The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

Pam and I returned from our trip to Guam the first of December and the community of Aklavik was already busy with a full holiday schedule. Our church also had several outreach events like a ladies' cookie and ornament exchange, a big Christmas Eve service and fellowship, and a family game night on New Years Eve. Each event was well attended and a blessing to all.

The first weekend of January we had the Roy Stelzig family with us. They are also All Points missionaries that are currently on deputation to serve in the Arctic. Our church prays on a regular basis for the Lord to call preachers to come to other communities in the North; to preach the gospel and start churches. We were encouraged to hear the update from this family and know that they will be moving to Tuktoyaktuk this summer.

January 13th-20th was our Winter Bible Conference. Bro. Wes Tayloe, Assistant Pastor at our sending church and his wife Maryia were with us for the week. We had preaching services every night, except Saturday, when there were separate meetings for the men and ladies. There were 30-40 people at each of the services, even with temperatures for the week at -20 to-30 and wind chill reaching -52. Many decisions were made as we learned more of what the Bible teaches about the attributes of God.

The last 2 months have not gone by without opposition. Aklavik has had a spree of break-ins and the church building was hit twice in January. The first time was the Saturday night when the Stelzigs were here. Somehow the lock on the doorknob was forced open and a small cash box with about \$180 was pried open and the cash taken. The second was Wednesday night of the conference. After the first break-in I installed more secure locks, so they broke the glass out of the front door and went to the cash box again, only to find it still empty from their previous visit. We were able to clean up the glass, board up the window, and continue with our conference.

Looking ahead, Pam and I have been given a trip to the Holy Land from our church family. We will be leaving February 1st. During our time out one of the men here has agreed to hold Sunday services and show preaching videos that I have downloaded. On Thursdays Pastor Featherstone from Inuvik will drive over on the ice road and preach. We are looking forward to our special Easter services in April, Missions Conference in May, and a very busy summer. It's hard to believe with all the wind, snow, and cold right now, but those things will all be here very soon.

Pam and I thank each of you for your prayers and support for our family.

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Furlough Update

We are planning a furlough from February to June 2020 and look forward to being able to see many of you then. If you would like us to come and report back, please contact us.

The Lord has blessed with a young family from
Pennsylvania to come and fill in for us while we are out. Bro Phil Seeley is the Assistant
Pastor at Grace Bible
Independent Baptist Church and has been to Aklavik before with his wife during a past Bible Conference. Everyone is excited to welcome them and their three children to serve the Lord here in our absence.

Prayer Request

- Group and individual Bible studies
- Those who have heard the gospel and still need to accept Christ.
- Our family
- Winter ministry plans
- Furlough schedule
- Health and strength for Pam and I