



# *"The Northern Light" - Iceland News*

## *The Weimer Family*

### *Reaching the World through Iceland*



**Icelandic Ministry:** We saw significant growth in October and November, both numerically and spiritually, with some new adults attending. This growth was very encouraging to me. The photo to the left is from a service in November during our bus ministry time. I enjoy teaching our 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders during youth church. The Icelandic-speaking teen ministry, led by missionary William Weimer, has continued to grow and thrive. The photo on the right is from the last week before William returned to Iceland after three months of deputation. The group averaged 15 teens in attendance in October and has been moving toward an average of 20 in recent weeks.



**English Ministry:** Sundays at 10:15, we have a word study for Sunday school, and at 11:00, a preaching service. On Thursdays, we have Bible studies. The men are with me, and the ladies are with Vicki. This English ministry is needed because there is a large group of immigrants in Iceland who do not speak Icelandic. I received a call from a man from France who married an Icelander who lives in our neighboring town. He professed that he had trusted Jesus and wanted to be baptized. I am looking forward to meeting with him next week to ensure he understands. Thank you for praying for the pioneer work in Iceland, both for the Icelandic-speaking and English-speaking.

**Storms of everyday missionary life:** Following the **flooding** of our house in August and September, I spent several weeks battling insurance companies to get them to pay for the damage. When I began working to repair the house in September, **I got sick** but couldn't rest. I have been coughing since then. I also smashed a finger, forcing me to work with one hand. I continued working and was able to replace all the floors and paint by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Regulation requires us to pay licensed plumbers to work on the house. I had to remove the toilet, shower, heater, and sink from one bathroom because the wooden walls were damaged during the initial sewage floods. The plumber I hired dropped the sink, destroying it and cutting the newly laid linoleum flooring. He connected neither the shower hoses nor the toilet pipes correctly. He said that none of it was his fault and left the house. During the first shower, a hose that was not properly attached came loose and sprayed water onto the wall, and the toilet leaked. The plumber swiftly sent his \$1,400 bill. I paid it because he can sue us if we don't. So that was fun. I had another plumber come and fix his work. He was honest and didn't charge me more because he was hardly able to believe what the other plumber had done. During this time of house repairs, **the church bus has been in and out of the repair shop**. Initially, we needed to repair the brakes, then the exhaust system, and finally the Add-Blue system. It seems like a never-ending story with the church bus, which is only eight years old. I will make some more attempts to see it repaired. One hesitates to share bad news, but we do appreciate your prayers as difficulties do come.

**A Day of Unfortunate Events:** After an ice storm, **I slid off the road into a ditch**. When I was stuck in the ditch, Vicki called me and told me that she needed to go to the hospital. William took her because I was waiting for a tow truck. Upon getting out of the ditch, I went to the hospital, where Vicki was being prepped for **emergency surgery for appendicitis**. Twelve hours after arriving at the hospital, we were getting ready for her release home to rest after surgery. Clearly, faithfully serving the Lord does not exempt one from troubles and trials. We are working hard to reach souls and disciple those we reach. The storms are real and sometimes discouraging. Thank you for praying!

**Blessings Too:** On a positive note, more than seventy attended our Thanksgiving outreach. It was encouraging to see our people step up and serve. My wife usually prepares lots of food and coordinates these kinds of events. It was a joy to see people stand in the gaps and serve. Vicki is still recovering from having her appendix removed. The city's insurance paid out funds to cover most of the materials needed to repair our house. Our daughter, son-in-law, and grandson are spending the first two weeks of December in Iceland to celebrate early Christmas together. We are having such a wonderful time with them all, especially babysitting our 8-month-old grandchild. Thank you for praying for us as we continue to serve in Iceland.



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