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# MINUS40 REPORT

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Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

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Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

## **The Last Snip**

This newsletter is late on purpose. Yes, you read that right, it is late for a reason. I wanted to wait until the process of calling a pastor to the First Bible Baptist Church of Inuvik, NWT, was complete. I wanted you to know immediately so we can rejoice together.

Sunday, February 12, The First Bible Baptist Church called Bro. Reilly Featherstone to be their pastor. This was the last snip of the mission umbilical cord, and makes FBBC a fully autonomous, self supporting, indigenous, New Testament, Independent Baptist Church.

I have truly and finally worked myself right out of a job in Inuvik. I will remain a confidant, support and advisor to Bro. Featherstone, as I continue to work the ministry in Tuktoyaktuk and advocate for far north missions throughout Canada and the US. But Bro. Reilly is now the pastor and holds full responsibility of the leadership of FBBC.

Brother Featherstone and his bride Danica, become part of an exciting church with a strong world mission emphasis and local ministries reaching various age groups. There are Bible college graduates in several key roles to support him as he leads and he will be receiving a good wage suited for northern expenses. FBBC immediately bonded with the Featherstone's and God's hand was in it all right from the start.

It has been a long, perilous journey that brought us to this point. We, the supporting churches and the missionaries who planted, watered and served here, have all endured many long years of fighting impossible odds to see an autonomous and indigenous native church come to maturity. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience. Thank you for your prayers and support. I cannot name another autonomous, native Independent Baptist Church in North America that is totally self supporting, free from all mission support, pastored by a man paid from the tithes and offerings collected from the congregation he pastors. Maybe I'm wrong, but every time I hear of one, there is always a catch. The mission umbilical chord is still attached in some financial or controlling way. I assure you, FBBC is a newborn, eating and breathing on her own, learning, enduring and as vulnerable as any infant. But she has a perfect Father and a Perfect Book full of promises to guide her.

Thank you for your patience, support, love and faithful prayers,

Steve and Lois Donley



## Steve & Lois Donley

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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Steve and Lois Donley with Reilly and Danica Featherstone