

25, August 2010 Reykjavík, Iceland

Dear friends and fellow workers,

This letter is written on my 11th anniversary of living and ministering in Iceland. At about 6:30 this morning eleven years ago a very young, tired and excited Jeremy Gresham arrived at the airport in Keflavík, Iceland with two travel bags. At least that's how I remember it. Today, I almost forgot this was my anniversary. Congratulations everyone!!

There has been more sun, more warmth and less wind this summer than any of my summers here before. Praise God for global warming. Steam still rises from the volcanic area of Eyjafjallajökull. So don't rule out more outbursts just yet.

Special thanks to any of you who assisted Keri Kondracky with her trip here. She did a wonderful job encouraging the 10 of us who attended the Sunday school seminars, and she hit a home run with our ladies meetings, where she clearly presented salvation and spiritual growth. Attendance grew with each meeting the ladies had. Even four visitors attended them. Their third and final meeting had 15 in attendance! May He bless Miss Kondracky for her sacrifices to come and encourage us all.



As usual summer vacations gave a decline in church attendance but we still had good services and decent numbers. We've seen answered prayers of safe traveling, job placement, housing and return visits of wayward sheep. We are still praying for lost loved ones and see the hand of God drawing them still yet.

Again I have been given opportunity to encourage a long time friend toward faith and repentance as he has been telling me of his domestic struggles. I've gotten a few mid-night calls connected with a drug addict and a suspected bi-polar man. I've never been placed in such circumstances before and have never had training in areas of drug use and mental illness. So I'm very unsure how to approach these folks and their changes, but it's done with a whole lot of "Jesus, help me with this and help them." Spiritual battles still go on.

On the desk by my computer lies the almost finalized Constitution and By-laws of our church. By the first of next week the paperwork should all be complete and submitted for registry with the government. Our registering or not has nothing to do with our being a church or not. It does make it easier to advertize. It gives people an opportunity to publicly expression of their alliance with us, and it allows some of the tax money that is taken from them to be deposited into this church's bank account instead of some other church's or university's account where it is mandatorily allotted.

God bless you all,


Jeremy Gresham

Dear churches and friends,

September 9, 2010, Reykjavík, Iceland

The attendees of our services have been given a copy of the constitution and by-laws, and Rev. Hansen and I have been visiting the folks in their homes answering any questions they have and encouraging them spiritually. Some are saved and baptized. Some are only saved and some need salvation. We have three candidates for baptism so far, and are excited to work out the little details of getting those scheduled. Our translator is one that we know needs salvation, and we pray he is reborn soon.

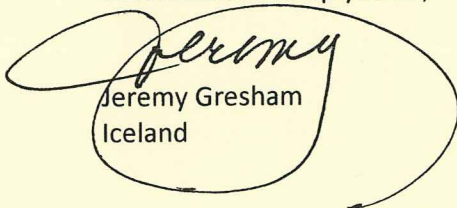
Rev. Hansen and I are visiting the folks with a second mission in mind. We wish to prepare them for the Lord's Supper. After years of preaching and teaching and preaching and teaching, we feel it far past time, yet we want to make one more attempt of preparation. Some of the folks are excited and look forward to this Sunday's memorial. Some are regretful that they will not be able to partake. But we have offered our assistance to them all that each one might be ready.

By now you should have received notice of my resignation as a missionary to Iceland. I have just over a week left before returning to the states. Because of my busy schedule and the financial crisis in Iceland, all of my belongings have been given away to Christian friends who are in need and frequent this ministry or know it well. I have kept my library, most clothing and a few personal items. My car has been broken for two years now and the last straw is being drawn to try to fix it. I am unsure if I will have time to sell it or not. Whatever is done with it, I pray that will bring glory to the LORD.

Upon returning to the U.S.A, I hope to be a blessing to my father and pastor, Clarence W. Gresham and my sending church, Southside Baptist. I also hope that I will be blessed there and learn a few things I feel I lack. Only the LORD knows what awaits me on the other side of the Atlantic, and He only knows if I will again return to Iceland. Yet I believe this move to be His will and Him compelling me back.

I thank each of you for your prayer and financial support through the years. You have made it possible for thousands here to receive a testimony of the Gospel and a Bible based church in their neighborhood. You shall continue to reap as this church grows and multiplies. Upon my return to the States I will write with information of my affairs and how you can continue to be in contact with this ministry.

God bless and keep you all,



Jeremy Gresham
Iceland