

MINUS40 REPORT

2016 Winter Report

"He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?" Psalm 147:16-17

The first snow came in early October this year and has covered the ground since then. Our temperatures have been somewhat mild so far, yet it has not hampered the formation of ice on the rivers and lakes. Already skidoos are ripping around and travel is unimpeded.



Tuktoyaktuk ministry update

Summer was hit and miss for the Tuk ministry. My summer Bible camp responsibilities kept me busy and consistency in the Tuk ministry suffered. It has been good to get back to Tuk and preach the gospel there again and see the church excited about the things of the Lord. We have had good attendance and several visitors have come and returned the next service.

We purchased a new furnace for the building and it is getting installed in early November. The efficiency rating is much higher and the old one was labouring to maintain a comfortable temperature on the coldest days.

Inuvik ministry update

November 27, 4 adult ladies followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Their ages spanned 4 different decades. Each conversion was a picture of beauty for ashes. One baptism was a mature believer who wanted to be scripturally baptized, the other three were fairly recent converts.

In January FBBC will host a young preacher from London, Ontario. He and his wife will visit the ministry and as he gets to know us, we will get to know him. Should God lead both parties, we may invite him to return and candidate for the pastorate of FBBC.

If you are interested in praying about this, please do so. The dates he and his wife visit are January 6-16, 2017.

All of the logs that were collected for lumber have all been sawn and rough cut lumber now sits in various stages of drying, waiting for transport to the future site of "Delta Bible Camp." Johnny Lennie from our church in Inuvik worked steadily over two summers to see the lumber sawn. Missionary Todd Holland from the Sahtu region of the NWT cut a few years ago and recently came back and worked at the wood lot a several days helping us succeed before winter set in.

Medical update

In late September, NWT Health Care - medical travel sent me to Yellowknife for a consultation with a bone doctor about my back. In mid October I was sent to Edmonton for a bone scan and the next day to a pain clinic. I received an injection of cortisone in my back at the precise location of the damaged area. So far, the shot has not been all that effective and not anything to write home and tell mom about. The list of things I can't do is growing and arctic ministry is changing, for me at least, as I adjust to preserve the health I currently possess.

Lois is doing great and other than typical 50+ precautionary medical testing, she has been avoiding the Dr. successfully.

CHRISTmas Greetings

By the time you get this newsletter, CHRISTmas will be almost here. I ask you to pray for safety on CHRISTmas Eve. I will conduct a CHRISTmas Eve service in Inuvik at 7PM and immediately drive to Tuk on the ice road for a midnight service there. I will get home around 3 AM CHRISTmas day, and of course later that day hold church service in Inuvik, since CHRISTmas is on a Sunday this year.



Thank you for your faithful, precious financial and prayer support!

Steve and Lois Donley

