



# *"The Northern Light" - Iceland News*

## *The Weimer Family*

### *Reaching the World through Iceland*

**Reporting September, 2022**



**Icelandic-speaking** services have picked up in attendance and visitors quite a bit. Each new visitor is an opportunity to share the Gospel with a family. What a blessing that is! With the number of workers who speak Icelandic, we are reaching our max capacity to effectively minister to the children in the bus ministry. We have many from the international church willing to help us with logistical needs during the Icelandic-speaking services; however, there is a great need for workers who speak Icelandic. Thank you for praying for us as we minister to the Icelandic-speaking population. Many of our international members at church intend to work in Iceland for only a year and do not seek to learn Icelandic. Others have a pocket of people from their lands and languages in Iceland and do not learn Icelandic. The international services we offer in English have seen a decline in attendance while the Icelandic-speaking services have seen a rise in attendance. There is always fluctuation from week to week due to the flow of immigrants in our region of Iceland. We had one join the church this past Sunday. It is a joy to have the opportunity to minister to a variety of people from many different lands here in Iceland. Our theme has been from the beginning, "Reaching the World through Iceland," and that is exactly what the Lord is allowing us to do. What a privilege! We have an average of well over 75 in attendance each week. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in our Icelandic-speaking services alone, we had 42 children, 10 adults, and over 16 helpers from our English ministry.

**We have a 17-year-old young lady from the Philippines** who is now our game director. She is in the photo to the right in the red dress. She has a heart for Jesus and a love for the kids in our church. Her father was murdered in the Philippines and her mother moved to Iceland five years ago after meeting and marrying an Icelandic man. Thank you for praying for her and her family as they are serving in our church.

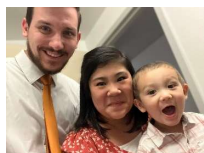


I see the **economy** in the USA is experiencing **inflation**. Iceland is exponentially experiencing inflation. It was already the 2<sup>nd</sup> most expensive place to live on the planet, which makes living here a constant struggle. In addition to the imported items (over 90% of all goods sold in Iceland), fuel prices illustrate the cost-of-living increase in Iceland. To the left, 69.16 liters (18 gallons) of diesel fuel costs 23,369 Icelandic kronurs or \$9.00 per gallon. This \$162 fills the church mini-bus weekly. We are making 2 to 3 trips in the bus ministry before and after church. While it is a blessing to be able to run the bus and see precious souls learn of Jesus, it is also tempting to allow the cost increases of fuel to decrease the bus ministry. Thank you for your faithful support of the work here in Iceland. Thank you for praying for us to see an increase in support that will match the crazy inflation. Thank you for praying for me to trust the Lord to meet our every need as we serve here in Iceland.

**The roof** of the church has been weatherproofed, repaired, and painted. Whew! It was nothing short of a miracle to have enough non-rain days to complete this enormous task. Two years ago we started project Kippur (meaning Atonement). Inside, drywalling of the ceiling per the inspector's wishes has passed inspection. Outside repairing and painting the roof of the church finished just last week. Michael Folzman, former US Air Force and member of the church here in Iceland, came to help me. Thank God these jobs are finished. The physical labor is completed for Project Kippur/Atonement. There is a remaining financial burden as bills come due both today, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, and again on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. We purchased 250 liters of paint, lots of wire brush heads, rust treatment, lift rental, gloves, brushes, and other items to finish the job. Thank you for praying about this burden/need on my heart. Goliath is down. We just need to cut off his head:)



**Below is a note from the Sears family:**



**Hello, we are the Sears family**, and we are missionaries on deputation to reach the people of Iceland. We are almost finished with our deputation travels with 85% of our needed support. We will be moving to Iceland in March of 2023. As we are just six months away from our move we are preparing ourselves to work alongside Bro. Weimer. We are so excited to be able to serve and work under such an experienced veteran missionary. When we arrive our goals are to take as much as possible off Bro. Weimer's shoulders so that he can spend more time working on the translation of the Bible and any other tasks that he may need to complete. In the fall of 2023, I (Nathan) am hoping to be enrolled at the University of Iceland to learn the Icelandic language. Please pray with us that God would use us in a mighty way to impact Iceland for the gospel.



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