

Summer Camp 2023 "LIVE THE LIFE!" was a complete success. Eleven souls, photo right, trusted Jesus for salvation. Several other children in camp shared that they also trusted Jesus in church recently, but hadn't shared it publically until camp. Our camp is neither a day camp nor VBS. We move into the church building with a group of over fifty people and experience a six-day, Bible-intensive summer camp. I am overwhelmed at how the Lord blessed us. Our theme, taught through Bible reading, memory verses, missionary story, preaching, and review games was "Live the Life!" This theme focus placed an emphasis on **living** for Christ after trusting Him to save you. My wife, Vicki, interviewed some family and friends of Betty Laudermilk and wrote a missionary



story about her "Living the Life" in Japan as a missionary for many years. Our fellow missionary, Megumi Sears, was one of the children Ms. Betty rescued from Japan. It had quite an impact on the kids as it was revealed on the last day of the missionary story that somebody in the room had a personal connection to the missionary in the story. What a



blessing! Summer camp is such a powerful tool. Great thanks to those who gave to make it possible. Camp started with some crazy, unexpected hurdles to leap. For instance, our freezer died, and we had to purchase another. I am so very thankful for all who give to support us monthly, and I am super thankful for those who gave a special offering for camp. Our ten team leaders and a total volunteer staff of twenty-one gave their all to impact the campers for Christ. They really appreciated your prayers and support, too. Camp group photo left.

After camp family outreach: By design, our camp ends with a community outreach where we have a carnival and invite all the family and friends of the kids who attended the camp. There were over eighty people connected to our camp kids who came. Because our camp is for children who attend our church services faithfully, these are families that we visit each week with love from our church. What a joy to see them in church instead of only seeing them at their homes as we do bus visitation! On carnival day, I saw a family walking by the church and invited them to join us. They did, and the entire family came to church the following Sunday. I call it "Stocking the Pond" to be a "Fisher of Men!"



There were three adult men that trusted Jesus for salvation since our last letter! We are excited that people are getting saved. After Bible study on Thursday, July 6th, an Icelandic man who has been attending for about eight months, shared with me that he trusted Christ and wants to be baptized. Another man whom I had the joy of leading to Christ in May was baptized in June. Thank you for praying for these men to grow up in Jesus now.

Gospel Outreach through a loss: Sadly, one of our faithful members, an Icelandic man, died just four months after being diagnosed with CNS Lymphoma. He was a saved man reached by his wife. I had the joy of baptizing him not many years ago. Our church rose to the occasion to minister in this family's time of need. We saw over one hundred come to the funeral from the community and had great liberty to preach the Gospel to them all, most of whom had never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel in their entire lives. I received letters from the family and words from those who attended that there was "something special" about being with our church. I know what they experienced, Christ is with us!

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July Outreach and Projects: Morningside Baptist Church is coming to town next week to help us with projects. We will also be focusing on tract distribution in the community. I trust to be able to install windows during the week they are with us. I can't wait to report on all that we accomplish in my next letter.

Visiting missionaries: Alex and Sheree Larson and their three children missionaries out of Macedonia Baptist Missions and MorningStar Baptist Church in Pacolet, SC., are here from July 7 - 13 on their survey trip. They believe that the Lord has called them to Iceland. Thank you for praying for them as they seek God's will in serving in Iceland. They officially began deputation this year and believe God wants them to work with us. Pray for us as we seek the Lord's leadership in this area.

Hands to the plow: There is so much more that the Lord has done over the past two months. We have been crazy busy. That is why I did not send a letter in June. Please know that we are serving with all our hearts in Iceland, and we appreciate your love, prayers, and support for the work we are doing for Jesus here.

Happening right now in Iceland; on our peninsula of Iceland is this volcanic erruption.





Thank you for praying for and supporting our ministry in Iceland!

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