

Christmas letter 1999!

January 23, 2000

Dear friends,

A couple of weeks ago I wished a colleague of mine a happy new millennium. He looked at me and asked me if I did not know that they had made a mistake when they calculated which year we were in. After a while he continued to ask if I was a Jew, a Muslim or a Chinese because then the year we would be entering would not be 2000 but a completely different year or millennium. No matter what, I hope you had a good beginning of the new year.

The great joy of my life during the last year has been Christoffer. He has developed from a small little infant to an active little baby - 13 months old. Before he just stayed where you put him, now he is, to say the least, moving. He runs around in our apartment above the church trying to find all kind of things to investigate. The other day he found a button on my cordless phone and when he pushed it the phone rang. Today I was in my office, in the basement of the church, talking on the church phone when my private phone rang. When I answered it, there was no-one there.... I guess you can figure out the rest, Christoffer was practicing the skills he had learned the other day...

Last summer Edith, Christoffer and I went, among other things, on holiday 16 days to Romania to visit some relatives and friends. Unfortunately Edith suitcase, with her and Christoffers clothes, took a vacation at Budapest airport and disappeared totally. It was a different holiday when we had to borrow clothes for both Edith and Christoffer. If that was not enough, the water disappeared for us and the rest of the 500.000 inhabitants in Cluj most of the time when we were there, because of too much raining in the mountains. But, we should not complain too much. The weather was nice when we were there, around +38 C / 100 F, we saw almost a nice eclipse, and we ate fresh fruits like pears, apples, watermelons, apricots, peaches, etc all day long. We thought we would get the suitcase back after couple of days, but so far we have not seen it...

Not much has happened in our lives during the last year. Edith, who has had a Romanian driving license for 10 years, took her Swedish driving license just before New Year. I am really glad that I don't have to take mine all over again. Even if I have had a Swedish driving license for nearly 18 years, I still did not managed to get more than 50% correct answers on the written test, about the same score as some traffic police got when they took it! Either I have forgotten so much of the driving theory or....

I am still continuing my work as the senior pastor for Uppsala SDA church together with my work as the union youth director responsible for the pathfinder work in Sweden. These means that I spend some time at Västeräng, or SDA youth camp, every summer (www.Adventist.se/Vasternag). From one thing to another, there are some private pictures, mostly of Christoffer, on home.swipnet.se/edithnilsson and my private e-mail address is SPM.Nilsson@Swipnet.se In the end of this "Christmas" letter I would like to thank God for the year which has passed by and I am looking forward what is going to happen during the one we have in front of us. Take care and God bless.

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