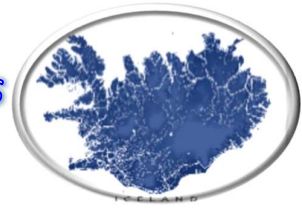




# The Northern Light Iceland News

## The Weimer Family



Reporting January – February 2022

**Open for business:** The week that I sent our last email, the government dropped some of the restrictions allowing us to have all our services again. The youth ministry had over 30 children and teens, some adults, and 15 workers attend in the first two weeks. The English international ministry had an average of 35 in attendance. Because their work permits expired, several people in our international ministry have moved away. It has been so wonderful in our church having some very dedicated Christians. We love everybody who attends our services, but those that serve the Lord with us are a next-level blessing! We said goodbye to some of these people over the past few months, and we can feel the effects of losing them. **COVID shut us down again for two weeks:** In the first weeks of February, it was not government regulations that shut us down, but rather the sickness itself. Our family, two hospital nurses in our church, and even one of our members who ran the COVID testing center had avoided catching it the entire two years until this month. Most of our church got sick, and what a whopper that virus was! Vicki and I both enjoyed the full package that COVID affords: Fever, aches, strange stomach issues, horrible coughing, loss of taste and smell, and a variety of other symptoms. Last Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, was our first Sunday after getting sick. Our weekly visitation, services, outreach, and normal routine have returned. We have had several visitors come to the church in January and February. **The construction team and building update:** [www.fbkieland.com/single-project](http://www.fbkieland.com/single-project) You can click to see videos on our website about the project. As I have shared in previous letters and videos, we thought that the major construction projects had been completed last February, but then the inspectors came in for a look. I have had the inspectors in regularly as we built to avoid hearing at the end, “Oh, by the way, you need to...” As diligently as I tried to avoid hearing that, the inspector that came in February told me that we needed to drywall the ceilings in the open areas above the rooms we built, over 5000 square foot area. I was devastated to hear that. But God, who is rich in mercy, gave me such encouragement, and we are nearing the completion of that project. Greater Vision Baptist Church with Pastor Ken Shaver was moved to help us with this project. They sent an offering to purchase materials which arrived Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Their team is set to arrive on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. I thank God for the families who gave offerings to prepare for this project. We had to add support boards in the ceilings of the rooms to allow load-bearing on them. We also had to put in sheets of flooring above the ceilings of the rooms to allow us to walk and work in the open spaces above the rooms. A team of two men, the Lisenbees, came and helped us fasten the boards on the metal framing upon which the drywall will hang. Also, a former member of our church gave an offering to finish the final electrical work. The electrician was also able to install lights and electrical outlets in the open areas where we will be drywalling. The fire inspector said that the metal frame and main supports must be covered with drywall as a heat insulator to keep the metal from melting in case of a fire. Whatever the reason, we must comply to get our final sign-off on the building. I did not start this building project; the military members serving in Iceland did. When the base closed in 2006, the project was 30% finished. It was leadership from the Lord, accompanied by the advice of our sending church and pastor and our mission board, that we accepted the responsibility of completing this building project. **Bible Translation Work:** I spent more time on the Bible translation in January and February. I have completed nearly half of the N.T. based on a word count. I am currently going through the books that I had translated and am checking the coding of each word. I use a color code as a method of checks and balances to ensure that every word is represented. It also allows a quick reference to anybody checking the translation to immediately reference the Greek source text, Icelandic, and English. You can click here to see more information on this work. [www.fbkieland.com/translation-work-on-bible](http://www.fbkieland.com/translation-work-on-bible) The more I work on the translation, the greater I see the need for this work. The current Icelandic translation of the Bible is woefully lacking much of the Word of God. **Family News:** William leaves Iceland in 4 weeks, and we will greatly miss him. Clayton and Rosa are in college in the States. Rosa will most likely be doing an internship this summer with the Jacksonville police department as she seeks to become an officer. Clayton had considered working at PCC for the summer, but his boss in Iceland at the post office offered him a great job instead. So our empty nest will enjoy his return for the summer break. He will return in September to finish his degree in Math education. It looks like all my kids will graduate at the same time. They all started at different times; however, they all worked at different rates. They each worked hard to pay their own way through college. They did so without taking out any student loans. I am very thankful and proud of my kids. I am thankful that they will graduate without any student debt! They worked hard at their jobs to earn money, they worked hard to maintain excellent grades, and they all worked hard to serve the Lord along their journey of getting an education. **Thank you** for praying for us faithfully as we serve the Lord in Iceland. 2022 is our 23<sup>rd</sup> year in Iceland, and we rejoice at what the Lord has done. There is so much still to do! Thank you for praying as we plan our outreach this year. Especially pray about our potential summer camp in July or August. COVID shut us down for two summers. We want to plan, but the future is unsure as far as COVID is concerned. Thanks for your prayers!



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