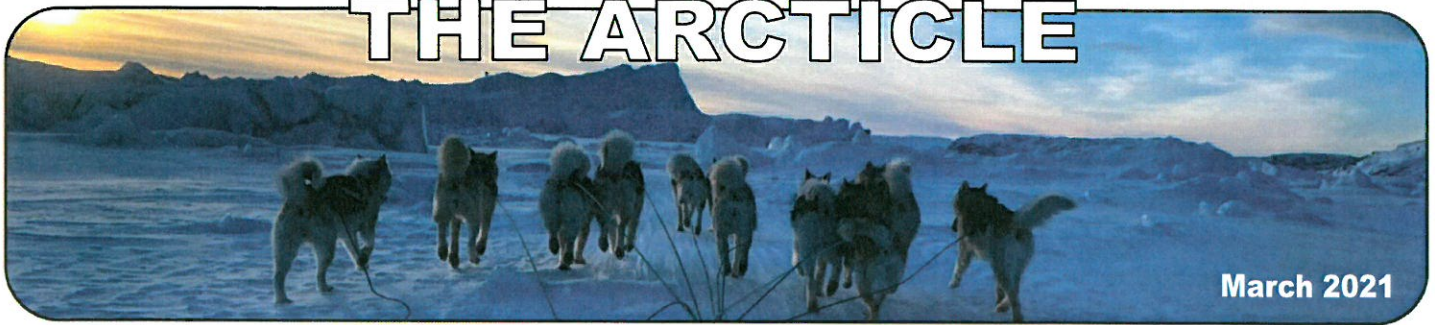


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March 2021

Ice Fishing

There have been a lot of open doors since Covid and one of those has been ice fishing. The fishermen live in their own little world, so I thank the LORD for the opportunity to spend time with them. My friend and I would leave around 7AM & return late afternoon. No heat & no shelter during that period in very cold temps! We drove one hour by snowmobile through the mountains and then one more hour by dog sledge across the ice fjord (i.e., frozen water with icebergs). Then we made a hole in the ice and dropped our longline. The water is 600 meters deep, so we have to get our line to the bottom of the sea where the halibut live. In all, our line was over 800 meters long with over 100 hooks. Our last day out there, my friend took all his fishing equipment, that afternoon, the ice cracked up and 8 fishermen along with their 79 dogs were stranded on ice flows. The fishermen had to be rescued by helicopter.

We hope Covid restrictions lift, so we can visit the US, especially for our kids' sake. Our last trip was in 2017. In 16 years on the mission field, we've only been back for a total of 13 months.

Treading Where No Baptist Has Trod Before



Anna Grace turned 18 years old



Sixteen years ago, we moved to Iceland, because Greenland was closed. We hoped to live there for 7 years and then apply for citizenship, so we could move to Greenland, BUT GOD... After 14 years in Greenland, I along with our 4 youngest are citizens of the Kingdom of Denmark! I was number 307 on the list of 3,000 names. It took almost 3 years to receive it. Carole should receive hers once the Danish Parliament meets to vote on the next list of potential citizens. Since Chip is over 18 years old, he has to apply for it himself which he plans to do. There is more to the story... For more detailed information on ministry & life in the Arctic, subscribe to our blog or follow us on our private Facebook group page, *The Shull Family in Greenland*.

Fishing for Men

The young couple we mentioned in our last prayer letter has not missed a Sunday or Wednesday service this year. The woman is a product of our children's ministry. Someone invited her to attend when she was 17 years old. She kept coming and then brought her boyfriend. Now they are married and have two small children. They hang around after church for up to four hours & then come early on Wednesdays to eat with us.

We have had over 20 Natives the last few Wednesdays. Even though it is a children's ministry, adults attend. We have four adults, many teenagers, lots of children, toddlers and even a baby that attend. It makes for a loud and busy evening! It can be a challenge getting all the kids to sit, sing, memorize the Bible verses and listen to the short lessons...But With God All Things Are Possible!

We were thrilled to recently receive a phone call from another village requesting Gospel tracts. This is the second time and the second village we've sent tracts this past year.

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November 2022

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Ministry

Church attendance fluctuates from one week to the next. However, the LORD always seems to give us opportunities during the week to sit down and talk with people about their spiritual needs. I invited the man who bought our boat to church. He has not yet come to a service, but he did drop by one day and we talked for two hours. He had lots of questions about our Baptist beliefs. He told me he was glad that we are here.

