
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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I must begin this Minus40 Report with sincere thanks for the many generous CHRISTmas love offerings that we received. It was certainly a blessing financially, but the sense of love and friendship was most encouraging. Thank you so very much.

In January, Lois and I had the privilege of seeing a college-age indigenous lady trust Christ as her Saviour. Her roots are from the ministries we had in the Arctic, and while the glory goes to God, there were many family members that God used to deliver a witness.

In January we had a good average attendance, and we aren't surprised anymore with 30 souls in attendance with 50% or more of indigenous heritage. (And for my skeptics, no, I don't count Lois and me as indigenous.) Now that's not to say we don't have those Sundays with low attendance and we fight discouragement, but God has been good, and we thank you for praying about our attendance and consistency.

This spring and summer are turning out to be a doozy. Lois will be getting carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists. We will not be scheduling anything while she heals and gets back to 150%. After that, there are mission agency opportunities, summer camp opportunities, and late summer we have a conference in Ottawa. We obviously can't do everything, and if truth be known, probably only one.

On the family front, my mom and dad are in their 90s, still living at home with the help of some daily caregivers. My brother and sister-in-law are managing their affairs and providing excellent management decisions laced with love and family compassion. Our son and daughter-in-law are expecting their 4th child in July, so that means Lois and Steve will be grandparents of the equivalent of a football team. (11)

I know I often say, "I'm fine" when reporting on our health. And I am. But age is an ever-encroaching challenge. Age never comes alone. It brings ailments, issues, and struggles. I kept type 2 diabetes at bay for 6 1/2 years without medication. About a year ago, I had to go back on daily meds to keep my A1C in an acceptable range. I'm on blood pressure meds and high cholesterol meds. I say all this so you can know how to pray for us in an intelligent way. I want to stay active in ministry for as long as my and Lois' health allows. We have a great thing going here in the Yukon, and Indigenous souls are being reached. As we approach 5 years here in Whitehorse, we are just scratching the surface of what God can do. Pray for our continued ability to minister; pray for a man to come alongside to learn the ropes and take over when the Lord puts me out to pasture.

Steve and Lois Donley