



"The Northern Light" - Iceland News
The Weimer Family
Reaching the World through Iceland



Onward! Forward! We often hear one question: "How long are you going to serve in Iceland?" Presently, we do not plan on going anywhere. By the grace of God, we will continue serving faithfully. I hope to emulate Jeremiah 3:15: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." I will be sixty years old in six years, a sobering realization. I will be faithful to the One who sent me and not forsake His calling on my life. Thank you for praying for my family as we lead the mission in Iceland. Ruth's kind of resolve rings true in my heart. "The LORD do so to me, and more also if ought but death part thee and me" (Ruth 1:17b).

The **Icelandic-speaking ministry** still consists mainly of children and teenagers. Though we have seen some increase in Icelandic adult attendance, that demographic remains our most challenging group to reach. The photo to the right shows our youth church, with some parents attending. That ministry averages over thirty. On Easter Sunday, in addition to an excellent attendance, three young souls trusted Jesus for salvation. Thank you for praying as we continue to reach into the Icelandic-speaking community to preach the Gospel.



English services have also averaged in the thirties since our last letter. We had a family of five join the church in March. The photo to the left shows our first service in the new room. We had always intended it to be our sanctuary but could not use it for services because of the echoing problem. Thank God for the provisions for building and installing soundboards. Gathering in that room for the first time in March was a special blessing.



New Military Ministry: As mentioned in previous letters, the military base, which closed officially in 2006, has been very active in recent days. You may remember that I was stationed here with the Air Force when I was saved in 1991. While closing the base, NATO reserved a section of the old base for current exercises. As a result, we have had the joy of ministering to service men and women stationed in Iceland presently, though they are not permanently stationed here. Tours of duty now average six months long. There is talk of expansion in the presence of the Navy in Iceland, including more extended tours and more support personnel. We are thankful to be here and allowed to provide a "Home away from home" church for our service members. The Chaplain over the 6th Fleet has met with me, expressing his appreciation for having a local contact to assist in the Morale and Welfare of service members during their tour of duty in Iceland. Interestingly, Iceland is the only member of NATO without a military.



Sickness has been upon us for several weeks. My eye surgery went very well, and the infection is completely gone. My recovery time was longer than I expected. I was out of church for an entire week. Then, Vicki and I caught a flu-like bug that took us out of commission for almost two weeks. It sure was a doozy! Thankfully, we missed only one Sunday during the sickness. Being off my feet for so long was bizarre, and I am thrilled to be back in the saddle. We have so much to do.

Preparation for upcoming programs will include four major events this summer: **First** is Homecoming in June, where we will host a gathering of previous members and pastors of FBC, June 25-27. Its purpose is to celebrate with all those who sacrificed to complete the building project started in 1994. This reunion has been planned for three years. We are expecting up to 200 visitors. Please pray for us as we organize and prepare for this. **Second**, our son William will be getting married to a lady in our church who is originally from Germany. The wedding will be here in Iceland after the reunion. Yes, this is an outreach program. Our future daughter-in-law is a first-generation Christian with a family she desires to reach through her wedding. **Third**, in July, we have our annual summer camp. **Fourth**, we have a goal to visit every home on our peninsula between May and August with a Gospel presentation in person and with literature. We are excited to see the impact of these events. Thank you for praying for us as we seek to advance the Gospel in our region this summer through each event.

