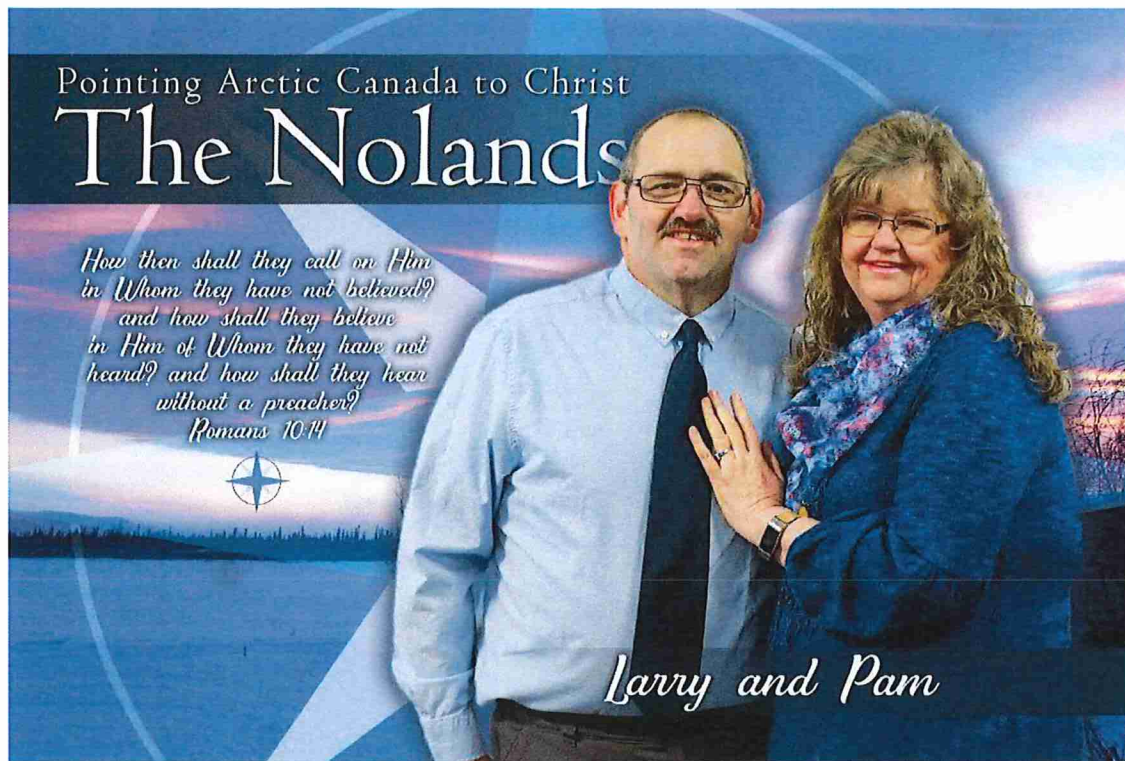


Thank you for your prayers for our family and ministry.

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Dear Pastor,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know of some things that are going on in our family right now. A few months ago Pam's mom, Norma, was diagnosed with a late stage kidney cancer that has spread to her lungs and lymph nodes. The doctors have been aggressive in their treatment with some success at reducing the tumors, but a side effect of the type of chemo they used is confusion and dementia symptoms. Before the cancer she was already showing signs of dementia, which has been prevalent in several of her siblings, but the side effects have accelerated at a very alarming rate. All of this has resulted in her need for someone to be with her and care for her at all times.

Last October Norma married Larry, a widower from her church, but he is over 80, has some health problems of his own, and no family to help him care for her. Pam is an only child and following the Biblical principle that Paul gave to Timothy we know that her and I have a responsibility to see to her care. We also have a burden for her soul as we believe she is not saved at this time. That being said we have sought counsel from our Pastor and other faithful mentors in our life on how to best fulfill our responsibility. Following the recommendation of our Pastor we will be taking a 6-month sabbatical from the ministry in Aklavik to travel to Missouri and care for Norma. Because we are nearing the end of our ice road season in the Arctic we must begin driving south by mid-April or wait until mid-June when the ferries start operating. The Lord has provided an older but nice 5th wheel camper for us to pick

Our current plans for the ministry in Aklavik is for Pastor Featherstone from the church in Inuvik to travel over and hold a midweek service when possible. With the closing of the ice road this travel would involve a flight over on Thursday and then spending the night and flying back on Friday. There are live stream services available each Sunday from the church in Inuvik as we still have limits on the number of people allowed to congregate due to Covid. I am asking 2 of the faithful men in Aklavik to gather the church together once a week also for scripture reading and a prayer time. With technology we can also hold small group Bible studies on a regular basis. There also may be a possibility for a missionary we know to come and fill in for part of this time as well. With this sabbatical taking place through the summer it is also a slower time for the ministry in the Northern culture as many people travel and spend time out on the land or down at the coast as it is fishing and whaling season.

This year will mark 15 years our family has lived and served the Lord in the Arctic. We are thankful for how the Lord has provided for us and the great things we have seen Him do with the many souls that have been saved and the lives that He is conforming into His image. Right now I do not believe the Lord is finished with us in the Arctic, but one thing I have learned over the last year is that we have to seek and follow the Lord for every step of every day. We have set a 6-month time frame for this sabbatical. At the end of that time we will make the decision on either a return to Aklavik to continue in the ministry there or begin in the next area of ministry the Lord has prepared for us.

We do not take for granted the love and sacrifice that you and your churches make for us to serve the Lord as we do. This is not an easy time for us and we ask that you would pray for us as Paul prayed for the believers in Colossians 1:9-12 *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

In His service,
Larry and Pam Noland

Please read the letter from our Pastor also attached in the following link
https://mcusercontent.com/b37f1f83a9cb3a546ba05219a/files/0d6edd8c-f4a8-4747-96a1-ff2b50cf1410/Larry_Noland_Letter.pdf



April 8, 2021

Dear Supporting Church:

As the pastor of their sending church, I am writing on behalf of your missionaries to the Arctic, Larry and Pam Noland. As you know, the Nolands have been faithfully serving the Lord on the mission field for the past fifteen years. God has blessed their ministry and they have seen many souls saved and lives transformed as they have ministered in Aklavik.

Several months ago Pam's mother, Norma, was diagnosed with late stage kidney cancer that has spread to her lungs and lymph nodes. Her health condition has rapidly deteriorated and she is in need of constant supervision and care. Pam, being Norma's only child, feels it incumbent upon her according to Scripture to take on that responsibility. Consequently, after seeking my advice, Larry and Pam will be taking a six month sabbatical from the mission field. At the end of the six month period, Larry and Pam will decide where they will continue serving the Lord. Their hearts' desire is to return to Aklavik and continue their ministry in the Arctic; however, they recognize the Lord may have other plans for them.

I encourage you as a supporting church to continue partnering with the Nolands as they care for Norma and seek the Lord's will regarding their future ministry. First, pray for them and with them. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom, discernment, and peace. Second, support them financially throughout the next six months as God reveals His will to them concerning the future of their ministry. Finally, be an encouragement to them. I know they would be blessed to hear from you directly concerning your prayer and ongoing financial support.

If you have any questions about this situation, or if you need additional information to make an informed decision, please feel free to contact me at (573) 686-1260 or, sproctor@wbcpb.com.

Sincerely,

Steve Proctor, D.D.
Senior Pastor