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Nothing Impossible In Iceland

Dear friends,

Reykjavík, 20th April, 2010

Winter's been mild in Iceland. There's been very little snow and temperatures just over freezing. Finally, grey skies are turning blue, and a spring sun is on the horizon. Yet this week's temperatures have dropped to freezing and below, so we won't be welcoming spring in too quickly.

From 2003 to 2006 we had both a Sunday and Tuesday meeting. But we were one small group on one day and another small group on the other. It seemed like we were becoming two churches instead of one. At the end of this time no one was attending Tuesday meetings, so we stopped offering them. It was good at least for unity's sake that the church was together on Sundays, yet the people needed to hear the Word of God preached more than once a week.

For almost two years, my co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, Miss Parker and I have discussed and prayed about ways to feed the flock more often. While I was away for furlough, one of our dear ladies hosted a ladies' Bible study. Since then, schedules have changed making it difficult for them to get together. Also, men need God's Word. Last fall, advertisements were made for midweek home Bible studies, and thankfully, many were interested. Last month there were two Bible study groups, and this month there are three. Praise the LORD for working in and through us all!

Since the Wharton family began this ministry in 2001, little ones have been present in our services. We once were able to offer them their own Bible time. Since 2005, that has not been possible. I thank God that He's matured us enough that we've never been angry at the children for walking around during the sermon or even crying. We've always been thankful for their attendance and recognized them as blessings from the LORD and always known that they need a Bible time and singing for themselves. We just didn't have the capability.

For a year, we've had seven little ones from 2 to 7 years old. Even last Easter, the mothers were speaking of a need for a Sunday school. They were discussing plans on how they could teach the children. As missionaries, we aren't here just to do the work of the ministry, but we must also encourage, train and strengthen them to be ministers themselves. For the last three months, I have made public announcements and prayed that some in the flock would be called to teach our children. Four ladies and a man have shown an interest, but they lack confidence.

During that time, the LORD renewed contact between me and a former Bible college acquaintance, Keri Kondracki. She is a degreed, fulltime school teacher, and she is interested in coming and assisting us. She will organize a Sunday school plan and teach our people to teach our children. You will find a letter from her enclosed with this one. Any financial and prayer support you can give to her so she can come to assist us, is needed and would be appreciated. Also, pray for those who are showing interest in the Sunday school. The Devil is not going to allow us to progress without fighting, and he is fighting us.

Thank you for the concern you have shown about me regarding the volcano here in Iceland. I am west of the volcano, and the wind has carried the ash east, toward Europe. Therefore, I have not been affected. God is so good! Thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ,

Jeremy Gresham

*"For with God nothing shall be
impossible" Luke 1:37*

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