



icelandic missions

TO ICELAND...TO THE WORLD

the **michael shaver** family

why iceland?

ICELAND is known to be a Christian nation. Christianity supposedly made its way to Iceland in the 10th Century when Catholicism integrated with the Viking religion.

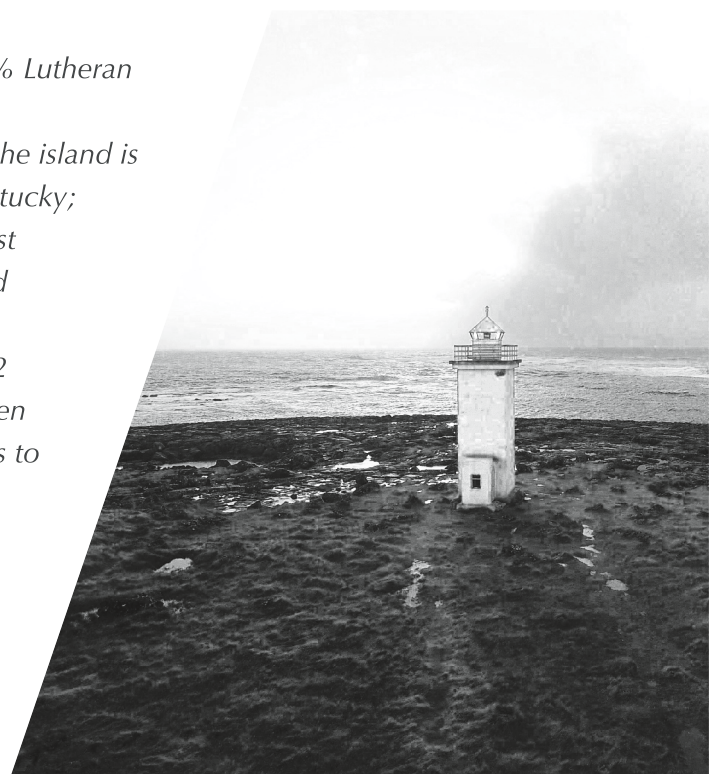
FOR OVER 1000 years, the little truth that they might have had has been filtered through their own belief system. Today, humanism and atheism are rampant among Icelanders and any religion they have is seen through their philosophical view of the world.

ICELANDIC FACTS

National Religion: 85% Lutheran

Population: 350,000; the island is roughly the size of Kentucky; largest per capita atheist population in the world

Icelandic Language: 32 characters; in the top ten most difficult languages to learn.





our **burden.**

THE ONE mission work in Iceland is currently in the pioneer stage, and there is great need to continue and build on this to establish a beachhead. Our desire is to follow the biblical example given and establish an independent, self - propagating, native Icelandic Church. This will not be an overnight or even a multi - year endeavor, but rather a mission that will require a lifetime commitment.



our **mission.**

TRANSLATION WORK

// Bible Translation // Hymns
// Discipleship Materials
// Education Curriculum

ESTABLISH CHURCHES

// *Evangelistic Outreach*
// *1 on 1 Discipleship*
// *Advanced Biblical Training*



The Lord allowed me to be born into the home of full-time Christian workers. They were faithful to always keep the Lord before us. From the time I was very young, they taught me of salvation. I received the Lord as my Savior when I was about five years old and was baptized shortly after. The Lord has always kept missions in front of me. When I was four, the Lord allowed my family to move to South

Africa where my dad started a Bible printing ministry. We later attended Windsor Hills Baptist Church where I was able to meet hundreds of missionaries over my teenage and college years. I attended Bible college and graduated with a missions degree. I then served at Greater Cumberland Baptist Church for seven years, until the Lord moved us to follow Him into foreign missions.

meet michael & rachel

I had the privilege of being raised in a pastor's home. I learned a lot about ministry and was able to see God do some mighty things. When I was twelve years old, I realized that I did not remember asking the Lord into my heart and it was then I accepted Jesus as my Savior. It was the greatest day of my life!

When I was 16, I heard a message on surrender. I went forward and surrendered my life to serve the Lord however He would lead.

After graduating Bible college in 2014, I served in my local church as an assistant to the pastor. I have had the joy of helping to organize mission conferences, outreach events, and ladies Bible studies.

It's been amazing to see how the Lord has been preparing me for our future ministry in Iceland. I am excited to see how God will use our family!





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pastoral recommendation

“Michael has a teachable spirit. He acknowledges that he does not have all the answers and has proven himself willing to listen to and act on godly advice from experienced men. He is a man of great integrity and follows through on his commitments. I believe he would be a return on your investment in world evangelism.”

Pastor Ken Shaver
Greater Vision Baptist Church

GOD - We believe there is one God who exists in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

JESUS - We believe that Jesus is the Son of God who was born of a virgin, was wholly God, and wholly man, lived a sinless life, died in our place as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, was buried, arose bodily from the grave, and ascended into Heaven.

HOLY SPIRIT - We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, is active in convincing unbelievers of their need for salvation and is the Comforter and Guide who lives in every believer.

MAN - We believe that man is a special creation of God made in His image, but that through the sin of Adam, mankind fell so that all men are sinners.

PRAYER - We believe that each believer has direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

SALVATION - We believe in salvation by grace through faith, that salvation is a free gift of God not by any virtue or works of man but received only by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; that all true believers possess the gift of eternal life, a perfect righteousness, sonship in the family of God and the divine guarantee that they shall never perish.

ETERNITY - We believe that those persons who die in their sins without Christ will spend eternity in Hell and those persons who die with their sins forgiven through Christ will spend eternity in Heaven.

BAPTISM - We believe that water baptism is an act of obedience to the command of Christ and is by immersion after salvation.

ASSURANCE - We believe that every

person who is saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCH ORDINANCES - We believe that the two Scriptural ordinances given to the local church are baptism by immersion of believers only and the Lord's Supper to be partaken of by obedient Christians of like faith and order.

THE BIBLE - We believe in the Holy Scripture accepting fully the writings of the Old and New Testaments as the very word of God, verbally inspired in all parts; the scriptures are infallible, inerrant, and authoritative rule for a life in faith.

CHURCH - We believe that a New Testament church is an organized body of born-again, baptized believers practicing Scriptural ordinances and actively engaged in fulfilling the Great Commission.

statement of faith



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