## The Northern Light Iceland News





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The ministry to Icelandic speaking Nationals: Much happened in March. We did some outreach programs to see new visitors come to church. We do our best to be creative at seeing doors opened to speak to the lost in our community through our outreach programs. The adult community is continually a challenge to see come to church. A society generationally removed from

church does not see a reason for attending a church. It is painstaking work and takes high levels of patience for us to wait on the Lord to open the hearts and minds of the parents. Satan has a stronghold in this society. Thankfully "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." Bible teachings are considered bad in Icelandic culture. I am thankful for the power of God's Word that we have the privilege of planting in young hearts and minds through our youth ministry. The photos, top left and below right, are of our outreach program that saw several visitors. Thank you for praying that

God would open doors. Thank you for praying that God would cause these young people to grow up in Christ's teachings and that families would be in Iceland. Building project offerings: Since 2015 we had not been able to do much work on the building, but thanks to our sending church and several former American members of First Baptist Church giving offerings starting in May



last year, we have been able to complete a large portion of the building. The building is over 14,000 square feet, and when the base closed 2006 only 4,000 square feet (less than 30%) of the building was in use. It was a slow building project hindered by military drawdowns resulting in a loss of membership in the military church, FBC, from 1994-2006. Today, 13 years after the base closed, the building is nearly 10,000 square feet completed (75%). Thank you for praying for our goal to finish the building by 2020's end. I will be 50 years old in 2020, and my prayer is to see this project to completion that year. The photo, bottom right, is of my daughter, Rosa, and me. She helped me tile an area of about 350 square feet. We thought that we were done building in February, and then we received an offering of a former member, and we were able to purchase the tiles for both entrances to the church! I know that we are not in Iceland to "build buildings," however when the base closed 2006, God gave us something for which we didn't plan, a building project. Through the building project, we have seen many open doors to preach the Gospel. Now, every room is

being used to teach of Jesus. In summer camp the building is divided into a girls' and boys' dormitory where we camp for 6 days and enjoy ministering. The building project has taken tremendous amounts of energy, time, and sacrifice. I believe we will see a Christian school in the building in the future as well as





a Bible College. That is not to mention a living, breathing, serving body of Christ, the church of the living God being run by Icelanders. Thank you for praying for the work in Iceland.



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