



For the past few weeks, things have been moving and shaking on our peninsula. You may have seen in the news that we are due a volcanic eruption very soon. Being about fifteen minutes away, we can see the area of the predicted eruption site from the church. Several times this past week, the building was shaken. There have been thousands of daily earthquakes, with hundreds over 3.0 on the Richter scale and dozens between 4.0 to 5.5. Today we had a 4.2 as I wrote this, and the building shook quite a bit. In the photo to the left, you can see each dot on the map represents earthquakes over the past 48 hours. Green stars are over 3.0. Needless to say, many people living closer to the expected eruption feel scared. The media has everybody freaking out as they talk about all the “possible outcomes.” That aside, please pray that the people will see through this earth-shaking time that life is fragile and short. I pray that God will use this to open people’s eyes for their need to consider where they will spend eternity.

Meanwhile, the ministry continues as we reach out to the people in our region. Under COVID guidelines from the government, all services are back up and running. Each week, we have averaged over 80 people having 30 in the English morning ministry and 50 in the Icelandic afternoon ministry. We had 51 Icelanders the first week in March, though. The English services are mainly adults, and the Icelandic services are mainly children. Remember, in Icelandic culture, that church attendance is a foreign concept. A whopping 329,000 of the 360,000 people in Iceland are registered in the State church. Yet, less than .01% attend services outside of funerals, weddings, infant baptisms, and confirmations. With the social stigma and ridicule for those who attend church services (especially if it is a foreign church), it has proven difficult to get adults to consider coming. Nevertheless, we press on in Jesus’ name to minister to whomever, whenever we are able. God has blessed us with new people in the English church who are temporary workers in Iceland. One of them will be here for a year and plays the piano. What a blessing this is! Vicki, my sons, and I are laboring with all of our hearts, souls, and bodies to reach the people living here with the gospel.

Please pray for us as I set goals and make our ministry schedule for the next 12 months. This goal setting and planning will set our course for reaching souls in Iceland. There are many things I want to do. Please pray for the Lord’s



leadership in my heart in this endeavor. People ask me often how we can accomplish what we do, and my answer is twofold. First, God does it through us. Second, it takes a lot of planning, preparation, and perspiration. Thank you for praying for us to have wisdom as we “plan our work” and for us to have God’s grace upon us to “work our plan.” Photos (left and right) are children in Sunday school. Thank you for praying for these precious souls.



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