

THE NATE SHAVER FAMILY to the people of Iceland

"The Necessity of Prayer"

One of my children asked me this last month why we pray if God already knows everything. I remember wondering this same question when I was younger. If God's will is ultimately being done, then what is prayer? God in his sovereignty is working his will in the earth, and yet the constant command to us is to PRAY. Pray for ourselves, pray for the brethren, pray for laborers, pray for our enemies. Prayer is integral to our daily life and ministry. There's a certain aspect of it that's beyond our understanding and yet James tells us we have not because we ask not.

The importance of prayer is driven home as we are looking forward at what lies ahead of us. Every church I go to I ask for prayer for the hearts of the Icelanders to be broken to their need for the gospel. This is at the center of what Iceland needs. But as we get closer to leaving we see the seeming little things(although they don't seem little as they are in front of us)that muddy up the picture. Paperwork that needs processed, housing when we get to Iceland, vehicle, schooling, shipping container, flights. They are all matters of prayer. Prayer for wisdom, prayer for God's will to be done. We are asking for prayer for these things. We're excited to be at this stage and looking forward to being in Iceland

"Prayer..."

- Icelandic residency permits to process speedily
- Pray that we'll be able to pick up the final supporters we need.

"...and Praise"

- Safety while travelling
- The opportunities I had this month to present

"Conclusion"

February is an exciting month. On the 10th, Michael Shaver, my cousin, and Icelandic Missions Partner is getting married to Rachel Deverick. Many of you all have prayed fervently for Michael and his family the past 3 years, and the Lord has been so gracious to Michael and his kiddos. Please continue to pray for them as they continue to move forward as a new family, and in their ministry working towards Iceland.

God is good to us. I am grateful for his provision for us through you all as his faithful servants. We thank the Lord for you all, and pray for his blessings on you. Many of you have been so generous to us through the holiday season, and in our birthday/anniversary months. Thank you!

To Iceland for Christ,

Nate and Rachel Shaver

Sephora, Myles, Delbert, Cornelius, Theodore, and Cecelia

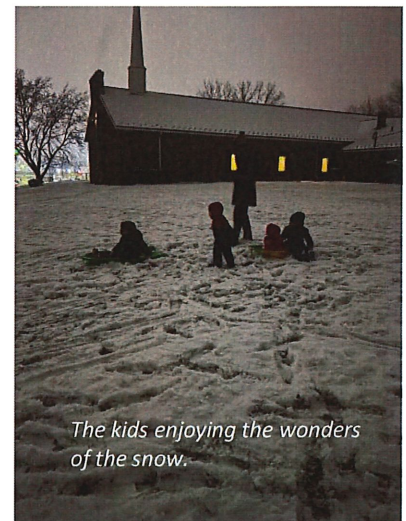
Culture File - Sagas

The sagas of Icelanders (Icelandic: Íslendingasögur), also known as family sagas. They are prose narratives mostly based on historical events that mostly took place in Iceland in the ninth, tenth, and early eleventh centuries, during the so-called Saga Age.

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I was able to sing a special with my cousin Michael at our sending church.



The kids enjoying the wonders of the snow.

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