

The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* On October 9th Pam and I celebrated our first Canadian Thanksgiving as Canadian citizens. It was a blessing to gather together with our church family for a time of testimonies, giving thanks, and of course a wonderful meal!

The citizenship ceremony was fascinating. There were people from 15 different countries being sworn in that day. Along with the citizenship judge there were several other government officials there to speak. Following the ceremony, we were interviewed by 2 newspapers. People were very interested to hear how a family moved from Florida to Aklavik and then went on to become citizens. What a great opportunity to share a word of testimony on how the Lord worked in our lives!

As school in the community started again in September, our Sunday school attendance has picked up. Recently, Pam has been able to resume teaching following her surgery which allows us to divide the children into two smaller groups. Our Sunday morning Bible study with the adults took a break over the summer, but started back with a new discipleship challenge study. We also currently have two people that are doing one on one new believers studies. It is exciting to see people growing in their faith and knowledge of the Lord and His Word. I have been reminded of the importance of not only preaching the gospel but also "*Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*" which the Lord commissioned us to do in Mathew 28.

Our winter Bible conference has become one of the highlights in our church each year. The dates have been set for January 1-7. Pastor Thomas Isaacson, who was here for our conference 2 years ago, will be returning to preach the services. Along with he and his wife, six others from the church he pastors in Pennsylvania will be providing special music for the services. In December we will have a big Christmas Eve service and a New Years Eve fellowship.

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

About a week after returning home from surgery, we noticed the area where Pam's hernia was repaired had gotten big again. The nurse here in Aklavik found some infection and put her on some more antibiotics, but after the infection was gone the area is still large and she is experiencing some pain and discomfort. Our doctor from Inuvik was here for appointments and examined her. They have consulted with the surgeon and are scheduling her for an ultrasound and follow-up with a second surgeon on November 1 & 2 in Yellowknife. Please pray for travel, answers, and healing.

Prayer Request



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