



## Carl & Mayke

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“Let them give glory to the Lord and proclaim his praise in the Islands.” Isaiah 42:12

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Hello everyone, Finally a new newsletter from us. The reason we send our newsletter is to keep you up to date with the things we are doing with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) International.

### Project Iceland

As most of you are aware, since the end of February Mayke and I moved to Iceland to begin (with a team) an YWAM operating location in Iceland that would serve as a headquarters for the various works YWAM would be undertaking here. Preparations for this have been going on since 2006, it's great to finally be here!!

### What are we doing?

Our main objective at the moment is to integrate as well as possible into Icelandic society. Twice a week we have language lessons. Icelandic is said to be one of the most difficult languages in the world... I think I agree!!! Lessons are being sponsored to us by a lady who teaches Icelandic professionally to Immigrants here. Her Church allows us to use their facilities free of charge plus: paper, pens, the photocopier, coffee. This is such a blessing for us all. Lessons are fun and interactive! My prayer is that we are able to learn this language fluently and that it won't take too long!

Church involvement is also very important for us. Not just with making contacts but also for spiritual growth. There are a lot of Churches in the main city area. We've spent the last couple of months going Church to Church and meeting Church leaders and old friends. The Church that we are thinking of attending more often is very much involved with evangelism outreaches in Iceland and also has women's meetings which Mayke would like to attend.



### Evangelism

The motto of YWAM is “To Know God, And Make Him Known”. This is something that we want to be active doing at all times, not just with words but through our attitudes and actions. Currently at the weekends our group has an opportunity to partner with once local Church in a late night street evangelism action serving coffee to people as they go to and from clubs. The plan is that while serving people free coffee conversations will flow, and hopefully these conversations will be about the Gospel of Jesus! Of course during evangelism you never have a guarantee of the reaction you'd like. But there are testimonies about deep talks which lead to people asking for prayer and receiving Jesus as Lord! This is awesome!!!

Mondays is for me Football nights. Every week I join a group of guys to play. This group is a mixture of Christians and non-Christians. The football is nice but the conversations are challenging. This is mostly due to my lack of Icelandic so this is another incentive to get busy studying!

### Official Kickoff

Last weekend Youth With A Mission - Iceland was legally and officially began. The board consists of 6 members (3 Icelanders/ 3 non-Icelanders). Board meetings were Friday - Saturday. Nice and long like a good board meeting should be. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June we will hold an official kickoff meeting. In this meeting we will invite all Icelandic YWAMers to join and partner with us in the work we will do on the Iceland. This is very exciting because many Icelanders have been looking forward to having YWAM back.

## Summer 2009

Summer outreaches are something we love to do in Youth With A Mission. Some of you in Broughton will remember a few years back a “Kings Kids” team coming to Aylesbury to do some outreach for a few weeks. This summer in Iceland we will host our first “Kings Kids” teams. We will have a group from Sweden and a group from Spain coming at the same period to work both together and with us. This is very exciting but also requires a great deal of organisation. We need people to translate into Icelandic from Spanish, Swedish and English... plus the other way round!!! We need to arrange permits so that performances can be done on the street, transport for a group of 25, sleeping accommodations and food!!! The teams will arrive at the end of July so the pressure is officially on!

## Other news

After the summer activities we will be back take a few weeks off to visit family, friends and Church in both the UK and The Netherlands. We look forward to sharing in person the things we’ve been up to and hearing from you the things that have been going on in your life. Oh and if your wondering... married life is fantastic!!!

Thanks for reading and be blessed,

Carl & Mayke

### **Prayer points:**

- ✚ Good preparations for the Kickoff and Kings Kids.
- ✚ The ability to learn Icelandic quickly and well.
- ✚ Blessing over the contacts we’ve made and that we will make good friends here.

### **Thanksgiving points:**

- ✚ A wonderful apartment!
- ✚ A good intergration thus far.
- ✚ Blessing of free language classes

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