A family in Nuuk that used to live in Ilulissat called me up just as our Sunday service was starting. They asked if they could watch the service. We had never tried that before, but we said, "Sure!" We did a video call and they already had their Bibles and songbooks in hand. The following week, we did it again, but this time we added a man from Denmark who also used to attend our services. With God All Things Are Possible!

Family

The missionary family is very important to the work of the ministry. We thank the LORD for our family and the vital part they have here in this work. Our oldest son *Chip* is taking Bible college courses online while teaching fulltime in the public school. Because of a teacher shortage, he now has a double load of classes. He also coaches boys' basketball a couple times a week. *Anna* is also taking Bible college courses online & works at a small "Butik" in town. *Emilia* is in her senior year of high school and will turn 17 years old this month. *Jonathan* has 2 puppies he is preparing for his dog team. Our fisherman friend is going to help Jon build his very own sledge. *Mattaliina* still keeps us all laughing. She is a little mommy to all the small children that come to church. Please keep our children in prayer as they come to mind. The pioneer mission field can be a lonely place.

Darkness

The dark period is quickly approaching. Every day we lose 9 more minutes of daylight. The sun will set for the year at the end of November. The sunshine has already been rare due to all the clouds and stormy weather we have recently had. The darkness does have an effect on minds. Suicide becomes a main focus this time of year. Each year the government throws more money into new programs, yet the high suicide rate continues.

Drug addiction is also a big problem in Greenland. People always ask, "How do drugs get there?" They are smuggled in via ship or plane. In the last few months, 3 men have died from smuggling drugs inside their bodies while flying. Drug and alcohol use contribute greatly to the high suicide rate.

Currently, the prisons are full in Greenland and there is a long waiting list. That means criminals live normal lives on the outside while they wait for an opening to serve their sentences.

The Glorious light of the Gospel of Christ is the only thing that can save this land!

Keep up to date with us by visiting
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Or follow our private Facebook group:
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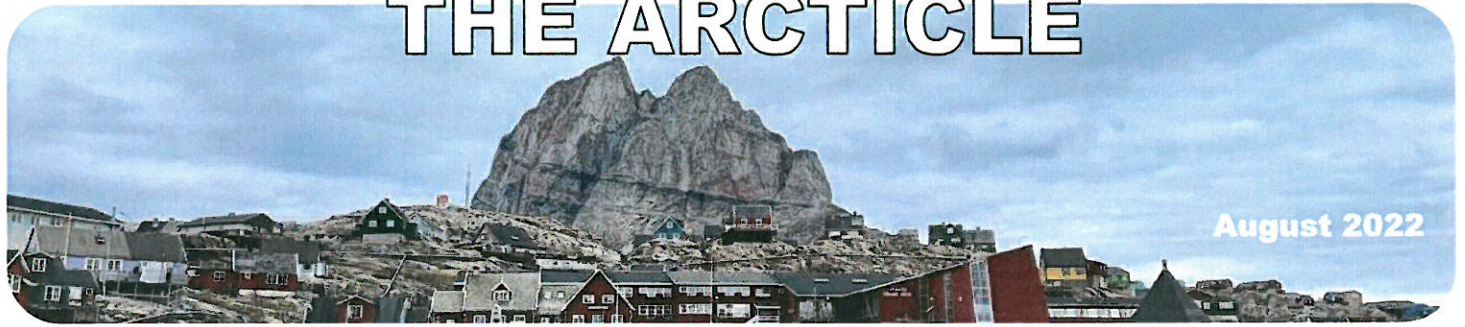


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August 2022

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Ummannaq

I am writing this letter from the town of Ummannaq, about 100 miles north of Ilulissat. This town, like so many others, has been on our hearts for years. The only way to this town is by helicopter or boat. Since our Gospel boat has been out of commission since 2017, we decided to finally visit this remote island. This was our first time flying in a helicopter and what an awesome experience, filled with many emotions, as we flew over several unreached villages on our way to our destination. How we wish there was a missionary in each of these remote places!

