
MINUS40 REPORT

Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

Thankful for:

My boat is completely refurbished and in better than new condition!

Several visitors who have been faithful to the services in Tuk and one soul is very close to making a salvation decision.

The opportunity in September to advocate for far north missions to a large group of independent Baptist Pastors at the Canadian National Conference held in Winkler MB this year.

Faithful men:

PNBM Missionary Todd Holland and his dear wife Jody spent the summer here in Inuvik. They used the time to stage themselves for an eventual outreach into the Sahtu of the NWT. While in Inuvik, Todd preached often and cut many, many board feet of lumber with the sawmill. Thanks Todd!

Tuktoyaktuk Baptist Church



To my knowledge there is not a more northerly Baptist Church in Canada. That distinction pales in comparison to the reality that the Tuktoyaktuk Baptist Church is just one of just a handful of churches that preach the truth of salvation by grace through faith in the entire far north of Canada. If you consider the vast circumpolar regions of the whole earth, the churches preaching the truth are extremely, extremely rare.

I am fully aware there are churches all across the arctic. But I was very specific in describing the Tuk Baptist Church as one that preaches "the truth of salvation by grace through faith."

That defining difference give myself and other Bible Believing arctic missionaries the courage and audacity to plant new churches where existing houses of worship are present. These ministries are often part time churches. By that I mean they might have CHRISTmas, Easter and the occasional mid summer service. As well these ministries have often drifted far from where their forefathers once stood doctrinally. In full disclosure it must be stated that often these churches propagate a works based salvation.

You as a recipient of this newsletter are probably fine with the idea of starting a church where doctrinal error is prevalent. But imagine the problem missionaries face when confronted by statements like, "Why are you opening another church? We



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Steve and Lois Donley began serving The Lord in the Arctic in 1989. Their grown children are all serving The Lord. The Donley's ministry has been mainly in the Western Canadian Arctic with considerable time in Alaska.

Psalm 147:17 He casteth forth his
ice like morsels: who can stand
before his cold?

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already have our church here."

Speaking to you as a supporter of arctic missions the answer can be direct and unguarded. But the answer given to the inquisitive local must be palatable or the missionary is through before he starts.

What is the right way to answer that question?

"There are a lot of people who don't go to church or people who didn't find what they were looking for. The doors to the baptist church are open to anyone in this community that wants to know more about God."

The intent is to be honest but not start an argument. Yet the established churches in the community are usually quite open and vocal in their "warnings" against the baptist church. Direct orders are issued to stay away from the church and preacher. Often as soon as someone attends the baptist church a few times, the former church promotes them to a position of higher visibility.

But we are promised The Word will not return void. So every service is a planting time. The incorruptible seed is planted and in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

How is the church doing?

Our attendance has been good! Several weeks this fall we were consistent at 17 in attendance. Then as the arctic fall faded and the winter came on stronger our attendance began to climb. We had 28 at best and are consistently seeing around 20 attend each week.

Our goal is to be faithful. To preach the gospel consistently each week and let The Word work. Visitors come and go and come again. They are exposed to the true gospel and the truth is the only thing that will set them free. Free from sinful addictions, free from the chains of sin. Free from the deceiver. Faithfulness to The Word is how we will do it.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and support.

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