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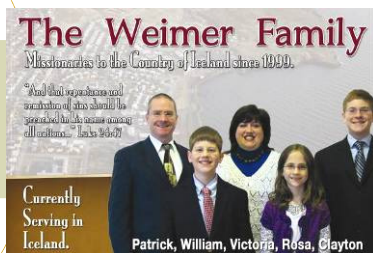
PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray as we plan our outreach programs for 2014.

Please pray for our summer outreach through summer camp and our summer carnival outreach at camp's end.

Please pray for our youth, teens, and adults: For salvation and growth.

Thank you



THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR'S OUTREACH

Opportunities are always there to minister, and holidays make it all the easier. It took a lot of work to organize, prepare, and execute our various holiday celebrations, but with the Lord all things are possible. Many people came for the first time and some for the first time in a long time. It was our joy to minister the message of Christ to them.

Thanksgiving Day saw over sixty-five people in attendance. Every person was asked to write down on a paper what they were thankful for. They were read after dinner. It was a joy to hear many give thanks to the Lord for their wonderful church. Those who are not part of the church were blessed to hear how the youth, teens, and adults love their little church. The Gospel was preached, and people were challenged to trust Christ. (See photo: bottom right)

Christmas services on the 22nd and the 24th (Iceland's Christmas Day) were well attended. (Photos to the right : Top and middle) The teens and children sang like a heavenly choir. The message of God's love toward man was proclaimed through the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Again, the Gospel was preached, and people were invited to trust Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year

Lamentations 3:22-23

"...His compassions fail not.

They are new
every morning..."



God blessed us with a wonderful crowd

Christmas
Day 10:30
pm service
Very sweet
time in the
Lord



A young couple came back for church on Sunday the following week and said that they will be attending regularly. This was a huge blessing! The young man was in our children's church ten years ago. He is now twenty-one years old. Pray for him as well as many others that came to our outreach and church growth programs.

We now have five adults that have been faithful to attend every week since August. Please pray for their spiritual needs (salvation and/or growth). Two adults that were faithful for over two years have stopped coming to church. Please pray for our adults.



Church services in Iceland look much different than they did when we had our van ministry. Since having to stop the van ministry a year ago things have certainly been different. Some are good, and some are sad. It is sad that we have fewer children in church. Everybody that comes is either transported by somebody or takes public transportation.

After our English service at 11 am on Sundays our Icelanders gather at 1 pm and sing together. We then dismiss the children that attend to go to their perspective Sunday School classes where seven teens teach them God's Word in age appropriate classes. The teachers were all saved and raised in our church plant.

I take the adult class that has seen five faithful and up to eight in regular attendance. It feels like a little church for the first time in fifteen years.



(Photo taken on deputation 1998)

This year, 2014, will mark our 15th year of being in Iceland as

missionaries. On the 23 of August 1999, I left America as a 29 year old man. Vicki, Clayton, and William followed on the 14th of September. Rosa was born here in Iceland June 5, 2001.

Most of our supporting churches have not seen us since 1998. We have not been off the field for any extended period of time since coming to Iceland. In 2004 we came back for 4 1/2 months to raise more support. At which time we visited a few of our supporters.

When we came, there was not a Baptist Church for the Icelandic people. There were no teaching materials or curriculum. The work of writing and preparing teaching tools for the up and coming generation in the church must continue. The work must continue in translating the Bible so the Icelandic people have a Bible that does more than contain the Word of God, but rather is, indeed, God's Holy Word from beginning to end. I must be faithful until God raises up a replacement to shepherd the little flock.

By God's grace, I intend to serve until God either helps me reach these goals or He calls me home.

That being said, I understand that many of our churches desire for us to come and report in person. The investment over the

past 15 years on the field and 1 1/2 on deputation has been great. We understand that many of our churches have a policy to see the missionary on a 4-5 year basis.

Truly, the reason we have not left is only for the sake of the young and tender believers in Iceland.

We are praying much about coming back next year, 2015 to be absent from Iceland for 1 year and 2 months. I really don't want to leave, but I am sensing much leading from the Lord to take this step.

We really want to finish the building project here, and I would love to get into several new churches to see them take on the building project as a separate missionary project and support it for 3 years. I really want to finish that before I turn 50 in 6 years.

If/when we leave Iceland for furlough and reporting, we will have somebody come and lend support in our absence. I would love to have some of our assistant pastors, mission pastors, and deacons of our supporting churches come and serve for a month.

As a missionary, our work fund portion of our support is used to pay the bills of the church (heating, electric, etc...) While absent from Iceland, financially we will still be vested in Iceland as the operation costs of both church and our home will need to be covered as well as additional costs on furlough/reporting. Please pray about this need.