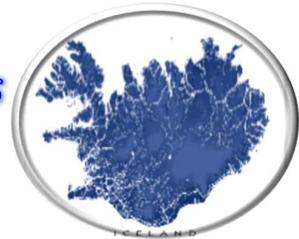




The Northern Light Iceland News

The Weimer Family



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Icelandic-speaking ministry: We saw some wonderful things in the bus ministry like lots of visitors, including parents, in July and August. Several of them have been attending each week since their first visit. Often in the summer, attendance drops, but not this year. Promotion Sunday happened on August 21. It was a great day with first-time visitors, returning children that we had not seen in a while, and parents who attended the adult Bible study with me. One of those adults is a thirty-two-year-old man who was in our bus ministry twenty years ago. What a blessing it is to see him back! The top left photo is Bjartmey, our preschool teacher, and her group with Shemariah, a faithful teenager who is serving as an assistant teacher in her classroom. The next photo on the left is Vicki and her first and second graders. Next is John and his third and fourth graders. The next two photos to the left are my two groups, fourth through sixth grades, then seventh through ninth grades. Not pictured is the adult class I also teach during this ministry time. The youth group with workers and kids to the right is from promotion Sunday. More kids mean more needs. Thank you for praying for our workers and the need for Icelandic-speaking helpers in this work. Thank you for praying for these precious children who face tremendous societal and peer pressure on them. Prayers for their parents to also come to church are appreciated.



English-speaking ministry: Some new people started attending in July and have become regular attendees. One lady from Germany has been asking lots of questions, which is a great blessing. One lady from the Philippines had to leave because she had only a one-year work

visa. Because she desired to return to Iceland and serve in our church, she applied to the University of Iceland and was accepted. She arrived yesterday after some travel and is very excited to be back at our church. We are very happy to have her back. She is a pianist and gifted singer. The average attendance of the English-speaking ministry is forty people from more than a dozen different countries. Thank you for praying for them and us as we try to lead them and feed them God's Word.

Daily struggles: To be sure, we are in a constant battle and face daily opposition to the work of the Lord in this land, but God has given us some wonderful victories as we serve. We know as missionaries that people don't want to read letters full of bad news and burdens, so we often write only about the good stuff. Rest assured; we are constantly in a fight for our lives in a spiritually dark land. Thank you for praying for us as we press forward serving the Lord. 1 Corinthians 16:9 "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Construction: I was neither lazy nor did I procrastinate. I intended to fix the leaking concrete walls on my house in May/June and then intended to start working on the roof at church in early July through August. When I started working on my house in May, I was delayed in that project by five weeks due to an injury (a second-degree chemical Alkali burn from the concrete mix). Thankfully, as of August 12, I have completed repairs on my house. We had a big rainstorm the days following completion. My wife had been putting buckets out on the floor to catch water for many years. Thank the Lord, we have no leaking water anymore. No more buckets! Additionally, repairing the walls will stop the cracking caused by water freezing in the winter in the open cracks that were in my walls. The power of freezing/expanding water is crazy. I have been putting off repairing the house for years due to the cost; however, I could not put it off anymore. Two chunks of our house fell off due to the water freezing and expanding problem last winter. I know it is not "mission" work, but it sure was a burden on my heart. The roof at the church is now my main priority. I have until the end of September if the weather follows a "normal" pattern for Iceland. Outside of my normal church ministry responsibilities as a missionary, I will be dedicating all my time to roof repair over the next six to seven weeks. Waiting for me are many visits, Bible translation work, people to disciple, and the daily stuff that stacks up and never goes away.



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