put on their music album or in their book thanking the people who made this all possible. There are too many people to name. But I really want to begin with thanking my dear Friend and Lord Jesus! Without Him I would not even have gone to India. He has been so faithful. Teaching me so many valueable lessons on

especially perseverance (see the scripture above). He has been faithful in providing my every need, with strength, finances, friends and so much more. Thank you Jesus! I also want to thank all my wonderful friends in India that I have had the privilege of working together with, they have been amazing in every way. I also want to thank my support group back in Holland: Esther, Tjikke, Daniëlle, Henny and Mirjam. Thank you for your faithful prayers!

Thank you to all those who have supported me financially, not mentioning any names but you know who you are: your reward will be great in Heaven! Thank you to all those prayer warriors: through your prayers I have been sustained. Thank you all for being a part of this amazing journey that He didn't just want to bring me on but that you have been able to be a part of as well! THANK YOU!!



July- August: Working at an old-peoples home.

19-26 August: small trip to Holland

September: Start Nursing School (hopefully)

CHECK OUT MY UPDATED WEBSITE

Pictures: *left:* me with the John kids: Sam, Sarah, Mimi and Jakey, you are great friends, thanks guys!

Below: left: out with a friend to an old fort, middle: a beautiful baby in Jasola, right: some of my fellow staff on our 30+h trainride to Margriets wedding

Bottom page: left: mountains in North (West) India, middle: my dad in my kitchen making black current juice, right: Harald (brother), Natalie and myself eating

makrill sandwiches!

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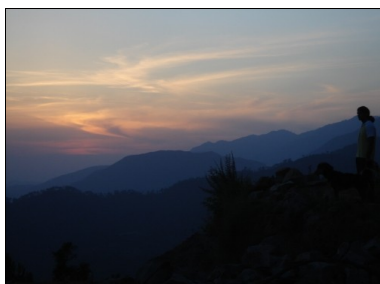
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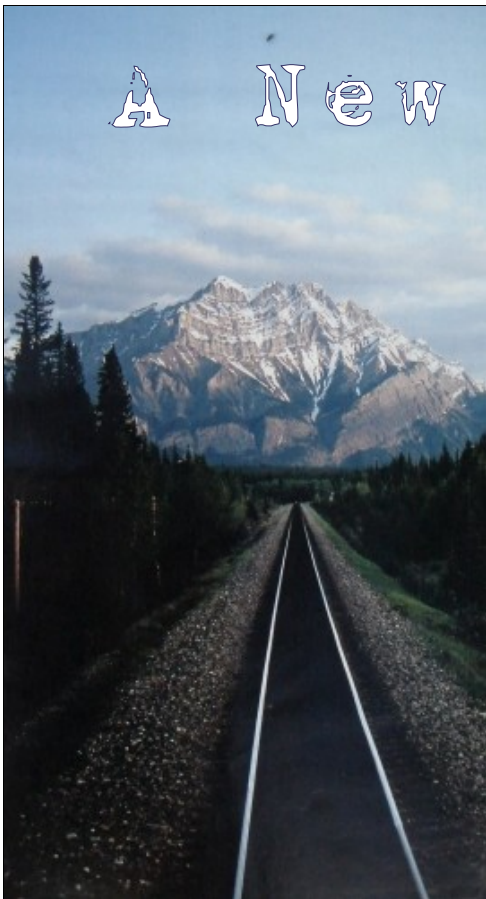
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Testimony

I want to tell one of the many small ways that God provided for my apartment and through this again and again showing His great love for me. There was a weekend a couple of weeks ago where I was thinking several times that it would be so good to have an ironing board. I already had an iron that I had gotten from my grandpa a long time ago. I also thought that an iron board maybe wasn't something really neccessary but just practical. The next monday when I went to work I saw that there was a new iron board there. I asked somebody where the old one and they said it would probably be thrown out. So I asked my boss if I could get the old one and I could. It made me so happy that God had given me something that I maybe didn't really need but something that I wanted in a wonderful way. I didn't even asked for it prayer but He knew how to bless me. Doesn't that put a smile on your face? God wants to bless you today in a special way to say that you are special to Him.





A New

Chapter...

This picture is taken from my journal from my BAS (Birth Attendant School) in June 2004. I found this picture in a National Geographic and the thought that came with it has stuck with me. I was struggling a lot at the time to know what to do. God said that I should start taking the steps in what I knew I was supposed to do and that I than would know my next step. In this picture I can faintly see that the road is turning right but beyond that I can not see where the railtrack is going. But the mountain is very clear and can be seen from long distances. I believe that this mountain was India for me, not knowing where the road would lead me but that I should never loose India out of sight. Now I am starting to realise that this also might mean heaven. The road we don't know but God wants us to never loose our final destination, heaven, out of sight.



Right now I am again at a time of life where the road is turning and I am not sure where it is taking me.

These past five years I have spent in missions. First getting trained and then spending two years in India being able to fullfill a dream. Now a time in my life has come again to be equiped. Now I might have made it sound like going to Nursing School is something really spiritual and that is because it is. I really believe that God has led me back to Ljungskile, Sweden to do Nursing School. The thing is is that I didn't get accepted. My grades where too low, compared to other Swedes so I got onto a reserve list. Now I am planning to still try to get in by calling regularly and find out if anybody has dropped out of school. Please stand with me in prayer for this. August 27th the school will start and from than onwards I will have to be brave and bold in talking to the school officials...

This summer I have been working in an old-peoples home and I have really enjoyed that. One day I was going to work and than I realised I was looking forward to going to work. And than I remembered that I had prayed for me to enjoy my job and not just wait for time to pass. I haven't like working so much before. That was really encouraging. Now I live in my little appartment that my dad and brother built in my brother's basement. It became really nice, two rooms, kitchen, bathroom and shower. My brother and his wife have been such a blessing and it is great fun to have my nephews just pop in from time to time. I feel so blessed!



On an outing with my parents

This is my last newsletter until Christmas. From than onwards I don't know how often I will write this newsletter but I would still like you all be informed somewhat on my life.

*With love,
Astrid*