

Dear friends,

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Time is flying by and it is time for me to write another Christmas letter. My mother, who celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in March, has always told me that time goes faster the older you get, and I tend to agree the older I get. ☺

In the beginning of June the whole family went on a two week holiday to Turkey. The days were filled with sunning, swimming, sight singing, diving, and just relaxing and having fun. We went to a place called Dalyan where we saw some turtles, had a mud bath, and enjoyed a whole day at sea. Of course we ate allot of fresh fruits and vegetables which all were delicious, compared to the imported ones we often get in Sweden.



This summer Alexander, 8 years old, attended his first own real camp at Västeräng. Alexander was in his own group with his friends from the south of Sweden and two other leaders. I was just helping out with all kind of things, mostly driving the speedboat for the water activities. Christoffer, 13 years old, was also at the camp doing the dishes. Not his favourite activity, to say the least, but he helped out around 3 hours/day, and the rest of the time he could do what ever he wanted. The week after, it was time for the camp for the older pathfinders. I had a group with 14 kids from the south of Sweden. Since Edith was working, Alexander had to stay with me sleeping in a tent all week long. I am amazed how well everything went. We had a wonderful time at Västeräng this year.

When we came back to Växjö we of course went down to visit my mother for some days. We took a trip to Denmark over the day and helped her with various things.

In august Edith and the kids went on there yearly trip to Transylvania to visit her parents and relatives. Her parents are still living at their little farm cultivating the land with some animals, although they are 82 and 84 years old. I hope I am just as well as they are when I get that old.



Alexander is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in a school nearby where we are living. He is enjoying school together with play chess with his friends. Christoffer is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He is starting to become a teenager – spending allot of time on the Internet/Facebook/YouTube and with friends. I try to go swimming once a week with them. Fun to play with the kids, but also good for the “old man” to get some exercise, besides biking to work each day.

This year I have written 10 worships in a daily devotional book called *Var morgon ny* [Each morning new] which has been published by the SDA church here in Sweden. I can sum up my worships with a verse from the Bible: “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!” (Eccl 12:8 NIV) except our faith in Jesus Christ. Take care and God bless!

/Peter Nilsson

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