

**AARON AND SARA PRATT**  
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**Personal Lives**

The past two months have been very busy, and slightly hectic, months for many of us in Turku. For Sara and I, as well as many of our church members who are students, it has been **exam time**. We all finished off the year pretty well, and were happy to have a few weeks for **Christmas break**.

Upon finishing our studies Sara and I spent a few days with her family in Lappfjard before heading to Ukraine to spend Christmas with my family! We greatly enjoyed our time in Ukraine, although the two weeks went far too fast. We were able to celebrate Christmas, New Years, my b-day, and a friend's wedding (Anya) while in Dnipropetrovsk! Many of our friends from Dnipro and other cities were there to spend time together while we, and my sister Nicole, were in the country. Amazingly, on the trip I also got to see both my groomsmen (Jon Markey and Jojo Tiner). As we all live in different countries it was a blessing to see them, since we have no idea when our paths will cross again.



*Sara's family on Christmas Eve (l-r:Madde, Hanna, Lisse, Harriet, Johan)*



*Anya and Max's bridal party*



*Lindsay and Nicole singing at Anya's wedding*



*Nicole and I at the wedding*



*Family Twister night*

**Ministry at Calvary Chapel Turku**

There have been many challenges for our church in the form of family difficulties, sicknesses, and moving away. Olli, the one who was baptized earlier this fall, is being **drafted to the army**. Here in Finland all men must serve a short term in the armed services. He will most likely be gone for a year's time. Another of our member's sister is struggling with very severe depression and needs our prayers that she might see hope and the reason for her life here on earth (she is not saved).

We have just finished the book of Acts on Sunday mornings and will continue on to the **book of Romans** in January. It should be a great study for our church to dig in to the mysteries of God's grace, justice, and love in Romans. This study will begin upon Bob's return from New York. His mother has been recently **diagnosed with leukemia**. This came upon her very quickly and very severely. Her future health is still not certain as it has spread already into her bone marrow. She needs all of ours prayers as does her family in this difficult time.

Since Sara and I just returned to Finland and Bob and Mari will not be back for another week I will be teaching this Wednesday's and Sunday's study at church. This will be a good experience for me to grow in teaching and ministry that doesn't involve a guitar!! I have taught before, but my calling is clearly now in the ministry of worship. I cannot say, however, whether the future will hold more teaching for me or not. For now I am content in that which God has given me.



*Jojo and I chillin' in Riga, Latvia*



*The whole Pratt family (l-r: Nicole, Lindsay, Alex, Michelle, Josh, Mike, Sara, Aaron)*

### **Prayer Requests & Praise Reports**

- Pray for Bob's mom as she fights the leukemia, and peace among their family
- Pray for Olli to be able to fellowship and grow spiritually while in the army
- Praise God for giving time to be faithful students, but without forfeiting the more important time at church in fellowship.
- Praise the Lord we got through exams well and passed everything!
- Our Christmas break with the family was awesome!! We miss them already
- Pray for Nicole in her last weeks in Ukraine before heading back to the USA

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

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***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”***

**John 1:1-5**