
MINUS40 REPORT

Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

Important information for USA donors

Almost everything is the same except the name

All Points Baptist Mission, (APBM) is the new name of our mission agency. Nothing changes, except the name. Same local church, same leadership, just a name adjustment to match the worldwide impact APBM missionaries are making for the Lord. The PNBM - APBM merger is complete. In the **USA** your donations should be payable to: All Points Baptist Mission and reference Steve and Lois Donley in the memo or RE line on the check. PO Box 977, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 is still the correct address.

Nothing changes if you are a **Canadian** supporter. Please continue to send support payable to PNBM at the same address in London, ON.

Twice in 17 Years

The community of Tsiigehtchic, formerly known as Arctic Red River, has had two gospel messages preached there in an organized setting in 17 years. 1999 and again in March of this year. I preached them both. Both were funerals. Before 1999, I know some individuals were involved in personal evangelism, but I am not in knowledge of any organized service ever happening there.

Funerals in small arctic communities are big events. Over a hundred people gather in a school gymnasium, which is probably one of the only spaces in the community big enough to accommodate such a large gathering.

Responsibility pressed heavily upon me as I delivered the pure message of hope in Jesus Christ to the mourning audience. Understanding that my words might be the only time some would ever hear a clear Gospel presentation, I tactfully delivered the truth with love and thoroughness. While no one professed salvation we believe the scripture which says, *“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.”*

Spring has sprung

The darkness of winter has passed and the long days of spring are here. Soon the midnight sun of summer will be here. Spring is a great time of year in the arctic. Travel by ice road is coming to a close, but is still available until April 15. Hoards of mosquitoes do not arrive until early June, and the deep freeze of winter fades into pleasant, sunny days requiring only what most people consider a winter coat and not a heavy parka. Soon snow geese will be heard, then seen and other hearty critters will migrate north.

One interesting thing about spring is that it is CHRISTmas like in that you get surprises. In your yard. Through out the winter if you lose something like a wrench, ax, bolt, key, can, tool, cord or change... It gets



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Steve and Lois Donley began serving The Lord in the Arctic in 1989. Their grown children are all serving The Lord. The Donley's ministry has been mainly in the Western Canadian Arctic with considerable time in Alaska.

Psalm 147:17 He casteth forth his
ice like morsels: who can stand
before his cold?

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covered by a couple feet of snow. But as spring comes, lo and behold; there are your lost treasures, waiting to be salvaged.

Souls are waiting to be salvaged as well. Covered and hidden, only by faithfulness and staying on the job through the rough seasons, will the opportunity come to salvage souls. I hope to encourage others to be faithful, for we shall reap if we faint not.

Prayer and Praise

Our daughter Becky delivered a keeper of a boy if there ever was one in February, and Wesley Jones is prince of the Jones castle in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. Momma had a rough delivery, but she is improving steadily.

Angie is doing better with morning sickness, and she delivers in late July.

Steven continues to press toward college graduation while serving in a local church in Manitoba. He and Holly along with their daughter Eve and son JJ are already making plans to serve the Lord as missionaries after completing bible college next year.

My mom's back surgery was a complete success and the pain reduction has helped her greatly. Thank you for the prayer.

The report on my back is that there is damage between the 2nd and 3rd vertebrae. Bottom line; no more heavy lifting, or pounding rides in boats, skidoos, or trucks. This is a huge adjustment. I'm still wading through this requirement and figuring out how to stay viable for the Lord in the demanding arctic with such limitations. Mom always said, "Getting old is not for sissies."

Ministry wise, we are still looking for a Pastor for FBBC in Inuvik. We have had a couple of near misses, but now have a young prospect to follow up on in the coming months. I travel to Tuktoyaktuk on Mondays and the Lord continues to bless us with visitors to the church services and some progress with building improvements.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support. We are humbled every month as the donor report comes to us. Some of you have been supporting us for a very long time and your faithfulness is a major encouragement to us. Remember, Philippians 4:7 reveals that spiritual fruit produced by this ministry abounds to your account. We truly are partners serving our Lord together.

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