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# MINUS40 REPORT

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Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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## May 2024

Spring in the far north is a wonderful thing. Missionaries in the arctic enjoy the long sunny days of spring like no other time of year. There are no bugs in the spring! The darkness is decreasing fast and soon long, long days extend deep into the time night should reign. The opportunity to travel over frozen, snow covered landscapes is enhanced by mild temperatures. The spring community gatherings string together and greeting friends and relatives from different communities are an annual enjoyment as well as traditional on the land gatherings.

I have often wished for spiritual renewal akin to spring to happen in the north. Nothing stands in the way of spring gatherings. Oh that nothing would stand in the way of believers assembling themselves together to worship. Lighthearted, pleasant discussions convene at almost every social interaction. Likewise it would be wonderful for a testimony and witness be on the lips of believers. "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so..." (Psalms 107:2) An urgency to take advantage of the warm, sunny days pushes northerners to begin preparations for new summertime projects. As well, how wonderful would it be to see passion from God's people to engage in the Lord's work, understanding the time is short.

July 21, Northern Light Baptist Church will have her charter Sunday. It has been almost four years since our first meeting, and in the eyes of the Lord we will launch with a big Sunday schedule. My Pastor, Dr. Jeff Jamieson will preach Sunday at 1PM and a fellowship and meal will follow. Shortly thereafter we will proceed with the organizing events followed by a challenge to the church by Pastor Reilly Featherstone. Book a flight and come join us!

Here is a link to our ministry video that I made earlier this year. It is an encapsulation of our ministry and a report on what is happening now.

<https://youtu.be/5qI2CsDFqZs>

Lois is doing well and we are amazed as to the success of her surgeries last summer. As I type this our daughter Angie is in the early stages of labor for her third child (boy?), this is Lois and my 10th grandchild! My parents are still at their own home in their mid 90's, receiving excellent care from my brother Bob and his wife Patty along with a team of daily care givers. Me? I'm plugging along, thankful every day.

My summer is filling up and I'm tired just thinking of it. Mom always said, "Getting old isn't for sissies!" As usual, mom is right again.

Thank you, *Steve and Lois Donley*