

The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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Ministry Update

Genesis 7:12 *And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.* It has not rained for forty days, but we have had lots of rain and even a few thunderstorms making it a wet and cold summer so far in Aklavik. As I write this letter it has been raining again and the temperature is 45*f. Yesterday I listened to the song He Knows My Name and was overcome with joy and peace that despite the storms of life going on around us, that we may not understand, the Lord loves me and is with me!

The last week of May was when the ice in the river broke up and flowed out to the ocean. Following the ice, there is normally trees drifting down the river in front of our house that I pull to the bank to dry and be cut up as part of our winter firewood. This year Pastor and Mrs. Featherstone from Inuvik flew over for a couple of days for fellowship and to help with the logs. Over 3 days we pulled in over 20 logs. After pulling them up into the yard, cutting them in 8' lengths and stacking them to dry we measured almost 4 cords. A man in the church here told me "Firewood warms you 3 times; Once when you cut it, once when you split it, and once when you burn it!" Thank the Lord for His provision.

One of the struggles that many small churches face is not having enough help. As we worked and got things ready for our VBS in June I realized we did not have enough adults to fill all of the leadership positions. We decided to change the dates to the first week of July as we had enough people available to help that week, but as July approached "things" began to come up. With the illness and family emergencies of some, and a lack of faithfulness to commitments of others, I had to make the sad decision to cancel VBS this year. I now believe this is not a failure, but a learning and growing opportunity for the church.

In July I have had the opportunity to travel and preach in Inuvik on 2 Sunday mornings while the Featherstones are in Ontario visiting family. I flew over on Saturday afternoon and then back on Sunday afternoon. We are going to be traveling to the states in August and Pastor Featherstone will be making these trips and preaching in Aklavik each Thursday.

We are planning a furlough from February to June 2020 and look forward to being able to see many of you then. 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

Pam has been invited to speak at a ladies' conference in Pennsylvania in August. Traveling with us also is a single lady and a young family from the church in Aklavik. Following the conference, the church in Pennsylvania is taking our group to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky.

Andrena has had a great summer in Guam and will be returning to the states the same day we arrive for the conference and will meet us there. Cory and Shelley will drive up and meet us in Kentucky also. Annah is back in the states for her sister's wedding and will also be meeting us in Kentucky. Sadly, with school starting in August Matthew is not able to leave Guam at this time.

Prayer Request

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