

# The Nolands

Pointing Arctic Canada to Christ

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## Ministry Update

The first snowfall of winter that will stay has fallen on Aklavik. That first morning everything looked clean and fresh. No more dirt and gravel on the streets. Garbage in the ditches and junk in the empty lots around town appears to have disappeared, but, it only takes a few hours of life as normal for the trucks driving on the streets to blow away the snow and reveal the dirt that is still there. A slight breeze blows more snow showing the garbage and junk are still there. Covering these things up does not clean up our community, it just hides them for a short time. It is the same with our lives, we try to cover our life and the ugly things in it when what it needs is to be cleaned! Titus 3:5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

In late August one of the elders from our church was diagnosed with cancer. (In the arctic the term elder is used for all older people.) Granny had taken us into her family and called us her kids. Long before the illness she had given testimony of being saved. We saw the fruit of that in the peace she had in her final days on earth and the witness she was to all of her friends and family. She passed away a few short weeks following her diagnosis and I was blessed to be asked to preach the funeral service. It was one of those rare opportunities in the North to be able to preach the gospel to several hundred people at one time, many of whom have seen the grace of God firsthand in this precious woman's life. God is already working in great ways through this opportunity.

Though school was already back in session, we held our VBS the third week of September. This year all of our staff were people from the church. For two of them it was their first time helping or teaching. We reached 51 kids ranging in ages from 4 to 15. With the memory verses and scripture songs there were over 120 verses memorized. I taught the teenagers and received many questions about salvation. Please pray for these young people as they think about the truth of the Word of God they heard that week.

Our plans for the winter are under way. We always have a big service on Christmas Eve because the ice road will be open and many families will gather in Aklavik. We are planning a program with our Sunday School kids for that night. The end of January we will hold a one-week family conference with preaching on the family each night.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family and ministry.

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## Family Update

Pam and I continue to adjust to the "empty nest", though Andrena still comes home for the summers. We enjoy being able to spend more time together working in the ministry and being involved in our community. We have been learning more about gardening and have been helping with the community greenhouse. With 24 hours of sunlight in the summer there are many things we can grow that are difficult to get or very expensive in our stores.

Earlier this year we were given 2 round trip airline tickets to Edmonton. We have decided to travel to Wisconsin over the New Year's holiday and have a late Christmas with our family. Cory and Shelley will travel up to be with us there also. Andrena will be transferring to Maranatha Baptist University in January and we will also be helping her get settled in her dorm while we are there.

## 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