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# MINUS40 REPORT

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Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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## November 2024

I just re-read my August Minus 40 Report. Jeepers, what a whiner! Sorry about that! The Lord has blessed us these past few months, and we have had a streak of first-time visitors every couple of weeks. We have seen them return and be fairly faithful in followup attendance. That has certainly been encouraging and has lightened our spirit and encouraged our heart.

This summer marks one year since Lois had both hips replaced in 2023. She is doing great! No pain, and she is walking with a completely normal gait. She made a visit to see family this past summer, and that happened to coincide with the opportunity to see her surgeon for a one-year follow-up appointment. They took X-rays, and everything is excellent! A miracle took place, and I'll try to explain it without writing a book. One of the titanium posts that went into her surgically severed femur bone, and that has the artificial hip ball on the other, moved down into the femur a few weeks after surgery last year. The surgeon said it was within movement tolerances but that it had jammed down three millimetres. After the initial pain of the movement deeper into the thigh bone, Lois felt little and lessening discomfort, and we never gave it another thought. That is until the X-rays at the one-year followup appointment. The doctor was visibly excited as he excitedly showed Lois the X-rays, which clearly showed the post had repositioned up into the exact proper placement! Think of that. A weight-bearing titanium rod should have been driven deeper with every step and standing minute. But, God did the seemingly impossible and moved the rod up! As things are now, everything is boned in and is there for life!

I feel compelled to reiterate my dedication to reaching Canada's Inuit, First Nations, and Métis. It's not just an interest, a burden, or the meeting of a need. It is our life. Every decision, plan, message, fellowship, visit, and interaction is our passion and life calling. We make long-term spiritual investments in lives that we will probable never see the end result. By faith we claim *Isaiah 55:11* *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.* It is a joy to see the results when God sees fit, but often we plant in faith. We believe the devil is not pleased with this and seeks to disrupt the work in several different ways. Recently I warned our church of this and tried to encourage them that we are to *"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"* (2 Timothy 2:3).

"The labourer must be content to work and wait for the fruit that may not appear until after he rests from his labours." - Boardman

*Steve and Lois Donley*