
MINUS40 REPORT

Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

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Things never stop changing. As a kid I was able to grab Poison Ivy and tear it up by the roots and not suffer any reaction. This summer in Ontario, for the first time ever, I got the tell tale blisters on my wrist from Poison Ivy. Life changes, health changes, ministry changes and our minds change as well. But the unchanging Word of God remains steadfast and sure in a world exponentially changing for the worse, Lois and I continually cling to the stability of The Bible as change continues it's relentless attack on normalcy. The faithful support we have received from many of you for the past 20 years gives us security and confidence as we manage change in other areas of life and ministry. Some change is good, some bad, and some meaningless. We hold fast to good change, remain steadfast and unmoving against bad change and try and ignore meaningless change. (By the way, the Poison Ivy was not too bad and cleared up eventually)

As reported in the summer edition of the Minus40 Report, we were busy in ministry from Alaska to Ontario. While youth Bible camps always make up a few weeks of our summer ministry, this year we added a missions camp, men's retreat and family camp. I preached or taught at them all and was encouraged by the quality of missionaries, families and men I met this summer. There is truly a contingent of believers who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

Please continue to pray for Roy and Justine Steltzig as they raise support to join us in Tuk and train for far north ministry with us. They still need more support, so would you please pray in the spirit of Psalm 75:6 and 7 for them? *For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.* Join me in asking God to promote Roy and Justine in the hearts of prospective supporting pastors and churches to reach 100% of their support as soon as possible.

Children have been singing "I'm In The Lord's Army" in children ministries for a long time. Through the years verses have been added reflective of various themes. Like "Cowboy style" "Football style", and even "Redneck style." While in Ontario this summer, Pastor Lyle Featherstone challenged me to write "Northern style" lyrics. So here it is. Maybe it will catch on in your children's ministries!

I may never run from a polar bear

Drive on a road that's ice

Gaze at the northern lights

I may never eat Muktuk - not a bite!

But I'm in The Lord's army. Brrrr! (The motions are sort of obvious, and Muktuk is whale blubber!)

We were able to do our annual supply shopping in Fairbanks, Alaska this September. Lois and her friend Twyla, filled 2 flat carts and 2 grocery carts at Sam's Club, 3 carts at Walmart and 2 at Fred Myers. These supplies will last about a year and will keep us from purchasing locally at much higher prices. Even counting the transportation costs, and the exchange rate, we save over 1/2 or more on almost every item. This is one of the things the Lord has taught us through the years that has helped us stay on the job for such a long time.



The year round, Tuk-Inuvik Highway opens in November and will give us much easier access to the community. For years now we have had to divide our efforts between the Inuvik and Tuk ministries. But Inuvik is now well cared for by Pastor Reilly Featherstone and our focus is 100% directed toward Tuk from this point on. I'm reminded of and desire to have the attitude Jonathan had in the face of uncertainty. *1 Samuel 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.*

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

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