



# The Northern Light Iceland News

## The Weimer Family

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After graduating from college together in May of 1997 and being married less than 1½ years, BMFP accepted us as missionaries in June 1997. We continued serving in the bus ministry, teaching Sunday school at our church, and worked on staff at summer camp all that summer. I had a day job putting up scaffolding on construction sites. I prayed that the Lord would show us when we were supposed to start deputation. In September of 1997, Vicki and I left our jobs in Florida to start deputation for Iceland. We packed the little that we owned into a moving truck and put it into a storage container in North Carolina.

In November 1997, we went to Iceland on a survey trip. It was more for Vicki, who had never seen Iceland, than for me. I was stationed in Iceland with the USAF from 1990 until 1992. During that trip, I was ordained at the church where I had been saved and where I had surrendered to the call of God to preach.

The prayer card above was our first. The photo was taken at Vicki’s home church, now our sending church, Kerwin Baptist Church. We were so young and full of hope and dreams. We didn’t know it then, but Vicki was also pregnant with a baby we would lose on the way home from our very first meeting on full-time deputation in January of 1998. One year and seven months later, in August 1999, I landed in Iceland; Vicki, Clay and Will came two weeks later. On deputation for 20 months, we drove over 130,000 miles across 36 states to more than 150 churches. Twelve months into our deputation as Vicki was then eight months pregnant with William, she contracted bacterial spinal meningitis. She nearly died. Vicki had to stay home to recover for a few months as I continued the journey. The photo to the right was taken in August 1999 in the same place as our first prayer card photo. That was 22 years ago. We left for Iceland a few short days after this photoshoot.



After two years in Iceland, Rosa was born in June 2001. Much of what we expected to happen as missionaries did not happen. However, many things we never thought would happen did. Thankfully, God did open a door of ministry to us. “For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:9). Endurance through trials has been our daily bread. Ministry is something we learned in college as we served in other’s ministries, but pioneering is not something that I think one can thoroughly teach or learn in a college setting.

I have included my dream as a missionary on every prayer card: “Reaching the World through Iceland.” Clearly, this was God’s dream for us too. Last week, Vicki and I supported a young woman from Nigeria in our church whose father passed away here in Iceland. We went with her as Nigerian tradition dictates to prepare her father’s body for burial by dressing him. We never expected to do this as missionaries in Iceland. At the funeral last week, we had over 100 first-time visitors to our church from Nigeria, Poland, Ireland, Germany, the USA, Vietnam, and many other countries, including Iceland. I had the honor of preaching the gospel to many nations in Iceland. To date, we have had people reached in our church in Iceland from over 40 countries. Many do not stay in Iceland. I often receive letters from those who trusted Christ here, sharing that they are still faithful to the Lord. What a blessing this is! Thank you for praying for us.

Reaching Iceland: Thousands of children have attended youth church over the past 22 years. We have been to each of their homes, sharing the gospel with their parents. Thousands of adults have visited our church and heard the gospel through outreach programs like our carnival last Sunday when over 150 people heard the Gospel. We have distributed gospel tracts to every house in the eight towns on our peninsula many times. These eight towns are all within 20 minutes from our church building. More than 500 souls have attended our summer camps. We have seen people trust Jesus, be baptized, and grow in the Lord. We now have over 15 adults serving alongside us, ministering during our six weekly services.



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Yes, we have been busy and laboring for Jesus. Vicki and I have diligently worked and now rejoice that a church has been established in Iceland. We are paving the way for a Christian school. We are also putting the finishing touches on the building to attain licensing for both the school and summer camps throughout the summer instead of just one week per year. The photo to the left is of Vicki and me. In just a few short months, it will be only she and I here in Iceland. Rosa moved away two years ago to go to college. In a few short months, William will most likely move to NC, where he will intern at Kerwin Baptist Church and student-teach in a school in that area. Please pray for him as he seeks the Lord for direction. Clayton will leave after Christmas to go back to college and finish his junior year at PCC.

Vicki and I are encouraged that four families believe that they should come to minister in Iceland. Nathan and Megumi Sears, on deputation with almost 50% support level, believe they are supposed to work with us. The others are praying about where to serve in Iceland. Greater Vision Baptist Church, with Pastor Shaver, gathered all the Iceland missionaries together at their mission's conference in September. Pastor Shaver's son and nephew are on deputation to come to Iceland as a team. It blessed my heart to see such a focus on a country that Vicki and I have given heart and soul to reach. I am 51 years old now. I do not know how many more good years I have to offer, yet I have so much that I want to accomplish for the Lord. Thank you for praying for us as we continue to pioneer a work in Iceland. Thank you for praying for both the Icelandic-speaking community we are trying to reach and the English-speaking transient workers and immigrants in Iceland. Thank you for praying for the Bible translation work and the production of Bible dictionaries and commentaries in Icelandic. Thank you for praying for the country of Iceland. Thank you for your faithful financial support of my family as we serve Jesus in Iceland.

Thank you for praying for us, as we expect to have two teams come to Iceland in November and help with some additional work on the building. The inspectors mandated that we finish it before they give their final stamp of approval. If you want to see what this project entails, look up the video link project <https://youtu.be/-3JfIO2pask>. A former deacon of FBC Iceland (Dagan Lisenbee) from back in the military days and his son purchased tickets today. This team of two will be here November 6th - 13th to help with the 1x6s and other work that needs to be completed before we can hang the final drywall. This team will be John the Baptist for the team coming to drywall. We do need \$3,000 to purchase the boards. Thank you for praying about this! I am so thankful they are coming to help. We need to do a lot of preparation work before the drywall team comes. Pray for Greater Vision Baptist Church as they seek volunteers to come to drywall.



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