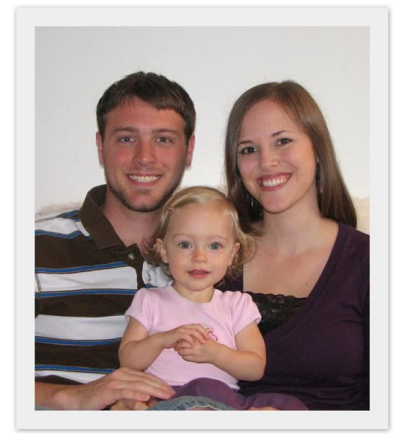


## AARON & SARA PRATT at CC TURKU *August 2009*



So much has happened this summer, and yet it seems like it has gone so fast. We have one last week before university starts back up (long sigh here). We spent June and July in Indiana visiting family and friends; came home to Turku for one week and then left for the Scandinavian Conference in Stockholm; from there went straight to visit Sara's family up north for a week; came home a week ago, and now we are preparing for school to start and to move to a new apartment.

It was such a blessing to spend **7 weeks in Indiana**. We've been blessed with the opportunity to visit Indiana last Christmas and this summer and have really enjoyed getting to know the people back at Aaron's home church (Horizon Christian Fellowship Indianapolis) and fellowshiping with them. We are very thankful for a great sending church! The main purpose of the trip was to visit Aaron's family, who will be moving to Lviv, Ukraine in October to start a church.

It was amazing how God provided for the trip by having Sara's school pay for her flight and living expenses because she did a "language practice" by volunteering at our church's summer camp for kids! This helped to allow us to make some necessary purchases: a new laptop for school, and Aaron's new guitar (I LOVE IT)! God is good. The rest of our time was spent visiting people, playing a few music events, King's Island, celebrating our 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, basketball, ultimate Frisbee, and of course paint-balling!



While we were in the states my pastor here in Finland, Bob Pecoraro, had **surgery** on his back to repair two ruptured disks. He has been recovering well and finally seems to see some light at the end of the tunnel with his back problems.

The **church in Turku** is primarily all college students and young adults. This means that during the summer a lot of the people go home or travel a lot. The summer is ending and we are getting these guys back now. However, two people are leaving us to spend a semester at CCBC Siegen, Germany. Tuukka will be interning for one semester and a young girl named Isla is going to be a student there. It is a great opportunity for both of them. They will be greatly missed, prayed for, and waited for to return!

God is always faithful to provide for His will. As a small church we have great expectations and desires to grow in His timing. We have been waiting for the possibility to get a keyboard and are now able to. After participating in worship at Horizon in Indiana this summer, I realized God calling us to expand and grow our worship team here in Turku. There are at least three percussionists, a violin player/singer, and keyboard player/singer who I believe are able and called to get **involved in worship**. This seems to finally be a possibility for a couple of them!



The first week of August, some 29 people from our church in Finland traveled to Stockholm, Sweden for this year's **Scandinavian Conference**. We had a record setting attendance of 125+ people. The new location this year hosted us amazingly. It was great to see twice the amount of people since last year's record setting conference. God is definitely moving in Scandinavia. It seems to be a slow work across the board, but a work nonetheless. There was a great lineup of teachers to take us through the book of Romans. The teaching, worship, fellowship, and Viking Games were all great times that we already look forward to for next year! Feel free to check out the blog dedicated to [Calvary Chapel in Scandinavia](http://www.calvarychapel.org/blog) where there are several posts with pictures and videos from the conference.

Right now in Helsinki we have started looking for a **public place to meet** for Bible study. We are meeting in someone's home now, but would like to get a public location for several practical reasons, including taking a step forward in faith.

This school year brings **a lot of change for us personally**. Sara will be studying about ¾ths of a normal workload at school this year. Aaron should be graduating this upcoming Spring. In order for us both to study, Emily will go to a babysitter. For now she is not going to daycare, but to a friend of ours for 2-3 days a week, who volunteered to help out. We just found out that we will finally be moving to a bigger apartment! It would really be nice to get Emily her own room, mostly for sleeping purposes. All of this will mean that things will be a little tighter financially, but we felt like God laid it all out and that we should take a small step of faith.

Emily is continuing to grow and learn new things. She is a sweet little girl, although can definitely have a will of her own sometimes! Her favorite thing to do is watch the opening scene of the Lion King where they sing the song "Circle of Life". So we can quote it for you by now if you want. She also loves to swing and play in the sand. Oh, and also send text messages and call people in California on my cell phone (we'll see how much that will cost daddy)! If you want to see more pictures of us, family, friends, ministry etc. you can check out our **photo site** at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/aaronandsarap>

## Prayer Requests

- time for our studies
- meeting place for Helsinki church
- growth in depth and width for worship team
- Aaron to learn Swedish and Finnish
- Aaron's family's move to Ukraine
- Tuukka and Isla's time in Bible College

***"Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."***

***Romans 6:13***

If you wish to contact us we would be happy to keep you up to date with personal and church news, prayer requests, praise reports, and support info.

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