
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Far North

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Dear praying friends,

Summer is in full swing and we're in high gear while the weather is good. As is my custom. I will only write one newsletter for the summer season so as to not get whiney when I have to spend a warm sunny summer day working on a newsletter. Seriously, it is full throttle during the summer time and with warm, sunny days so few and far between in the north, we have to make hay while the sun is shining. As well, with social media, it is pretty easy to keep up with us. We have a ministry facebook page, [Iceroadpreacher and the Minus40Report](#). You'll have to request from Lois or myself to join the group. We will be glad to add you. Our travels this summer and fall will also prohibit us from working on a newsletter, but that particular social media site will be updated pretty often.

We are excited for July to arrive at NLBC! We will celebrate our 2nd anniversary, and are declaring July as Missions Emphasis Month! Our missionary Nathan Jones and family will be with us for a couple of services, and we will share updates from the other two missionaries we support, The Hitz family in Iqaluit, Nunavut and the Deans in Siberia, Russia. And just in case you somehow missed it, Nathan Jones is my son-in-law and our daughter Becky along with our three granddaughters and one grandson will be here. I'm sorry, not sorry to tell you that some of the support you send us will be used to spoil my grandchildren! It has been 4 years and 11 months since we've seen most of the Jones family.

Late July Lois and I will begin the journey to Ohio to see my mom and dad. Mom isn't in her 80's anymore and dad is 94. Mom battled Covid and dad scared us all with a heart attack last year, and I must get back to see them. My son and family haven't seen Lois for 2 1/2 years. The last time was when Lois was in Ohio was 2 1/2 years ago at her father's passing. I saw some family in December when Dr Gary Forney passed. Neither of those visits were burden free. As well, Lois has two big brothers and an older sister and I have a big brother that we'd love to see before any of us get so old we forget we even have siblings!

My passion and burden to reach the Inuit, First Nations and Métis is not diminishing, nor have I tired of my calling. The 2021 census records 5,582 indigenous souls in Whitehorse. I simply want to focus, specialize in and answer God's call to deliver the Gospel to nearly a quarter of the Yukon's population. (22.1%) I appreciate the churches who are allowing a passion for indigenous ministry to grow and build in their consciences. If I'm wrong, then after I'm gone, the indigenous emphasis will die with me. If it is of God, then it cannot be stopped.

I do have two prayer requests **One**; just like Paul had a Timothy and in my lifetime Gary had Steve. Would you pray Steve would have someone to pass on the passion of indigenous ministry to? Our work here is small, but someone alongside would secure the future of NLBC in Whitehorse and allow me the freedom to recruit God called men to consider the arctic and far north for missionary service. Who will care for indigenous souls? **Two**; a recent back X-ray report had this ominous statement. "Severe degenerative disc disease at L2-L3. Mild to moderate degenerative disc disease at remaining lumbar levels. There is mild to moderate multilevel facet arthropathy, worst bilaterally at L5-s1." I need to be able to care for Lois when her hip surgery takes place and during her rehab. The pain is what it is, but this cannot limit me so that I can't be Lois' superman when she needs me. (see what I did there? Superman and Lois...)

The day has come that I will no longer be mass mailing hardcopy newsletters through the postal service. I am fairly sure I am emailing **and** sending a letter to many of you. The cost and time investment is what it is, and that's not too big of an issue. Really though, you can find the digital version of my Minus40 Report on my webpage, iceroadpreacher.ca and our ministry facebook page [Iceroadpreacher and the Minus40Report](#) and as well by simple email by requesting to be added to my mass email list using the email address at the end of this paragraph. I know of one longtime supporter in Millersburgh, Ohio that doesn't do email, so don't worry folks, I'll continue to mail you one!

😊 As well anyone who must have a hardcopy letter mailed, I'll be glad to do so. (Mom and Dad). Anyone else just please send me a letter with a correct mailing address and you will get a hard copy sent to the address you send me. If you get one via snail mail, but have an email address that can receive The minus40 Report, please email me and I'll stop sending hard copies and send email copies. Email me at steveandloisdonley@gmail.com

In His easy yoke,

Steve&Lois

Upcoming celebrations

In early July we get to see Nathan and Becky Jones and family. It's been almost 5 years since we've all been together.

July 10 we will celebrate Northern Light Baptist Church's 2nd anniversary

August 2&3 is Lois and Steve's birthdays respectively. Steve will be 62 😊

September 1, our 44th wedding anniversary