



"The Vikings were a nomadic group, and Leif Erikson was baptized while in Norway, ... under the influence of Olaf Tryggvason. Leif's father, Erik the Red, came to Greenland in A.D. 986 after he was banished from Iceland. Leif later brought a Christian missionary with him to Greenland, where the early settlements were Christianized. Leif himself preached to the Greenlanders. His father was incensed by this. However, his mother, Thjodhild, came to true faith and proceeded to build Thjodhild's Church. By the time of Leif's death around A.D. 1020, the Gospel was firmly planted in Greenland." —*excerpted from* Taking the World for Jesus, *by Kevin Swanson.* 



