



Dear Partners,

December 2023

We wanted to take a minute to personally thank you for standing by us in ministry. Whether a long-time Supporter or a brand-new one as of this year, your commitment means so much. You've enabled the continuing fulfillment of a long-ago, God-given calling... and we are grateful.

The church in Finland is growing. We are working on its foundation, making sure the firmness can stand the tests that will come. We're thankful for all that God has done, and are content to continue following His plan; anything else means mere humans are in control, and that's a scary place to be.

Iceland is taking a bit longer, and that's also by God's direction. It's never wise to leave a boiling pot to care for a cold one, yet this is the scenario we've had since arriving on-field after our 2021 deputation. However, the Lord is directing us to begin traveling there again, so we expect to start as early as January. Our on-field AIM team hasn't come together just yet, but we trust the Lord's timing on that, too. He knows who will work well in a lonely situation, and who fits best in the culture. We also believe there are others who feel a calling and haven't yet committed; we welcome prayers for them to say "Yes."

Our family is well. "Poppa and Granna" have four healthy grandchildren, and our daughters continue to serve Jesus along with their families. We are thankful for everything He has given us—and that includes you.

May your holidays be blessed. You are deeply appreciated.

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