# The Nolands

#### Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

## Ministry Update

The last 3 months have gone by very quickly. Each year in May everyone in Aklavik is excited with anticipation of watching the river ice break up and then having open water again. This allows them to launch their boats and begin the summer activities of hunting and berry picking. Our church was excited at this time as well, as we have our annual Missions Conference. This year we were blessed to have Bro. Jim White going to Martinique with us. His father in law was also able to travel with him to see our ministry and fellowship with us. The conference went well and the mission promise commitments were good with even more people getting involved then before.

The day that Bro. White flew out of Aklavik to return home, our family loaded up our boat and traveled two and a half hours to meet the CLAIM ministry team and Pastor Featherstone from Inuvik at the Delta Bible Camp for construction of the new building that has been named "The Lodge". With 2 levels the Lodge is over 2000 square feet of space with a kitchen, chapel/dining area, and sleeping area for many of those who will be attending the camps. There were also 2 cabins already on the property and they received new roofs and other needed repairs. In July of 2020 there will be 2 weeks of camp for youth from Aklavik, Inuvik, and all the communities in the area. We are excited for the opportunity to have a part in this ministry.

July 1 is Canada Day and the community is busy all weekend with activities, canoe races, and a cookout at the point by the river. On Tuesday that week, Pam went to get the building ready for ladies Bible study and found the church had been broken into again. This is the third break in we have had this year. The latch and crank mechanism on a classroom window was broken and a small fire safe in the office for important documents was destroyed in their search for cash. The RCMP investigated but there were no fingerprints found. There are a couple of young men that they suspect because they have been known for similar break-ins, always looking for cash to buy drugs.

We have set the date and will have VBS August 19-23. This is always a highlight for the children in the community and is usually well attended. Please pray for enough workers as some of our faithful members will be traveling and out of town at that time. I am asking for prayer also for the Lord's direction in our children's ministry and the possibility of doing a weekly Bible club.

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

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## Furlough Update

It has been a blessing to have Andrena home for the entire summer this year. She has been working hard this summer earning money for her expenses for her final semester of college and student teaching. In May she will graduate with her degree in Elementary Education and plans to return to the arctic and teach in the school system here.

Our furlough schedule is almost full. Pam and I are looking forward to seeing many of you again and giving a report on the ministry in Aklavik and the Arctic.

### Prayer Request

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