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In the Rear View Mirror

What a wonderful kick off to the year, January has been a fantastic month full of events. After nearly two years of learning the Icelandic language through unorthodox methods, I was finally able to get into a structured course learning the Icelandic language. The initial plan upon reaching Iceland was to attend the University of Iceland (Háskóli Ísland) but due to unforeseen circumstances that was not a possibility. However, God has surrounded me with many people and resources to be able to make a great deal of progress already. After completing the available courses with the school I am currently attending, not only will I have learned a great deal of Icelandic, but I may be able to then attend the University for a more complete understanding of the language. At the beginning of this month, we were also able to use our newly purchased van to pick up adults and children for church. Our first day of use allowed us to transport nearly thirty people to and from church! What an opportunity! Because of your sacrificial giving and prayers, God is able to reach into the lives of these people. We have already seen an increase in attendance of our Sunday afternoon services. While we are absolutely excited for the opportunity to present the gospel to more and more souls, it does also increase the funds needed to sustain this ministry. We are grateful to have such a strong base of supporters who believe in the mission that God has called us to.

The Road Ahead

With all that God has already done in just the first month of the year, we are ecstatic to see what God does in the coming months. We have plans to continue my Icelandic language education and use of the van to bring lost souls to Christ, but we know that God often has plans that we do not know about until they are already completed, and we are very eager to watch Him work.

Hidden Blessings

There are often things in ministry that no one tells you about, that no one is going to brag about but are often a large part of your service to God. For instance, no missionary is going to put in their prayer letter the countless hours they spent mopping the floor and taking out the trash, however, in some cases, these things take an enormous amount of time. This month, I had the tremendous opportunity to clean up human excrement from our church's lawn. There is (and has been for a long time) a disdain for those who truly love God and do His work here in Iceland. This is no exception to the random yet awful things that people have done in an effort to discourage the people of God from remaining faithful. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

Sincerely,
-The Sears Family