

January 2014

Dear Friends,



It took me a while this year to write my yearly Christmas letter. I don't know why, it just did. But, what has happened during 2013? The easiest way for me to remember is to look at all our pictures. I guess we are not alone over taking more than 1000-pictures last year. On the other hand, how many of them have we developed? None! But, I have invested in a portable hard drive for backups...

When I look at the pictures from the last year, I see all the trips we have made, both inside Sweden and to other countries. In June it was time for the yearly pathfinder camp for Alexander, 10 years old, at Västeräng. Meeting friends and having fun for a week! Alexander is looking forward to it the whole spring and the rest of the year he talks about it. Christoffer, 15 years old, traveled to a teenager camp by himself this year at Västeräng. All we heard from him for a week was a short text message stating that he was ok... Now I know how the parents felt, when I was the director at the camps at Västeräng through-out the years, when they called me and asked how their kids were doing!



The kids and Edith went on their yearly trip to Romania to visit our relatives in the summer. It is long time since I was there, but I know the kids are enjoying their time at the grandparent's farm every time the travel to Romania.



This year we went on an all-inclusive trip for one week to the south of Italy to the region called Calabria. We stayed near a small town called Pizzo. It is fun to do just nothing for a whole week. The kids enjoyed pizza and pasta every day. Our main problem was if we were going to go swimming at the pool or at the beach. Quite a pleasant problem if you ask me. We

have traveled many years to various sunny places and countries, but never seen as big of a pool as we saw in Pizzo. It was humongous! On the other hand you can-not have it all, for the first night in Italy, there was a thunderstorm and the free Wi-Fi broke down for four days (not popular among the kids!).

I am still working at Växjö Kommun (www.vaxjo.se/), the county, as director of one unit [enhetschef] inside the social welfare area. Edith has changed work and is now working as a nurse at a medical ward (ear, nose and throat) at the local hospital (www.ltkronoberg.se).



Take care and God bless, and please come by Växjö to visit us!

/Peter Nilsson

More picture of the family can be found at our homepage
<http://home.swipnet.se/edithnilsson>