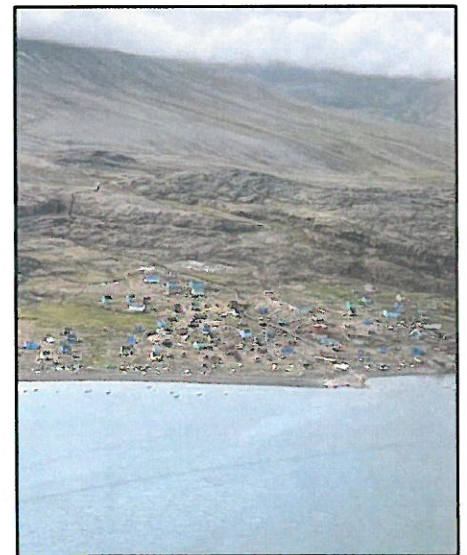
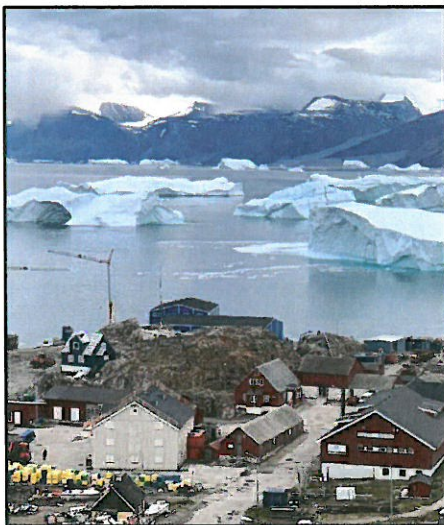
Village ision



The name *Ummannaq* means “that which resembles a heart” because of the heart-shaped mountain overshadowing the town. It has a population of 1,400. As Carole and I visit this town, it reminds us of when we first arrived to Ilulissat over 15 years ago. This town is behind the times. The grocery stores have very little to offer, many houses are run down and the internet is very slow...and we love it! We need to get a missionary up here as well as to the other 70 towns and villages spread throughout the country.

Labourers are Few

Greenland is one of the most remote places in the world. The isolation, months of darkness, culture and language coupled with the spiritual darkness and depravity of the people makes for a very difficult mission field. As Jesus prayed for laborers, we too pray for couples with a pioneering spirit & the fortitude to take the Gospel to hard places and to dig in for the long haul. Pioneer missions is exciting and adventurous, yet filled with lots of hard work, loneliness and many tears, but **With God All Things Are Possible!**



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Greetings from Greenland!

The Gospel Boat has not sailed to other villages since 2017. Two refurbished motors were installed, but we continued to run into problems. Since the missionary boat mechanic returned to the States, we decided to try and sell the boat. Last year, 3 different mechanics came to look at the boat. They all seemed eager to buy the boat until they saw the motors. The motor blocks are new, but all the other parts were the originals from 1979. Because of the condition of the motors, I could tell that we were not going to sell this boat nor sail the boat to other villages. Our boat ministry had come to a halt. This has caused a lot of discouragement which brought us to our knees. We have done a lot of praying over the last year asking God to give us clear direction.

Recently, a man in our church put me in contact with someone interested in the boat. Honestly, I was now cautious about selling the boat, because I did not want to be a bad testimony. I did not want someone blaming the missionary for selling them a dud. However, I figured once he saw the motors, he would no longer be interested. My sons and I got the motors ready to start on land. The man interested came to see the boat. The one motor had not been started for 2 years. When we started it up, an old previously welded part burst and water came gushing out into the boat. I was embarrassed, but thankfully, I had already told the man repeatedly that this was an old boat. I stammered around trying to figure out what to say at such an awkward moment. However, he beat me to it. He told me he was not interested in the motors. He said he just wants the boat! Wow! What an answer to prayer!

God placed an amount on our hearts to ask for the boat. Because of the motor problems, I figured that that amount would now be cut in half. However, when he asked what we expected for the boat, I decided to throw out the amount God put on our hearts. I waited for a counter offer. To our surprise, he responded with, "It's a deal!" Praise the LORD!

Here is what we are praying about now. There is a brand-new boat already in stock in the capital city of Nuuk. It would meet our needs perfectly. It has one motor that can be serviced right here in town by authorized boat mechanics. With the money from the sale of the Gospel Boat and the money already in our boat fund, we would have enough for a down payment.

Even though the Gospel Boat has been out of commission for the past 4 years, the Great Commission still burns in our hearts, and we are excited to once again launch out and reach these unreached villages with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

With God All Things Are Possible!

The Shull Family



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”Troubled on every side”

A faithful couple in our church has recently moved to Denmark because the wife was very sick. The doctors here would not help her, so she booked a flight to Denmark. She then went to the hospital where they admitted her and immediately gave her four pints of blood. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.

