



Introduction: Where is _____? (Show on world map)

Iceland is a sparsely populated nation (_____ people) with a land mass of some 38,770 square miles.

The Island of Greenland

Typography and other Facts about Iceland

It features an active volcano East of Keflavik (where the airport is located) in a town called Grindavik.

Iceland also has a lot of geothermal activity throughout.

Iceland also has immense glaciers. (Vanta Glacier).

Iceland also boasts about its black sand beaches.

Iceland also has the barren highlands of the West.

Iceland is very close to the _____ Circle.

Iceland experiences _____ hours of sunlight at the height of summer (it never got dark) and around _____ hours of sunlight at midwinter.

What about the people of Iceland?

The Viking Period

Iceland was originally settled by pagan _____. Ingolfr Arnarson was the first to sail to Iceland in _____.

Godafoss - History tells us that in the year 1000, Porgeir, chieftain of Ljosavatn district, and Lawspeaker of the Althing, was entrusted with the momentous task of deciding whether Icelanders should adopt the Christian faith. When his decision was formally accepted, he went home and threw his statues of the pagan gods into the waterfall, Godafoss (Waterfall of the gods) is said to derive its name from this event. It is 12 metres high (39.5 feet tall).

Catholicism arrived in Iceland around the year _____ AD.

Catholicism was eventually replaced by _____ during the Reformation.

What about the _____ of Iceland?

The _____ Church of Iceland

The National Church of Iceland is the Evangelical _____ Church of Iceland (Nothing _____ about it). **Show picture of the Church at Reykjavik.**

- Jesus replaced by _____.
- A _____ Jesus.
- A Church that is _____
- _____ into Nothing.
- Iceland's _____ Clergy.
- Small Christian _____ Exists.
- Rejects _____ Christianity.

- No _____ identity.

This is the challenge of gospel ministry in Iceland.

Slides of _____

- _____ data worldwide 2023 – Iceland # 1
- Global _____ Index – Iceland # 1
- _____ Expectancy – Iceland rates great!

The _____ Slide Tells the Truth

- Iceland ranks # 1 in use of _____ Consumption.

The _____ State of Iceland

Icelanders need the _____. I picked up a paper at the airport just before we boarded our plane for the flight home. It is called, The Grapevine, and in it was an article about the rise of _____ in Iceland.

God is not _____ with Iceland

Here is the good news – God has not _____ Iceland!

PRAY that Icelanders will be captivated by the _____ of the Gospel and reborn through the Spirit of God.

Here is a verse in the Icelandic language:

“Ljósið skín í myrkrinu og myrkrið tók ekki á móti því.” (Jóhannesarguðspjall 1.5)

In English it is _____ that reads,

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Conclusion: Romans 10:14-15 says,

“How will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Dear SLBC Family – _____are needed in Iceland.

Friends, listen, there are only _____ churches preaching the gospel in all of Iceland (only three congregations). The gospel cannot be taken to Iceland without a steadfast group of _____-holders who will use their resources, given by God, to help SEND servants out into the mission field.

_____ – **GIVE – SEND** – _____ – Please do something!

A word of _____... And I for one do not want to see that happen.

- I will preach my _____ out.
- I will live my _____ out.
- I will share _____ with lost people.
- I will use my _____ to reach the world.
- I will _____ for Iceland.
- I will be _____ to my calling as a Pastor.
- No liberal _____ here. I will cut it straight.
- God, find us _____. Lord, find us faithful.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58).