

The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

The short arctic summer is passing quickly. With 24 hours of daylight there is always more tasks and time than energy to get everything completed around the church and house property. One of those summer projects is getting logs out of the river as they float downstream after the ice breakup. I pulled in 19 trees this year and am working on getting them cut, split and stacked for use this winter. Pam and I have also planted a garden again and are helping with the community greenhouse. Gardening in the arctic can be a challenge, especially when you get a surprise snowfall in July!

VBS has been the highlight of our summer. The third week of June we held our VBS in Aklavik. With only having 2 classrooms it can be a challenge to divide the children into 3 smaller groups. On the first night we had 38 children ages 5 to 15. We also had some unexpected illness and travel that took away one teacher and two assistants for most of the week. For the remainder of the week we had ages 5-11 each night and then spent Saturday afternoon with the 12 and up. For the whole week we had 54 students!

The first week of July there were 4 of us from Aklavik that traveled to Norman Wells to help the Hollands with their first VBS at the Sahtu Baptist Church. This is the first Baptist church to be started in the Sahtu region of the Northwest Territories. We had 34 children attend for the week. Most had never been to church before and had never heard a clear presentation of the gospel. The week ended with an awards service and cookout on Sunday. There were many first time visitors to the church as parents and family came to hear about what the children had been learning.

I am often asked what the biggest challenge is to living on the mission field. It can be difficult to answer because there are several, but one of the bigger challenges has been working through visa and immigration procedures. Last week we received notice that on August 21 Pam and I will take our Canadian citizenship test and be sworn in that afternoon. We will then be dual citizens and no longer have to renew any visa's or have any restrictions on our time in Canada.

Pam and I thank each of you for your prayers and support for our family. We praise the Lord for His strength and provision for us and the ministry here in the Arctic.

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Family Update

The hospital called and they have scheduled Pam's hernia surgery for August 28 with her pre-op appointment on the 24th. Please pray also for our travel following the surgery. We not only have to fly back to Inuvik on the jet, we also have to fly back to Aklavik on the small plane which can be difficult to get in and out of.

It has been a joy to have Andrena home for the summer. She has been helping with our children's ministry and has a summer job at an office here in town. She is making plans for a missions trip to Germany over the Christmas break in December.

Prayer Request



- Group and individual Bible studies
- Those who have heard the gospel and still need to accept Christ.
- Our family
- Fall ministry plans
- Health and strength for Pam and I