One of our church teens was attacked by a dog last month. Someone helped get the dog off of her leg, but a lady driving by refused to give the girl a lift to the hospital because of Covid. Eventually, a taxi took her to the hospital where she needed 30 plus stitches. She is fine now.

Another teen who never misses church was absent on Sunday. She had attempted suicide and was in the hospital. We visited and prayed with her. She is 13 years old and comes from a broken home with a lot of abuse.

A woman who briefly attended our church several years ago before moving to Denmark just recently committed suicide. When talking to the teens, every one of them said they had attempted suicide at least once. Suicide is an epidemic in the Arctic, but praise God we have the cure!

Praise the LORD a supply ship finally made it through the ice in April. The shelves in our grocery stores were bare and it took about 3 more ships before they were fully stocked again. The supply ship comes every week during the summer months.

Arctic Adventures

Jonathan is now a musher. He and I go dog sledging several times a week and will continue while the snow remains. Our family has always wanted a dog team, but it’s just too expensive. Now we get to exercise my friend’s dogs and take care of them while he supplies the food. What a deal! We also give him a hand whenever he needs it. Like recently, when he asked us to go ice fishing with him. The LORD is good!

Another friend of mine asked me to help coach basketball to teenage boys. Jonathan, Chip & I have another good opportunity to meet more people. One of the teenage boys used to attend our services years ago.

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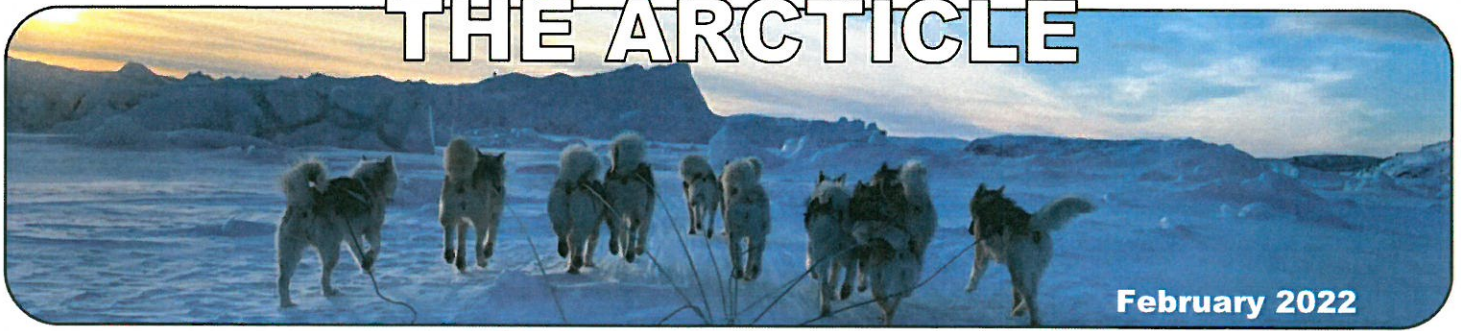
Ministry Update

Continue to pray about our boat ministry. There are still some issues with the motors. Sadly, we have not visited any towns or villages with the Gospel Boat since 2017. However, we have been able to visit a few towns and villages by hitching a ride with friends. 😊

We are in the beginning stages of another ministry opportunity. A friend of ours who operates an Internet radio station for his church (one of our supporting churches) is in the process of setting us up with our own. This will extend our reach even further. Praise the LORD!

Thanks to Chip, our teen activity has grown over the last few months with some attending on Sundays. He invites his students to church and church activities. Kids ask him lots of questions in the classroom giving him ample opportunities to witness. He sees firsthand the broken homes these children come from and he is burdened for them. Anna & Emilia are always busy with nursery, reaching out to teenage girls, or baking something for the ministry. Their mom has taught them well! I thank God for my family as they are vital to the ministry here!

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February 2022

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Ministry Update

An estimated 70% of our town contacted covid over the last two months. Chip got it from the school and had to take a week off from teaching. Even though the symptoms were very mild this time around, everyone in town had to wear masks and Corona passports were again required for most activities. Thankfully, the passports and the masks have since been dropped.

Our Sunday attendance dipped a little, but things are back to normal now. I am holding a Bible study with a man in the church and looking for others interested, so we can turn it into a midweek prayer meeting.

One teenage girl's father died last week, but she was still in church on Sunday. Pray for her and the other teens. Tonight, we get back to our regular Friday night teen activities.

