
MINUS40 REPORT

Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

Family Announcements...

Our baby girl got engaged!

CHRISTmas Eve day, Angela Rose Dawn Donley said "Yes" to Norman Bryce Snow Jr's proposal! Both are Jr's at PCC. Wedding plans are developing for the summer of 2015.

Steven Jr and his wife Holly are faithfully serving The Lord and preparing for the the ministry at Canadian Baptist Bible College in Manitoba, Canada.

Nathan and Becky Jones continue to serve The Lord in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Canada. Their family is vibrant and becoming a community fixture.

Granddaughters!

Hayleigh, Alayna, Teryn and Eve are Memaw and Papap's 4 wonderful granddaughters! Having only one older brother, I never knew the delight of "little women!" What a joy these girls are!

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Over the CHRISTmas and New Year Holidays, I spent over 35 hours driving the Tuktoyaktuk - Inuvik iceroad. The trip one way is almost 2.5 hours and at one point traverses over 20 kilometres of the Arctic Ocean. Often the wind is blowing and visibility is bad. I have been forced to stop and turn around several time through the years and praise The Lord for the safety and common sense He provides.

This all seems adventurous and novel, but the realities become evident when aches and pains rack my body and our 12 year old truck gets beat up and repair expenses cumulate. We are praying our truck lasts 2 more years. And me a few more than that! Arctic years are sort of like dog years. They add up much faster.

What does it cost to heat your home in the arctic?

Lois and I recently agreed to a \$600 per month budget plan for natural gas to heat our home. Yes, that's \$7200 per year! Not counting electricity or other utilities. We keep our home pretty cool and wear sweaters and warm clothes to keep the thermostat set quite low. Through natural events and corporate mismanagement, the natural gas prices have skyrocketed and everyone is scrambling to come up with an affordable and sustainable heating solution to this local energy debacle. I THINK the solution may come in some high efficiency room and



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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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space heaters. However the initial costs are considerable and financial caution must be exercised. Being good stewards of God's money is a job that requires endless diligence. The result is not only the hand of God being on our ministry but longevity and consistency too.

How are things going in Tuk?

Services have been well attended and we have visitors nearly every service. A lot of what is happening at this stage surrounds gaining confidence and trust. Establishing trust with people is essential. Usually outsiders come North for fortune or much worse reasons. Denominational and imperialistic religion came many decades ago and left scars of abuse and distrust. These hurdles must be overcome and ecclesiastical separation is required for success. The simple statement, "Things that are different are not the same" have helped me explain our separation from the leftover religions that did so much damage to the aboriginal of the far north.

When there is separation from compromising religion automatically there is a turning toward something. We strive to turn toward The Lord. I am very careful to back up statements, actions and plans with biblical proof in principle or directive. There lies the difference and proof we are "not the same."

How is Lois doing?

Lois had some diagnostic imaging done in Edmonton that resulted in a "Nothing to worry about" statement by the Dr. Honest and humble thanks be to God for this scare to be a non-event.

However we are awaiting appointments in Edmonton for a MIBI scan which is a two day heart test. The Drs. are wanting to rule out any heart issues surrounding some disturbing symptoms that have developed this winter. As you continue to lift her up in prayer, we would appreciate adding this concern to your request.

How was CHRISTmas and New Years ?

Blessed! Very much so. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, letters, parcels and love!

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