
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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It seemed like February was extra long this year. Those 28 days seemed like 40! The weather was ugly right up to the last week of March, and then more gentle temperatures finally broke through.

The car accident I spoke of in my last Minus40 Report forced a goodbye to our 2008 Jeep Liberty. We bit the bullet and used the measly buyout to go toward a 2019 Jeep Cherokee. We're stuck with a payment for a few years, but we hope to pay it off earlier with some solid financial discipline.

Lois got a great Dr. report on some regular testing she had, and her health is good. The doctor was giddy with her positive report. My report was a bit disappointing, but I'm hoping the summer will help stabilize things.

The last Sunday of March we had 45 in church! In all transparency I must confess there was a Native hockey tournament in Whitehorse, so the visitors were mostly from the ministries in the Mackenzie Delta we were associated with for 30 years, but I'm taking the win!

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." (Proverbs 25:25) This verse in the modern scenario of technology is as up to date as if it were written yesterday. A couple of texts came at different times from two people thanking me for my investment in their life years ago. I was kind of misty-eyed as I read them, knowing the Lord promised in *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.*" To think that God takes our feeble efforts and uses them in a big way is amazing.

We enjoyed a busy week when our granddaughter Alayna, came to Whitehorse for the Arctic Winter Games. She was a women's under-19 volleyball player for Team Nunavut. We watched and cheered her on! In her free time she was able to visit us. Her dad, Nathan Jones, came as well, and we thoroughly enjoyed time with him. I had him preach while he was here and give an update on his ministry transition.

Please pray for my dad and mom. (Bob and Mary). Both are in their mid-90s, and everything is a big deal at that age. There are a few health issues that complicate their care. Pray for the team of workers that provide all-day and early-evening care. (Nancy, Lynn, Sarah, and Lula). Pray for my brother and sister-in-law (Bob and Patty) as they manage it all.

We appreciate your unwavering prayer and financial support. We are still at it after all these years because you are still in it!

Steve and Lois Donley