

the Larson family

Sending the Light
to Iceland



Alexander & Sheree
Nickoli, Melody, & Izabella

Prayer letter for April-June 2023

Thank you to all who have been praying for our journey and calling to Iceland. More than anything, in this time of our journey to get to Iceland, we need prayers. Since starting deputation, we have learned a lot and grown tremendously in the Lord.

In April, we accomplished many goals and set new ones. Alex was ordained at Morning Star Baptist Church on April 15th. We purchased our tickets to Iceland for Sheree and the kids' survey trip. We had our first orientation classes with MWBM on the 26th and 27th and officially started our deputation.

In May, we received our prayer cards and display banner, presented our ministry to our first church, Open Door Baptist in Gaffney, SC, and Alex graduated Lighthouse Baptist College in Abbeville, SC with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pastoral Theology. We reached 4 percent of our financial goal. Our kids finished public school and enrolled in homeschool. Please continue to pray as we move forward with this.

In June, we presented our ministry to a couple more churches and began preparing and anxiously looking forward to our survey trip to work with the Weimers in Iceland. God answered a major prayer and saved our son, Nickoli, on June 27th during Family VBS at our home church. Alex had the great privilege to lead him to the Lord in the evening service.

In July, we left for Iceland on the 6th. Our flight was a redeye flight. It was the first time Sheree and the kids would fly, and our biggest concern was how Melody (our 4-year-old) would do on the long flights. Praise the Lord Sheree and all the kids did amazing. The flights were smooth, and we didn't lose any luggage or children during the connection flights and arrived on time on July 7th. The Weimers picked us up at the airport. Jet lagged and with 24hrs. of no sleep, we were excited and ready to serve the Lord and see the country and meet our fellow laborers in Christ that are in the country.

In the short week we were in the country, we tried to fit in as much as we could. We stayed at Fyrsta Baptista Kirkjan (First Baptist Church) in Njarövík, where the Weimers and Sears serve. This was an amazing experience, as this is where we feel the Lord has called us to labor when we arrive in the country. Alex had met the Weimers on an earlier survey trip, but this was the first time we got to meet the Sears. The Lord moved in our hearts while we were there and confirmed our calling to Iceland for Sheree, which was the whole point of this trip. We began to explore the country and see the real beauty of Iceland. But there was an eternal need we

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had to discover ourselves. We went out on a survey of the local residents of Iceland. We discovered firsthand the condition of the hearts in Iceland and why we are called to deliver the Gospel and help the Weimers and Sears with this mission.

We were able to attend and participate in the Sunday services, and the Lord moved in our hearts during this, while opening our eyes. We learned that not only will we be reaching the Icelanders but also, the immigrants there as well. Iceland is home to many people of different backgrounds. During the English-speaking service there were people from many different countries. So, through reaching Iceland, we are reaching the world. While we were there it was impossible to get away from working at the church. Alex helped install two windows and helped prepare the parking lot for spaces to be drawn out when a team from America comes in two weeks. The Lord knit our hearts together, and we feel we made real friends with them while there. There was so much that happened but not enough space in this prayer letter to write it all. It was an amazing trip, and the Lord answered many prayers.

The week moved way too fast, and we had to leave. With sadness we boarded the plane on the 13th and made it home safely with a new fire to finish deputation so we can go back to our new home in Iceland. We ask that you continue to pray for us that the Lord will open doors and provide meetings so we can get back as soon as possible. We also ask that you pray for the Weimers and the Sears as they labor in Iceland. Their work ethic and passion for the people of Iceland is a testament to their commitment for their mission. There is a mountain of work left to do and a country to reach. We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Weimers and Sears for all their love and care and for preparing meals and providing a warm place to stay during our trip. Also, to Morning Star Baptist, our sending church, for support financially and prayerfully for this survey trip.

In Christ,
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