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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

## September 2018

Missionaries see victory in strange ways. What is not a big deal to the average Joe, is a huge blessing to a missionary. My oddball blessing is revealed by two words... "sewage tank." Among the various summer maintenance efforts both personal and ministry related, was the completion of a sewage tank in Tuk. I'd show a picture, but as you know, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. You probably wouldn't be impressed. At any rate, this allows the building renovations in Tuk proceed with an end in sight. We will eventually have a washroom with a shower and finish the apartment with a sink and hot running water! Good times!

The Stelzig family, our future co-labourers, continue their deputation, but with the end in sight. The goal of April 2019 has been set! A second survey trip is set for January 2019 to secure housing and make final preparations, and we are thrilled to see them progress in this all so quickly. Please continue to pray for them!

"Honour thy father and thy mother." This simple phrase is repeated 10 times in God's Word. It is a lifetime commandment. The need has arisen for Lois and I to take a couple of months to care for Lois' 92 year old father. Her brother and sister-in-law who normally does the in home care is leaving the responsibility for a while to be with their daughter who is fighting another round with cancer. (If you wish to bring her before the Lord, her name is Jennifer). On September, 27, Lois will fly to Ohio to begin caring for her dad and I will follow by vehicle in a few days. Our home church, Columbiana Baptist Church and Pastor Jeff Jamieson, and my dear friends at Harvest Baptist Church with Pastor Ron Laughlin, immediately came to our aid with humbling love offerings to help with the travel expenses. Thank you all very, very much!

Temporary care of Tuk Baptist Church is left in the capable hands of the First Bible Baptist Church of Inuvik and Pastor Reilly Featherstone.

Lois and I continue to adjust to new normals concerning our health. Overall things have improved with me, and Lois is stable but just isn't handling travel on the rough northern roads well. We envision our continued mission efforts to reach indigenous northerners with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, contingent upon God allowing us, in the not so distant future, to transition to a place where travel is less extreme.

Thank you for your faithful support, love and prayer throughout the years.

*Steve and Lois Donley*

I ask your forgiveness for the hurried nature of this letter. I am trying to get it out and in your hands so as prayer warriors you can bring this all before The Father.

If you need to ask me or my pastor or mission director about this situation, please feel free to contact them. The contact information is in the sidebar on this page.



Sorry, I just couldn't help it!

Our sewage tank in Tuk!