

THE NATE SHAVER FAMILY

to the people of Iceland

“Deputation begins”

What a month it has been! I could spend a whole letter regaling you with all of the tiny details of preparing for life on the road as we work towards Iceland. Meetings, calls, emails, change of address forms, car upkeep, follow-up phone calls, follow-up emails, packing and consolidating clothes... ..but after MUCH preparation, we are finally and officially on deputation.

“Monthly Recap”

January 27th – My last Sunday as Pastor of Open Door Baptist Church. What an emotional yet exciting Sunday as God clearly directed them in bringing on Joel Franks as their new Pastor.

February 3-21– Two missions conferences, with one being at South Haven Baptist Church in Springfield, Tennessee, and the other at Calvary Baptist Church in Lakeland, Florida.

February 24 – We were able to spend time with our sending church, Greater Cumberland Baptist Church.

The Spiritual Need in Iceland

In 2000, 90% of Icelanders claimed to be a part of the state (Lutheran) church. In the last 20 years, that number has dropped to around 60%. Rather than searching for fulfillment in a true relationship with God, they choose to rely on socialistic reforms, and Humanistic/Atheistic beliefs to solve their problems.

“Family life”

Sickness has followed us all month, and yet we’ve had a wonderful time meeting and making friends (sorry if we got anyone sick).

My (Nate) spiritual birthday was on February 26. It’s hard to believe that I’ve been a part of God’s family for 27 years now!!

Rachel’s pregnancy is going well. She just started her third trimester, and we are thankful that both her, and baby boy are healthy and well.

“Prayer Needs”

I’m working towards filling our May-July deputation calendar.

That Rachel and baby would continue to be healthy.

For our travels to go smoothly with minimal bathroom stops.

This sickness that we’ve been battling to leave us alone!

Both Rachel and I need to continue our schooling in order to meet Icelandic guidelines.



We are humbled and grateful for the generosity and love that has been shown us this past month. So many individuals we could thank, so many things for which we could publicly give thanks. God has exceedingly blessed us throughout February, and we are excited to serve him in this new capacity.

To Iceland for Christ,
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