The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

Jeremiah 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. Praise the Lord that as His people we have the promise that He will lead us every day in every way, and all we have to do is follow!

Under the Covid regulations we are able to meet inside for service in groups of 25 or less, but we are not allowed to sing. For our Easter service we decided to have another outdoor service as we did for Christmas. Though the temperature was a little below 0*f, it was a beautiful morning. Just before the service started the wind picked up dropping the wind chill in the -20 to -30 range! After we sang a few hymns standing in the parking lot I counted and there was less than 25 people so we moved inside the building for the preaching. Though attendance was less, we had 3 first time visitors and a wonderful morning celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

In early April we made the decision to take a 6-month sabbatical to come to Missouri and care for Pam's mom Norma who has late stage kidney cancer. With the ice road and crossings on the Dempster Highway usually closing late in April, we had to quickly make plans for the ministry and our travel. Pastor Featherstone from Inuvik agreed to come over and have a service as often as he can, and we also have the ability to meet and have a service through Zoom or streaming on our Facebook page. This also has given the opportunity for others in the church to take on some responsibilities. We have a lady that has taken over teaching the ladies Bible study that Pam usually leads, and a couple of the men will be having a prayer meeting on the weeks Pastor Featherstone cannot make it. Praise the Lord for the opportunities the Lord gives His people to serve in the church!

We are settled in our camper in Missouri now, just a few minuets from Pam's mom's house. On our way down we were not sure where we would park, but the Lord was working all the details out and by the time arrived everything was set! It is always amazing to see how the Lord provides for His children. Pam is busy with doctor appointments and taking care of things at her mom's house. Sweet Springs Baptist is a supporting church nearby that is a great blessing and encouragement to us. With the Covid regulations here I cannot go to any of the appointments or hospital visits, but have had the opportunity to help in the printing ministry and youth camp of the church. I have also had opportunity to preach a couple of Wednesday night services.

Thank you for praying for our family. Pam had 2 CT scans done and they have found that she has a non-cancerous fibroid tumour in her abdomen that is the source of her pain. Her doctor gave the ok for us to take our trip and they will address it further when we get back. As for Andrena, her stand for the Lord at the school did not go un-noticed. Many people in the community were an encouragement to her and some voiced there concerns over the LGBTQ+2 curriculum to the superintendent and board. Right after she resigned the Lord provided for her with a position at the church in Inuvik. She is the office assistant and will be teaching in the homeschool co-op they are starting this fall.

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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