



# Gage & Aleah GILBERT MISSIONARIES TO Greenland

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Dear Praying Friends,

The summers are very active here in Ilulissat. Tourists come from all over the world to see the Ice fjord and hike the trails. We have had tourists from Canada, Germany, and Switzerland attend Sunday services over the summer. We have also had several witnessing opportunities. For a time, Gage was taking care of a fisherman's sledge dogs and almost daily tourists would stop and watch him feed them. One day, he met a German lady and one of her sons who had stopped to watch. Gage struck up a conversation which led to her asking him what he was doing here. That gave him a perfect opportunity to share the Gospel with them. She responded by explaining that she was Protestant, and her 11-year-old son was Catholic. Her son then spoke up and said, "Well, I am not even sure I believe in God." While it's probable that we will never see them again, would you pray with us that the seed of the Gospel that was planted in their lives would be watered and eventually bear fruit?

## VISA UPDATE

We want to thank everyone that has been praying about our visa situation and ask that you would please continue. It has been another four months since we have received any new word about our residence permits. This past week I spoke with an official here in Ilulissat who said that he would call the immigration office in Nuuk and Copenhagen and check on our status; however, we are still waiting on any news.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Greenlanders love to sing and there are a plethora of hymns and spiritual songs in Greenlandic. Many of those songs are familiar to us with either the text being translated into Greenlandic or the music being used with a new text. Interestingly, the hymnals here only include the text. This has caused several problems. First, there are many hymns in our hymnal that we never sing because no one remembers the tune. Second, unless you can play by ear, playing piano accompaniment is extremely difficult. Third, the same songs get sung in slightly different ways. Fourth, there is less opportunity to learn how to read music and sing parts. Therefore, we have been working on a hymnal project. With Aleah's musical background and training, she has spent hours composing and transcribing hymns. For familiar hymns, it has simply been a matter of taking the tune, such as Glory to His Name, and matching it up with the Greenlandic words.

Annaasisup saaniitillunga  
torlorfigaara anaatinga,  
Jiisusip aaminik attormanga  
nersungaarpara.

Nersungaarpara nersungaarpara  
Jiisusip aaminik attormanga  
nersugaarpara.

Annaaluarlunga pimmanga  
Jiisusi uummatinnut pimmat,  
sanningasullup saniani  
nersungaarpara.

161 Annaasisup Saaniitillunga



Often slight changes must be made to ensure the syllables fit and the song is sung how the Greenlanders sing it. Then for the unfamiliar songs, Aleah must figure out the

timing of the song and then write up the melody and compose the other three parts to make a four-part hymn.

We are also trying to grow the number of songs we know. Gage has been a huge help with this by looking through the Greenlandic hymnals and one by one seeing if he can find a recording of that song online; if so, that's just one more song we can add to our collection. So far, we have about 60 songs written up. Our goal is to have at least 100 songs and hymns before we print a hymnbook. There is also doing our due diligence to be sure that we are not doing any copyright infringement and completing the formatting needed. We would appreciate your prayers as we are so excited to finish this, and Lord willing have it professionally printed by early next year.

## RETURN

We are so happy that the Shulls were able to return to Greenland in August after numerous weeks of radiation treatments in Denmark. We are praising the Lord that as of now Mrs. Shull is cancer free! I know that they would covet your continued prayers for complete healing of her leg as well as that the cancer never returns.

In Christ,  
Gage & Aleah Gilbert

## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Praise:** witnessing opportunities
- **Praise:** Carole Shull is **cancer free!**
- **Pray** for **continued** healing for Carole.
- **Pray** for **approved** visas.
- **Pray** for completion of hymnal project

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