One boy who used to attend but moved away said he missed church and singing songs with us. He sent me some Gospel songs (in English) on YouTube and asked me if I had ever heard them before. We love hearing from those we have ministered to. It's always an encouragement and a blessing!

Winter

In late December, most of our snow blew away and it was our first "not so white" Christmas. However, things have changed since then. We have had lots of snow with cold temperatures. Two villages south of us no longer have running water, because the pipes to the lakes froze solid.

Here in Ilulissat, we have had windchills down to minus 30 for the last 2 weeks. However, that has not stopped our youth from walking to church on Sundays!

I have not done any ice fishing yet this year, but hopefully soon. One of my friends has invited me to go hunting for Narwhal and Beluga. I thought ice fishing was cold, but being in a boat during the winter is the coldest I have ever been.

We are thankful that the sun has returned & has now peaked the mountains giving us some needed sunshine each day.

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Pandemic

There were more murders the first week of January than all of last year combined. Most murders are alcohol related. Because of Covid, many towns and villages stopped the sale of alcohol without any prior warning. The police quickly noticed a drop in calls. Each weekend was very peaceful. However, some began making home brew and selling it on Facebook. The police have been tracking them down.

Sadly, the sale of alcohol resumed yesterday & the police had a very busy night. Every single call to the police was alcohol related and it wasn't even the weekend! This Arctic pandemic has been going on for years and is the cause of most of Greenland's social problems including the high rate of suicide, domestic abuse & child abuse. The government gets rich from the sale of alcohol while families suffer and become poor.

Ministering to alcoholics has been a part of our ministry over the years whether dealing with them in the church, in their homes or in the local prison. Many of our church teens come from these homes. The Gospel of Christ can end this pandemic!

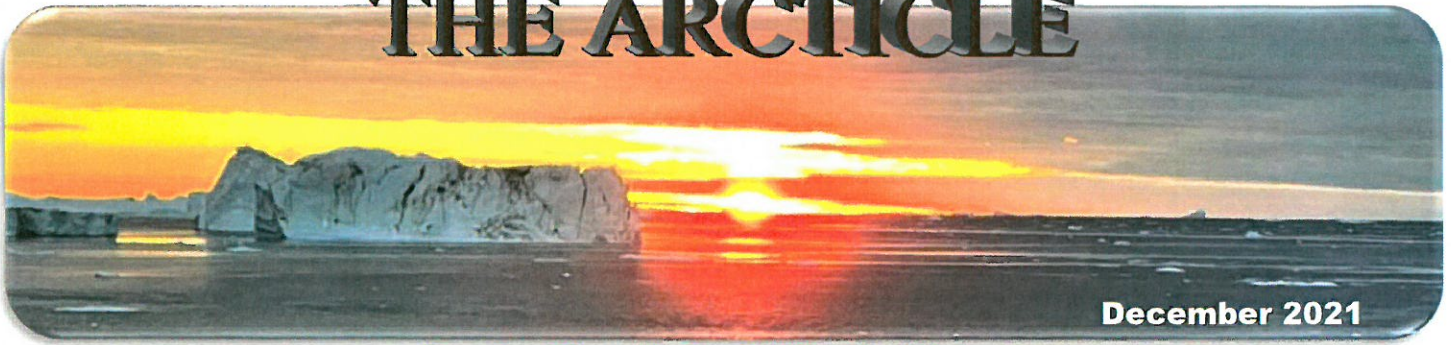


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December 2021

Ministry

The work has grown over the past couple months. We are averaging over 15 Natives each Sunday and 20 in our children's ministry. Several that come are folks that used to come years ago and have now started attending again. There have also been many first-time visitors since our return from the States.

Last year, the LORD opened up the door for our ministry to use the mini gymnasium in the school where Chip works. Every Friday, we open it up to our faithful children and teens. This has provided some really good bonding time with the young people. Our most faithful teens also help with the weekly cleaning of the church building. What an answer to prayer to see folks getting involved!

Recently, we had another first - Natives giving money to help with the church expenses! To some, the small amount given would be laughable, but not to us! This is a big step in the right direction! In this socialistic society, people are accustomed to taking and few ever learn to give. A pioneer work is a very slow process and we rejoice in any growth we see, no matter how small it may seem! *With God All Things Are Possible!*

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Divine Appointment

Before it got too cold, we were having furnace problems and had to call someone to come look at it. The fourth guy finally diagnosed the problem. Before he even looked at the furnace, he started asking me questions about what Baptists believe. I am not sure if I paid for that hour of his time, but am sure glad for the opportunity to share the Gospel with him!

