
MINUS40 REPORT

Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

One more reminder

Changes to the MINUS40 REPORT

The transition to a paperless Minus40 Report is going smoother than expected. However, if I have unintentionally made a mistake and deleted you or entered an address wrong, please let me know the error and I will correct it ASAP.

The savings in paper, postage, printer ink and envelopes are substantial and the time investment can be allocated toward the letter's substance and not production.

That being said, I am happy to continue to send a hard copy through the mail if you want to receive the Minus40 Report that way. If however you can receive it via email or you are satisfied viewing it or printing it off iceroadpreacher.ca it would help us significantly.

Thank you for understanding.

9:38 AM & PM

Matthew 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

What I'm calling the "Matthew 9:38 prayer initiative" was introduced into my thinking by a missionary friend in Malawi, John Fullford. At 9:38 AM & PM myself and the membership of the First Bible Baptist church in Inuvik, NT takes time to do what the Lord told us to do. We pray the Lord would "send" labourers into "His" harvest. Of course we are asking God to send a man to pastor here in Inuvik, but that the Lord would send labourers into the world's harvest fields as well.

It's neat to be around believers when the phone alarm rings at 9:38 and we pause to pray. I might add that the variety of alarms and ring tones are interesting as well. Ducks. Ducks quacking are the weirdest I've heard.

Would you be interested in praying at 9:38 AM and PM with us? Maybe for a week, a month or longer? Please pray specifically for FBBC in Inuvik, but for the world as well.

Unpolished but Powerful

Probably where you live when testimony time happens, there are beautiful flowing testimonies laced with the christian language and churchy catch phrases. Heard and repeated over and over again, sometime you have to hunt for the original intent of the testifier. I'm not being critical, just factual. This past year in Tuk, I've had the privilege to hear a new believer attempting to witness without the polish of learned phrases and rehearsed lines. It was beautiful! "Everything's different. I don't even think like I did."

On New Year's Eve when I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to ask for testimonies in Tuk, several spoke up and testified with the usual correct, christian terminology. In the back I saw a hand hesitantly raised to testify. The words were choppy and emotionally delivered. There was more crying than speaking, and the words were detached, didn't flow



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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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well, and were sometimes incomplete, but they were powerful and clearly honoured the Lord.

Driving back late that night on the ice road, I tried to take back every complaint I ever uttered to the Lord about the difficulty of arctic ministry.

Prayer and Praise

Please remember our daughters in prayer. They are both going to have babies. Becky in mid February and Angie in July. Becky is managing gestational diabetes and Angie is suffering with the worst case of prolonged, all day, morning sickness I've ever seen.

I will be going to Rankin Inlet this month so Hayleigh, Alayna and Teryn can watch over me while their mom and dad are in Winnipeg bringing a baby brother into the world! On February 29, Lois and I will pass in the sky as she goes to Rankin Inlet for Grandma duty helping with the new baby and assisting Becky until she is up and about. Please pray for our travels and everybody's good health.

The young men of the First Bible Baptist Church of Inuvik will be handling the church services while I am in Rankin Inlet. Please pray for the Lord's hand to be upon "the guys" as they stand in the gap.

Please pray for my mom, she had back surgery in early February and at the time of this writing is recovering in a rehabilitation facility near her home. By all indications the surgery was a complete success!

Lois' health has been manageable recently and we praise the Lord for that. I have been following up on continual lower back issues. I recently have had an x-ray, CT scan and endure weekly physiotherapy. More will be said about this in future editions of the Minus40 Report as information comes in.

Thank you for all of the thoughtful and precious gifts, cards, notes and love you expressed over the CHRISTmas season. Lois and I certainly feel loved and remembered! As well, we feel humbled at your generosity.

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