

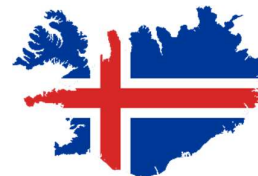


"The Northern Light" - Iceland News

The Weimer Family

Reaching the World through Iceland

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"May I sing a special in church?" asked a precious soul who has been visiting our church services for much of last year. "Well, are you saved?" was our response. After sitting down and explaining salvation to her, my wife had the joy of hearing her call upon the Lord from a heart of faith to be saved. That was Thursday. Vicki told her she could sing on Sunday after explaining baptism and church membership. She responded, "No, I want to be baptized this Sunday (Photo left) and join the church before I sing for the Lord." What a joy it is to see simple obedience in a newborn! Thank you for keeping us in Iceland to have this honor of seeing souls saved and disciplined! I know that the Lord Himself is keeping us here, but we are ever mindful of those through

which God provides. As we minister through our five services and outreach endeavors, we have the joy of ministering God's Word to many souls weekly. God has blessed us with some talented singers of late. One newly-arrived man has a degree from a music conservatory in his home country, teaches voice, and wants to stay in Iceland as a permanent resident. Please pray for him. He is a saved, baptized, and Jesus-loving vocal musician. This is answered prayer. I asked him to lead our singing. Photo right: It was a joy to sing together "Thou, O Lord" as an acapella special. The six of us singing represent four different countries: Venezuela, the Philippines, Iceland, and Vicki and I from the USA. "Reaching the world through Iceland" is more than a mission statement.



Serving in hard times: You may have heard about the current economic storm in the news. Over the past 30 years, Iceland has fluctuated between the 1st and 8th most expensive country in the world. We are currently the 7th, and America is the 17th. Because Iceland's inflation has exploded over the past 12 months, most families I know are struggling to make ends meet. The unions are on strike causing even more disruption in the supply chain. Not all gas stations have gasoline for sale. When there is a strike, it is national. We are all enduring the consequences of poor economic decisions. I know that things are tough in the States also. We are all in this together. Thank you for praying for us and the people to whom we minister during these hard financial times.



As we minister through the bus ministry to families who, as unbelievers, do not value church or a Christian summer camp, we seek sponsorship for the forty children who attend our bus ministry faithfully. Sponsorship is \$200. Sponsorship provides three meals each day and supplies for a six-day camp. Children and staff camp out in the church building as we convert Sunday school classrooms into camp dormitories. Camp concludes on Saturday with an outreach to the family members of all kids in attendance and friends in the community. During the Saturday community outreach, we have an awards banquet, carnival, and cookout. During the awards banquet, we take the opportunity to preach the gospel and challenge all in attendance to trust Christ. Summer camp week is our largest outreach through which the gospel is preached to hundreds of people who never attend church. The children experience preaching, a missionary story, Bible memory, daily devotions, and so much more. Camp changes lives for both kids and staff. The theme this year is Live the Life!

To the right is a photo of two missionary families. The first to the right is of my family taken the month we came to Iceland as missionaries, August of 1999. We were so scared and so young! The photo next to ours is of the Sears family who arrives in Iceland as missionaries on the 1st of March 2023! Thank you for praying for them as they will start their journey seeking where to serve in Iceland. Their first goal is to learn Icelandic. They desire to learn all they can from us, too. Iceland needs churches in every region. The Sears family will be spending their first months getting acclimated to Iceland as well as constantly seeking God's will as to where they are to serve in Iceland. God may lead them to another place in Iceland. We acknowledge that even more than we need help, the Sears family needs to know where it is that God wants them to serve. Thank you for praying for them and for us as we say, "Not my will, but thine be done!"



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