The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. The following are just a few of the great things He has done in the Arctic recently!

December is usually a busy month in our community and in the church with all of the events taking place to celebrate Christmas; and this year was busy as well though the activities were different. Instead of a cookie exchange the ladies decided they wanted to be a blessing to all of our essential workers and many elders in Aklavik. They baked over 75 dozen cookies! Gift bags with cookies, a Christmas card, tracts, and a copy of John & Romans were made for each, then hand delivered. Another new outreach that we did this year was to "adopt" 3 families in town that we knew could use some extra encouragement this year. Needed items and toys were collected at the church and then gift wrapped and delivered to the families a few days before Christmas. It is a great blessing to see how the Lord gives us opportunities to show and share His love no matter the circumstances taking place in the world around us.

One activity that was not new is our Christmas Eve service, although it took place in a different setting. Under the current government regulations indoor gatherings are limited to 25 people, so we decided to hold this service outside in our parking lot. I know there are a lot of churches that have been holding services in their parking lot, but ours was planned different in that everyone got out of their trucks and stood in the parking lot. The temperature was around 0*f so we had 2 fire pits set up as people spread out and enjoyed an evening of our favorite Christmas hymns and preaching of the cross from the Word of God. After we got home that night we received a text from one of our faithful ladies telling us that following the service her husband got saved. This is the dad to the young boy that was saved and I wrote about in a previous update. In January I was blessed to be able to baptize these 2 and also the sisters that were saved in November. It has been a blessed start to the year.

We appreciate your prayers for our family. Please be in prayer for Pam as she has been experiencing some pain in her lower abdomen that the doctors are running some test to find the source of her pain. Also please pray for Andrena. At her position in the community school, she had to take a stand of faith against teaching a new LGBTQ+2 curriculum that the school administration is now requiring to be taught to all students grades 7 and up. As a result, she is no longer teaching at the school. The Lord has blessed this stand and she is praying for the Lord's will for her future employment and ministry. We are so proud of her gracious spirit and spiritual strength she has shown through difficult persecution and trials.

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Prayer Request

- Those who have heard the gospel and still need to accept Christ,
- Ministry in Aklavik
- Our family
- Health and strength for Pam and I
- Spiritual growth of the Church