



The Polar Paper

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Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Happy New Year!

~ During the Christmas season, ministry attendance generally drops. Children visit their grandparents; church members spend time with their families; and society slows down. While Christmas is a tremendous opportunity to share



the hope of Jesus, it also takes some time for our ministry to regain momentum. Typically, the first few days of the new year are slow, with low attendance. That was not the case this year! We visited all our bus children, and most of them said they would come—and they did. Our sweet, small group of volunteers (Sunday school teachers, assistant teachers, etc.) handled the influx of children with love and care. It was wonderful to see that the hearts of our dear volunteers are still invested in reaching Iceland with the hope and love of Jesus.

Teen Celebrations



~ Over the Christmas break, a couple of our teenagers celebrated their birthdays. Phyllis, knowing that this would be our first teen service of the year, decided to bake an apple pie/cake for those who had celebrated birthdays. But with the new year come new challenges. Our teenagers are getting older and are being tempted with increasingly hedonistic influences. One of our teenagers was recently asked to try an addictive product. Thankfully, she refused. However, she was immediately mocked and called a "loser" for being

different. Although such struggles are not unique to Iceland, the social, familial, and peer influences – they are uinqe. It is another reminder of the need to change the spiritual landscape of Iceland. <u>Please pray</u> that God would continue protecting our teenagers and that we might continue encouraging them to choose Jesus.

Family Visit

~ I love my family. My brother-in-law, Dylan, and my sister, Rosa, visited us for Christmas and the New Year. Rosa is pregnant and will give birth sometime in March. I am very excited to become an uncle! They helped in myriad ways with the ministry, beyond simply being an encouragement. On the last day of 2024, Dylan helped my dad and me shovel snow from the church parking lot so that people could come to church. I am proud of them and grateful that they were able to visit us. <u>Please pray</u> for my sister as she will soon give birth to my nephew.



Yours in Christ, William and Phyllis Weimer