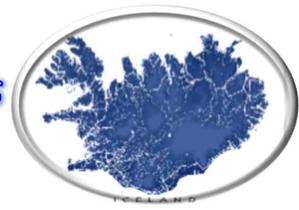




# The Northern Light Iceland News

## The Weimer Family



Reporting December 2021 – January 2022



**Youth ministry, Icelandic speaking:** December was a wonderful time serving the Lord. The bus ministry was growing back to our pre-COVID shutdown numbers. Visitors were coming to church, and souls were trusting Jesus. The photo to the left shows the last Sunday we were able to hold services in December. Sadly,

the Iceland government decided to lock down everything from Christmas until now. We canceled our Christmas and New Year's outreach programs, which was disheartening. We are currently not allowed to meet with more than 10 with free movement. A provision for church allows us to hold services for up to 50 people under *special* guidelines. Everyone attending must come in, sit down, and not move around. There may be no fellowship before or after. They come, they sit, and they leave. These restrictions have caused our bus ministry/youth program to shut down for the past six weeks. The photo to the right is of our Christmas youth program on December 12, before the current lockdown, our last youth church service to date. They say that it will be February until they consider new rules. The rules are breaking my heart. We usually have adults attend when we have our youth church but only for the first hour. We have seen only a small group of adults attending that service. However, we did have five new visitors come from our community, which is a blessing. A couple of them came back a second time, and one lady visited for the third time yesterday. Our regular attendees have not returned since the rules changed before Christmas. I pray that the situation will change and that we can start afresh soon.



**English Speaking, International Services:** This group has been much smaller on Sundays, in the 30s. It is bizarre to have people come, sit down, and then leave after church. We are usually hanging around and fellowshiping for hours before and after. We have a new man from Nigeria seeking asylum who seems sincere and wants to find a new life in Iceland. He would appreciate your prayers. One of our faithful Philippino ladies this month had to leave the country. We were sad to see Jenn go. She sang special music, played piano in the services, won souls, and encouraged our church. Pray for her as she desires to return to Iceland. **Finding ways to reach people:** Please pray for us as we seek the best ways to reach the lost in our community. The weather restricts us from standing at a person's door, and COVID has everybody scared to have a visitor. The rules are restrictive, keeping us from doing outreach programs in the church building. Thank you for praying for us as we search for a means to spread the Gospel. **A building for Jesus:** The team from Greater Vision Baptist Church in KY, with Pastor Ken Shaver, has had to adjust their schedule 4 times. They now have plane tickets for the 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of March. I have spent many hours preparing for this drywall job. Pray for them and me as we prepare to drywall a section of ceilings over 5,000 square feet. **A timely gift:** God touched a family's heart over Christmas. They sent us a love offering, finally allowing us to complete all the electrics in the building. Since 1994, we have used temporary lighting and power with extension cords. Today, all areas have legal and completed power and lighting, including the outside lights on every side of the building. The exterior lights turn on with a timer at night (3:30



pm) and turn back on at daylight (11 am our time). The crosses got an upgrade with LED lighting strips lighting up with the timer. It is a blessing to see those crosses light up. We can see them across town. **Translation:** I will have time between now and March 21 to work on the translation project. **Family:** Clayton left for college. Rosa returned to college. William will leave on March 29. Thank you for praying for Vicki and me!



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