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In the Rear View Mirror

Newton's laws of conservation of energy state that an object in motion will remain in motion until an equal or greater outside force acts upon it. Summer camp gave our church a powerful launch and momentum began. This world has tried its best to act against the momentum that Christ has begun in the lives of those attending Fyrsta Baptista Kirkja. It has been by-and-large unsuccessful. We have seen two children baptized since camp's end, and several teenagers began faithfully attending our services. Several of them have even begun attending our English services on Sunday mornings. I will never grow old of seeing the transforming power of God's Word in a person's life.

In my Icelandic Sunday School class, we have begun a new semester, and our theme is "Villains of the Bible". We just finished looking at the life of Cain and how, in just a few short verses, Cain went from a man who was making sacrifice offerings for God to the murdering his own brother. The emphasis I am trying to teach is that we often think we are better than the bad guy. But truth be told, we are always one bad decision away from becoming the villain ourselves. We also had a special outreach Sunday where we celebrated Christmas in July. Our church volunteers enjoyed dressing up in our Christmas sweaters and other decorations for this fun, atypical Sunday.

The Road Ahead

As we draw near to a close of summer, we will be holding a "Back to School Sunday" outreach in an attempt to bring those that have been traveling during the summer. It is quite normal for families to travel for two months or longer during the summer. Due to many extended absences, we try each year to bring them back and encourage them to invite their friends. It is unfortunate how much turnover we experience in our children's ministry. In the three years we have been here, we have seen nearly a whole new group of children. In a comparison of a group picture taken our first year here to a group picture of this year's summer camp, there are only four people other than our volunteers that are still in attendance. While we have near-constant attendance in numbers, it is a constant rotation of new children. Please pray with us that we would see a reduction in this turnover rate and that we would see some lasting growth in the lives of these children.

We are also thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming our baby girl, **Nora Grace Sears**, this coming December! Our excitement is growing each day as we await her arrival.

Sincerely,

-The Sears Family

