

# Iceland Missions

*Alwardt Family AIM Newsletter*



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Photo from  
November 10th  
In-Person Meeting

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## In-Person Sunday Gatherings

On November 10th, we held an in-person Sunday gathering at our apartment right before AIMER Cindy Smith headed back to the states. Our time together included a time of worship (YouTube did an excellent job song leading), devotion, a time of prayer followed by food and fellowship. We had 3 Philopena women and one Icelandic boy who were in attendance as first-time guests. During our time of prayer, one of the women who was experiencing back pain asked for prayer and afterwards reported the pain was gone!

November 24th, we hosted a second in-person Sunday meeting at our apartment where Jeremiah taught from Exploring God's Word. Two of the original adults and the young boy returned to join us. After the Bible Study, a testimony was shared by one of the attendees of how she had an encounter with the Holy Ghost years ago in Dubai. After moving to Iceland, she spent years searching for a church where she could experience the Holy Ghost but could not find one in Iceland. She prayed that God would send her a church body. She told us that she wasn't planning to come to the first meeting because Sunday was her wash day (which is a very real lifestyle in Iceland due to the machines used here). However, when she went to start the washing machine, it wouldn't work. Unable to do her laundry, she decided to attend the meeting instead. She shared, "I'm so thankful I did, because I can feel the Holy Ghost here."

Additionally, the young boy who has been attending the Sunday meetings has been excited to come and be involved in the Bible study. In our second meeting he asked how the Word of God could get into his heart. While his English is still being developed, it is amazing to see that God's presence and Word supersedes all language barriers to reach the hungry. He is stirring this boy's heart to know the one true God!

We are so thankful and excited for what God is doing in Iceland!

## Zoom Prayer Meeting

On November 13th, we launched a Zoom prayer call in collaboration with AIMers Michelle Pace and Cindy Smith. Since then, we've had three calls, and we've witnessed growing faithfulness and a deeper passion for prayer among participants.

Our calls usually last 45-60 minutes and consist of:

- Focused Corporate Prayer
- Personal Prayer Requests
- Time of Devotion
- Prayer in Response to Devotion

We're grateful for the technology that enables us to connect more frequently.

## Akureyri



Picture above of our "Blizzard Day" in Akureyri

We were able to get up to the "Northern Capital" of Iceland and spend a few days in the city prayer walking/driving. While there, a blizzard occurred creating a closure on the one road out of the city. We were so thankful for God's protection and snow removal crews who were willing to clear the mountain pass for us to return to Reykjavik!

## Volcanic Eruption



Picture above from news showing the lava flow towards the Blue Lagoon

Picture below from news showing the lava flow covering the Blue Lagoon parking lot



There has definitely been some excitement around the volcanic eruption that happened on November 20th. This eruption occurred with very little warning and is posing a very real danger to their Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon here is a major symbol of Iceland that tourists all over the world come to see and experience.

We have been praying that human wisdom would fall short, and that there would be a renewed worship of the Creator, not the creation. It is notable that even the head meteorologists cannot explain the current eruption, and even the Blue Lagoon is now at risk of extinction.

~P.S. No one has been harmed and we are 29 miles away~