
MINUS40 REPORT

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the North

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September hit the Yukon with its usual blunt indifference. The fireweed blooms from the bottom up. When the blooms are gone, summer is gone. Fall is in full swing and winter is already building its blunt siege.

Sadly, with the passing of summer, I'm reminded of the words of Jeremiah, sitting in his grotto overlooking Jerusalem, when he wrote, *"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"* (Jeremiah 8:20). We have had a profession of faith from an adult Indigenous lady, and inquiries about baptism from the same person and from an adult man. There has been an increase in faithfulness among some Indigenous believers. And yet others are still learning what it means to honour the Lord's Day. Indigenous souls are the heartbeat and passion of our mission, and with every passing season I grieve for those who have heard but have not yet believed, and for those who have not yet heard.

Like the seasons that change, so may interest in the things of God. It is that blunt, rugged truth that some are still "...not saved."



We are thrilled to have missionaries Nathan and Becky Jones and family come alongside to help for a season. Bro. Jones and Becky (our daughter) have been faithful missionaries for nearly 20 years in the eastern Arctic of Nunavut. As they transition to a new ministry, they have committed to a year, at least, to assist in the church plant here in Whitehorse. It isn't two preachers sharing one church's workload, but two missionaries serving Christ together under one roof to reach the North. Pray for the Jones family — Hayleigh, Alayna, Teryn and Wesley.

Lois and I celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary on September 1st and enjoyed the short 2-hour drive to Skagway, Alaska for a few days. We did the most grandma-and-grandpa-ish thing ever — we brought our granddaughter along to celebrate her coming 21st birthday!

On September 23 and October 21, I will have my left and right eyes, respectively, operated on for cataracts and corrective lens replacement. I would appreciate your prayers.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support.

Steve and Lois Donley



