



icelandic missions

TO ICELAND...TO THE WORLD

the **nate shaver** family

why iceland?

ALTHOUGH thought to be a Christian nation, due to a 1000 year old Catholic label, Iceland's past is steeped in paganism and self-dependence. With the Lutheran church now established as the state religion, the true gospel of Christ has been hidden from the people of Iceland.

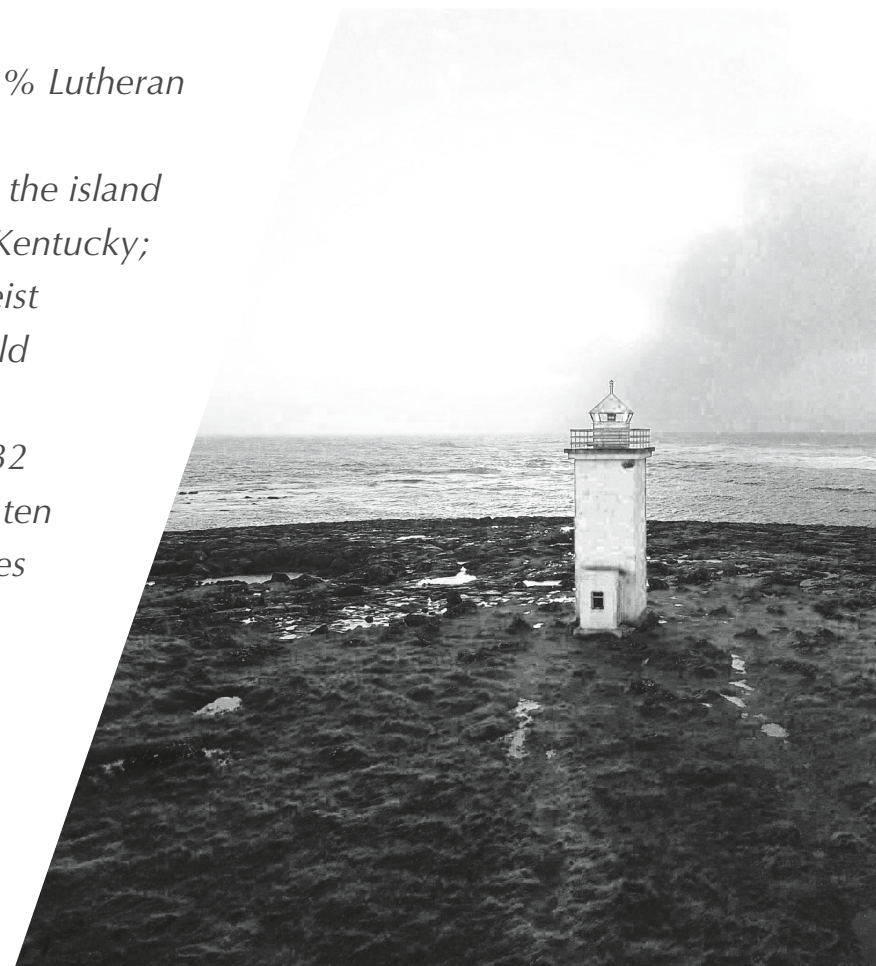
THE SLIGHT truth that they might have had has been filtered through their own belief system. Today, humanism and atheism are rampant among Icelanders and any religion they have is seen through their philosophical view of the world.

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*



I grew up in a Christian home which led to my salvation at the age of 4, on February 26, 1992. As a pastor's son, I was surrounded by the influence of many missionaries, and in 1999 when I was 11, I felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit to surrender to the area of missions. The ministry played a major part in my life. Growing up, I was able to assist our family in starting Greater Cumberland Baptist Church, and later

after graduating from Bible college, establishing Open Door Baptist Church in Cadiz, KY where I have pastored until the beginning of 2019. I met my wife, Rachel, at my home church and were married in 2011. We are excited that God is continuing to grow our family. For 20 years, I had a God-given burden for Iceland. After seeking God's Word and godly counsel, I am confident for my family and I to go to Iceland as missionaries.

meet nate & rachel

I had the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. My mother took my siblings and I to church every time the doors were open. When I was seven, I prayed a prayer and counted that as my salvation. I spent the next nine years ignoring the conviction of the Holy Spirit. On December 29, 2006, I was under such deep conviction, I told my mother I wasn't saved. As I knelt by their bed, I accepted Christ as the only payment for my sins.

Nate and I were married in 2011. In 2016, we were expecting our fourth child. However, our excitement turned to anguish. In my eighteenth week of pregnancy, our baby boy passed away. God used that difficult time to start dealing with me about yielding to Him. In March of 2017, I fully surrendered to God. I am so excited to spend the rest of my life serving Him in Iceland.





sephora, myles, delbert, & cornelius & theodore

pastoral recommendation

With no reservations I would like to recommend my son, Nate, and his family to you as your representatives on the field of Iceland. In his role as pastor at the church he started in 2015, he has demonstrated the leadership and vision that will be a great help to him on the field. He has been faithful to the Lord his whole life and is now leading his home with the help of his godly wife, Rachel, to also be faithful to the Lord.

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 Scriptures, 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. We use only the King James Version, believing it to be perfectly preserved through translation.

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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