



Vicki and I are thankful for the opportunity to serve Jesus in Iceland for over 21 years since August of 1999 when we arrived.

The photo to the left shows our **ministry in English** to those living in Iceland but generally do not understand Icelandic. Below is a link to a 3-minute time-lapse YouTube video showing our 7-hour day at church. It

begins with the English ministry at 10:15 am and shows the rest of our Sunday, including the Icelandic church. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NTVyM7\\_\\_zo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NTVyM7__zo). God has blessed this English ministry, especially of late. Craig, an American and a builder by profession, has greatly helped me in the building project but is moving to the States in October. I will miss him when he leaves.

**Reaching out to those nationals who are Icelandic speaking: Photos below right and left:** We have seen several parents come to these Icelandic services on Sunday afternoons. Since school started back, the Icelandic ministry averages 40 people, including adults, teens, and children. It is an honor to teach these young souls that Jesus really does love all the children of the world. I am thankful for my wife and kids who teach in Sunday school. I am also thankful for those adults who have begun to help us each week as we minister to **the Icelandic speaking population of Iceland**. Though we use the bus for every ministry, we most often use it to pick up children during this Sunday afternoon service.



During our weekly

**Thursday Bible studies** at 5 pm, Vicki teaches the women while I teach the men. We follow this with fellowship, and then at 6:30 we gather for reading the Bible together for 20-30 minutes. During the Bible reading, we read only God's Word without commentary, which has been amazing. This has become my favorite service of the week. It is a blessing to see

people wanting to study the Bible and to read it! 1 Timothy 4:13 says, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." Of course, giving attendance "to reading" is in reference to the Bible. We have finished nine books of the Bible and are excited for the day when we complete reading through the Bible as a church.

Since my last letter, I have spent much time on the **Bible translation work**, just this week spending over 30 hours on this alone. I wish I could give this need my full attention. The ministry started before we realized the translation problem in Iceland. It is a worthy cause, and this "Goliath" will be conquered. I did take eight days this month to use an offering we received towards **the building project**. The offering paid for the lift rental and materials. I was able to install all electrical boxes and conduit for the last room. It is ready for the electrician to come and pull the wires. Updates on the building project are available on the private FB page **Project Joshua & Jericho 2020**. If you desire to be part of this group, then please send me a request via FB. My goal was to finish the project by this year's end. By faith, I am still pressing towards this mark. I certainly trust that the Lord will allow this to happen. In part, this goal is hard to see realized without faith because of COVID canceling groups who were on the way to help. Yet, by God's grace, I have been able to get much done! Thank you for praying for the items in this prayer letter and for your support! Thank you for praying for my family. **My kids are all in college**. Clayton and William are taking classes via the internet. Rosa left in August and is attending on-campus in Florida. My kids are all working and paying for college by themselves without student loans. I am very proud of them for working so hard. All photos were taken in September 2020. Photo right: Pat on the lift.



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