
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Far North

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Dear praying friends,

Resurrection Sunday, we had 26 souls in church with a 7:3 ratio of Indigenous to non Indigenous attendees. In the midst of restrictions here in Canada, this was a great day and told me a lot about the strength of the nucleus of our infant church. We meet in our home on Wednesday, and see faithful souls week in and week out. Lois and I are honoured to be entrusted with these souls. Especially through these trying times. I sense people are seeking stability while the world churns in turmoil. Sometimes I do not feel very stable, but compared to what is happening in the news and the weird online world, I'm trying to be a stable reflector. Reflecting Jesus unto scared, confused, betrayed and vulnerable souls. Just when I am about to explode on the wackos of government and it's propaganda machine of national media, I rememberer that I'm an ambassador of Jesus. He who said not a word against his accusers, but lived and died and rose again with an eternal voice.

In case you didn't notice, I'm not on social media anymore. It was a cancer to me. A rotting of my soul was ongoing and there was no way to survive but amputation. It was a selfish decision that I would make again with no hesitation. I pop on our ministry page, "Iceroadpreacher and the Minus40Report" and "Northern Light Baptist Church" page once in a while under Lois' name. I say, "Steve here..." But that's just to keep you informed of stuff that you might find interesting. I feel I must limit myself to that level of presence. However, I want you to feel free to contact me through a phone call, email, text or through a non-google based app called "Signal".

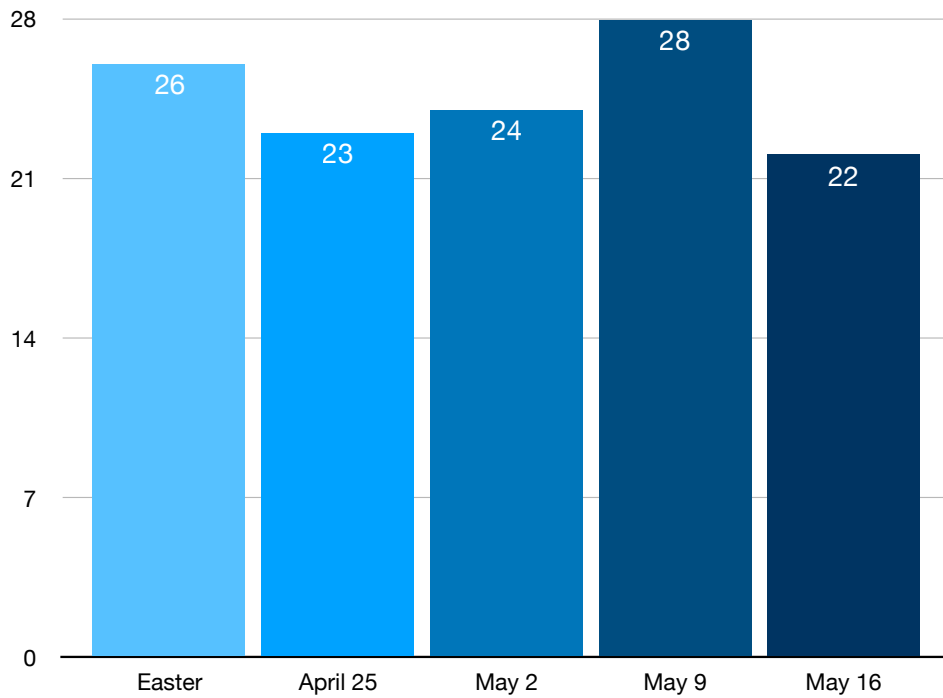
Lois and I are well. Our biggest difficulty is not physical, but in heart. We long to see our families. We grieve at not seeing my parents. We painfully miss our children and grandchildren. It all makes me think of how magnificent the missionaries of old were. Crossing the world and in many cases never seeing family again. They were giants. I stand in awe of the pioneers of yesteryear, and we thus press on in the trail they blazed.

Northern Light Baptist Church sample attendance for the Spring of 2021. Consistently between 50% to 70% attending the Sunday services were indigenous souls.

Attendance

Date	Souls present
Easter	26
April 25	23
May 2	24
May 9	28
May 16	22

Column Chart



The Man in the Pew...

The "Man in the Pew" is dedicated to the unsung heroes that facilitate the sending of missionaries, and faithfully perform the logistics of keeping missionaries on the field.

Recently while discussing the propriety of a missionary being active in missions giving, a statement was used that stopped me cold and has lit a fire in my heart to give honour where honour is due. A giant of arctic missions told me, "When it comes right down to it, all missionary work happens because of the man in the pew."

The "man in the pew" this time is dedicated to the champions who are "Prayer Warriors". I'm not speaking of folk who generally pray for missionaries, but those unnamed and often secret souls who have a passion for missionary prayer. They often humble us when we show up at churches. "How is so and so" they ask? "I've been praying for them since you told us about them a couple of years ago in your prayer letter." Or they ask about an ailment that was reported a long time ago. They ask us questions in detail and have a genuine interest in every snippet in the answer. But the throat gripping engagements are when a dear saint of God looks you in the eye as they tenderly grasp your hand. With moist eyes they declare, "I pray for you every day."

Who knows the true value of a prayer warrior but the king to whom the requests were delivered? I shudder to think of my missionary career without the proactive and protective hand of God as moved by the intercession of prayer warriors.

*2 Corinthians 8:11-15. 11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. 12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 **But by an equality**, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: **that there may be equality**: 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.*