

# Iceland Missions

*Alwardt Family AIM Newsletter*

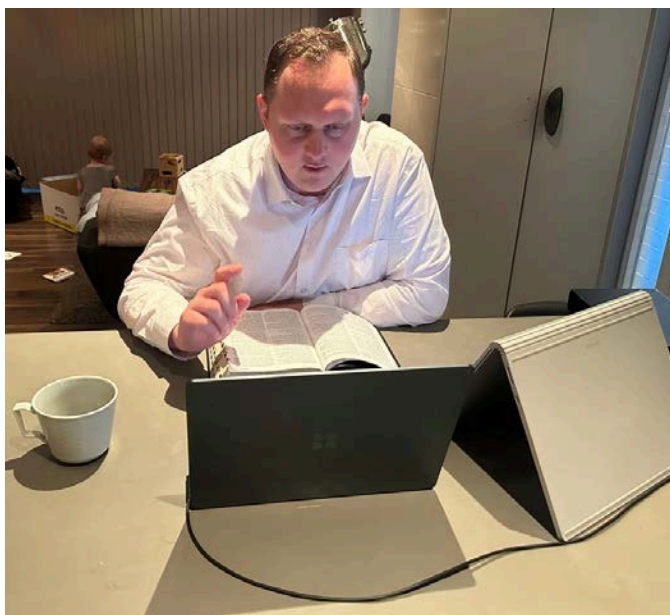
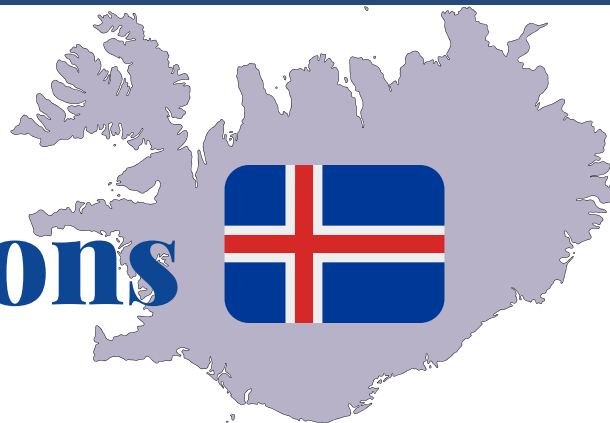


Photo above of Jeremiah teaching online Sunday Bible Study

Photo below of our farewell gathering



## Reflecting and Rejoicing

Our last month in Iceland was filled to the brim with God-ordained connections, Zoom prayer calls, Sunday Bible studies (mostly online due to illnesses and unforeseen circumstances), a prayer drive to the south part of Iceland, deepened relationships, a visit from the Alphin's (supervising missionary over Iceland), Christmas, and New Year's.

While the majority of our Sunday gatherings had to switch from in-person to online, it was so special to see hungry souls dig-in and be faithful and engaged as well as feel and see the presence of God sweep into the various screens and watch God do what only God can do.

We are thankful to report that one of the attendees shared that her Aunt that she had been praying for faithfully on our Thursday evening Zoom prayer call who needed physical and spiritual healing had decided that she would like to start attending the Bible study.

We rejoice that the hungry are being reached and that God is raising up an army in Iceland for His Name's sake.

## Prayer Point

*Picture of the church in Vik*

*Vík is the southernmost village in Iceland. While it has an extremely small population of about 300 people, it is a major tourist draw for its black sand beaches, glaciers, volcanoes, ice cave tours and its iconic wooden church. As we went to this church to pray (it sits on top of the city and has a panoramic view of all of the natural wonders surrounding) our hearts were broken to see that the church had been locked and was only for external tourist pictures.*

*Here was a place to showcase the majesty of the Creator and all of His power but the concept of church had been obliterated to a mere photo-opportunity.*

*With understanding that this location did not dictate whether or not truth would be preached in Iceland we prayed that God would resurrect the dead things that once did call on His name and that the winds would blow from all directions and breathe life into the dry bones.*



## A New Year

*Picture of fireworks at Hallgrímskirkja (Downtown Reykjavik)*

We were able to experience the Icelandic New Year's celebration which we had been warned about by several locals, but could not have imagined what it would be like in person. (Fireworks were unlimited and no location was off limits.)

With a New Year comes the excitement of something "New." Although we feel like God has begun the work in Iceland we are believing for a "New thing" like Iceland has never seen before,

We are thankful for the team that has been working in Iceland before we arrived and will continue to work after our departure. There have been many seeds planted and watered and we are excited as the growth is happening for all Iceland laborers as they cultivate and gather the harvest.

To God be all the Glory!!



**Isaiah 43:19 ESV Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**