
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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The holidays raced in, zoomed through, disappeared, and here we are in February of 2026! The New Year brought in -40 temperatures and a couple of snow dumps. So severe that we cancelled Sunday church once and a couple of Wednesday evening meetings. The ice that is left behind is certainly hazardous.

While the ice didn't cause the accident, our car was backed into, damaging the passenger side of our car. The other party was at fault and accepted responsibility. The repair estimate came in at just south of \$10k! Since the car book value isn't worth that much, I'm not sure what will happen. I do ask you to pray for us with Romans 8:28 in mind.

Lois is healed up from her run-in with pneumonia. It was quite the battle, taking weeks and weeks to overcome. We appreciate the prayers and concern for her health. I had a decent report from the Dr related to my reoccurring, 3 months blood work. I'm still tossing the bucket down the road to kick later.

For several weeks starting in December and ending in mid-January, our Wednesday Bible study focused on the Bible. It was a thorough study but in bite-size increments. I was pleased when it ended that the feedback was so positive. I am reminded of a line in a hymn, "In times like these, you need the Bible..." This study increased the appreciation of and even faith in the Word of God.

We were so blessed by the special financial gifts over the holidays. Special CHRISTmas designations sprinkled our donor's report for a few months, and these sacrificial, monetary gifts are often perfectly timed in that a need arises and is met before we even have time to worry! Some gifts were designated to be used not for need but for something we wouldn't necessarily normally buy. That's not always easy, but we did enjoy a few splurges. Thank you! It's amazing how loved we feel!

The current situation of American, Canadian, and international politics places stresses on missionaries. The movement of money is often markedly more difficult, and the renewal of visas is much harder. The most common difficulty is often in the day-to-day interaction with people. The hatred of political leaders on the world stage is somehow cast toward the missionary. Even with caution, restraint, and refusal to engage, every conversation must be guarded. The wise missionary will keep his message Christ-centred and avoid the traps and fiery darts of the wicked. Conversations must always be guarded so as to avoid triggering someone into an anti-democracy rant. Even so, Lord, come quickly.

We appreciate your unwavering prayer and financial support. Great is your reward.

Steve and Lois Donley