

# The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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## Ministry Update

I have always thought it interesting that the turning of the calendar from December to January makes many people believe they have a fresh start on life again. As a Christian the Bible tells us in Lamentations 3:22-23 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.* Every morning we have fresh opportunities to have an impact on the world for the Lord!

The last Sunday in October was the day before Halloween. The Lord led me to use that opportunity to preach on the evil associated with that night and encourage our church to take a stand for the Lord. We had a Fall harvest party scheduled for the next night and it was a blessing to see many of our families bringing their children to our event and to hear the testimonies of opportunities they had during the day to tell others in the community why they were not taking part in the "trick or treating" and "costume" activities.

Christmas is always a busy time for our church. This year the ladies had an ornament and cookie exchange with 12 taking part. They also baked some extra and took them to the old folk's home and sang Christmas carols. For Christmas Eve I was asked if we could have a church family Christmas dinner. There was Turkey and Ham and all the fixins! We had 35 people there and it was a wonderful time as we celebrated our Lord's birth!

That turning of the calendar is a good opportunity to set some goals and make some plans. Everything is set for our family conference January 29 to February 5. Pastor Dennis Schaffer and his wife Amy will be with us for that week. Later in February All Points Baptist missionary Roy Stelzig and his family will be with us as they make a survey trip to several of the communities in the Western Arctic. Our summer plans a week of VBS and taking several from our church to help the Holland's (another All Points missionary in the Northwest Territories) with their VBS.

Pam and I thank each of you for your prayers and support for our family. Most people have email and receive our updates in that form. Recently, I have had a few pastors that have notified me that they have not received some of our updates. I want to keep everyone updated so please let me know if it has been a while since you have heard from us. Our email address has also changed to [Lnoland@allpointsbaptist.com](mailto:Lnoland@allpointsbaptist.com) Emails are not as reliable as we think sometimes. Also our letters are always available at [allpointsbaptist.org](http://allpointsbaptist.org)

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## Family Update

In December Pam was flown to Yellowknife for a CT scan and an appointment with a surgeon about her hernia. They will be letting us know in January when the surgery is scheduled.

Also in December Larry had a sleep test done and has been diagnosed with sleep apnea. They had him use a machine for a week to find the correct prescription. We are waiting now to hear back from them and if our health coverage will cover the expense of this.

## Prayer Request



- Group and individual Bible studies
- Those who have heard the gospel
- Winter ministry plans
- Andrena at college
- Health and strength for Pam and I