



## AARON & SARA PRATT IN TURKU, FINLAND

### ...and Emily too!

July 2008

Hello again to all our family and friends. So much has happened since our last update that I had better get to the point, so that I don't end up rambling!

Well first, please say hello to **Emily Joy Pratt!** Our little girl was born on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:03 am; she weighed 8.26 pounds, was 20.8 inches long and had a full head of hair! Emily is now 5 weeks old and I'm a bit sad to say bigger. It is so much fun to have her and to take care of her! Emmy seems to be totally healthy and doing great. She sleeps excellent in the night, only getting up once or twice, which makes us pretty happy. If you want to see more pictures check out the link at the bottom of this letter to our photo blog.

Emily arrived just 4 days after **my family arrived from Ukraine.** The whole family was able to come spend three and a half weeks with us in Finland. Obviously a lot of the time was spent taking care of Emily and taking it easy with mom and the baby. They were able to see some of the surrounding "attractions" like some of the cathedrals, the Turku Castle, a quaint nearby port town, went swimming, and of course attended the Bible studies in Turku and some in Helsinki. It was great to get to spend time with them as that doesn't happen often enough. The only "down-side" of them being here for that time is that Emily is now rarely content just sitting around, but is used to being held a lot! My family is back in Indianapolis now, as they turned the church in Dnipropetrovsk over to a Ukrainian pastor. They are praying about where to go next and what God has in store for them.

The Pratt clan



Back-tracking a bit, we had an **outreach team** here in late April from the Bible College in **Siegen, Germany.** Lead by Jeff and Bonnie Johnson, they were a great group that worked hard, loved the Lord, were a pleasure to work with, and got many ministry opportunities. Their first weekend we hit the streets during an annual fish festival downtown in which they close off some walking streets and set up food vendors and hundreds of people come. We were able to find a spot in between vendors and shops and played music and talked with people all Saturday afternoon. The team taught and lead worship for our church services while they were here in Turku and Helsinki. We got to take part in evangelism inside the local Swedish speaking university (where Sara studies), and spent a day working at a sort of "conference center" run by a guy in our church who needed help with some manual jobs!

This summer we also enjoyed the return of Anssi, Tuukka, Jaakko, and Maria from Calvary Chapel Bible College. The four of them had spent the last year (Anssi 2 years) at Bible College. They all seemed to love the experience, learned a lot, and are excited to be home. Unfortunately for us, the three guys have to go the army for 6 to 12 months, as is compulsory for all Finnish men. They will most likely get to come back some weekends for Sunday services, so we will see them from time to time.

I am finished now with school for the year. I had spent the last 10 weeks of school working mostly on stuff for church as a "work practice". I edited all our teaching mp3's and did some remodeling for our website. It was a lot of fun for me to get to learn and work on some web designing. I am hoping that I can find some web-design courses this coming year at school.



Just dedicated at church



The newborn little munchkin!

CC Turku. Well that plus my family on the left!



Outreach team from CCBC Siegen, Germany



Jaakko and Rachel are engaged!



Enough looking back, so what's ahead of us? The **month of July** is a bit of a change-up for us. In Finland, July is kind of the holiday month; so most people are off of work, and many out of town. This also means that the place we meet for church is closed. A lot of churches even close down during the month of July, as we even did

mostly last year. This year we are keeping our Sunday services running, meeting either at our house, or our pastor Bob's. Kyle Bentz (recent addition to our team) and I will be covering the teaching to give Bob a small break and needed rest.

**Bob and Mari** are due to have their first child around July 30<sup>th</sup>. They are excited and anxious for the baby to come, and somewhat expecting an early birth. This is partially due to the fact that Bob and I and Kyle will all be in Denmark at the **Calvary Chapel Scandinavian Conference** July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>! So please pray that the baby does come a bit early and healthy. We are looking forward to the conference as a great time of teaching, worship, relaxing, fellowship, and food too! Bob will be one of the teachers going through the

book of Daniel and I will be leading worship. Other teachers include Theis Broegger and Daniel Jacobson from Denmark, Joel Wickström from Sweden, and David Guzik from CCBC Germany.

Finally, in mid August, John and Mary Kay Marsh are coming back to Finland with another **outreach team from Bob's home church**, CC Macedon in Rochester New York. They have been here several times before in the past and are great brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are looking forward and praying for their group and what work God is going to do through all these upcoming events and in our daily lives.

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>

Or you can also check out my blog for more videos and updates and pics at:

[www.xanga.com/yagalskarkuttbulle](http://www.xanga.com/yagalskarkuttbulle)

### **Prayer Requests**

- A safe delivery for Mari and the baby.
- Wisdom and discernment for my family on their next move and ministry.
- Travel mercies, leading of the Spirit & refreshment at Scandinavian conference.
- Divine guidance and fruit from outreaches this summer.
- Wisdom and strength in being parents.
- Anssi, Tuukka, and Jaakko in the army.
- Kyle's paperwork for longer residence permit.

*Praise God for a healthy and wonderful baby girl!*

*"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord,  
And ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake."*

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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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