Family

Emilia celebrated her Sweet 16 birthday. Thank you for the birthday wishes and cards. It means a lot to our children.

Anna has started driving lessons & hopes to get her license soon.

Chip is still teaching in the public school here, while taking online Bible college courses.

Jonathan has started working with the girls at the fish factory. He loves to earn money, especially this time of year, so he can buy everyone gifts.

Matti loves to borrow and beg for money, because she too loves to "buy" everyone Christmas gifts. 😊 Children truly are a blessing and heritage of the LORD!

Covid Update

Last month, Greenland had its first ever Corona related death. Since then, there has been an increase in Covid infections all over the country. The virus has even reached to several outlying villages, infecting around 20% of the population living in those remote places. Overnight, the health minister imposed new restrictions for the entire country that are in effect until March of next year. He also warns that we will be dealing with Covid for years to come. Thankfully, for now, we are able to continue our ministries as usual without any restrictions. Please keep praying that this pandemic will soon end.

Lights in the Dark

The sun set in November and it is once again the dark time of year for us. However, we enjoy all the Christmas lights & decorations that help brighten up the town. We also enjoy seeing the many Christmas trees around town that have been shipped in from Norway. As we say in Danish, "Det er så hyggeligt!"

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Furlough

It has been refreshing to visit our supporting churches. We have been encouraged by the many that have faithfully supported our ministry over so many years. Some we are meeting for the first time and others we are seeing again after 18 years. Our family has been loving the fellowship with God's people. Our children are also loving the land of plenty. They love all the variety in the stores, all the eating out, and all the pizza! 😊

We wish we could spend more time at each church as well as visit with more of you, but once again we find ourselves the only missionaries in Greenland. The ministries in Ilulissat have been left unattended and we must get back to the work there ASAP.

We have been staying in touch with our folk via the Internet. The people there have many spiritual needs. Pray for several that have reached out and asked for prayer. One family recently lost a relative unexpectedly. Another Native said it feels like he is under a spiritual attack. Please pray for the sheep that are without a shepherd. And pray for others that seem very close to the point of salvation.

The Regions Beyond



Please continue to pray for our boat ministry. There are still some issues with the Gospel Boat: rusted parts, electrical problems, etc. I am picking up some of the necessary items while in the States. LORD willing, our captain Pastor Steve Nissley will be able to get over to Greenland again to help us.

The picture above shows one of the villages that we have visited with the Gospel Boat. Like most places in Greenland, it has no airport. There are over 70 towns and villages along the coasts of Greenland and not one of them is connected by roads. Most of these remote places can only be reached by boat. Pray that we can once again Launch the Gospel Boat and reach even more towns and villages with the Gospel of Christ!

Going Back

There have been a growing number of covid cases in Greenland over the last couple months. Since we are now dual citizens or permanent residents, we do not anticipate any problems getting back into the country. We will, however need to be tested for covid and then have to quarantine for several days before being retested. A corona passport is required for certain activities, but this should not affect our church services.

The most difficult part about returning to the mission field is not knowing when we will see family again. It has been a blessing for our children to spend so much time with their grandparents, uncles, aunts & cousins. Chip was able to get his scuba diving certification. The next step for him is diving in cold waters. Anna is praying about her future. She has been working in a little fish factory, but she does not want to make a career out of it. 😊 Emilia, Jonathan & Matti will be jumping back into school upon our return to Greenland.

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May 2021

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Lift up your Eyes

One of the hardest things for us to understand is the depravity here in Greenland. There are more abortions than births each year. There is no pro-life movement here. People think abortion is just what you do. When you tell them abortion is murder, they have no idea what you are talking about. They are brainwashed at a very young age. It breaks our hearts each time a teenager or even preteen talks to Carole about their abortion experience. They have no one to talk to about the psychological pain it has caused them. Some have contemplated suicide as a means to remove the pain. Yet, young girls are still taught to experiment with their bodies and then pressured by doctors and even their parents to have abortions. Greenland has gone so far that politicians want to bring the number of abortions down. They say they do not want to interfere with a woman's right to choose, yet the number of abortions trouble them.

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Look on the Fields

Our faithful young couple has yet to miss a church service or activity this year. It makes preaching more exciting & easier when I know the same people will be there every service. We are teaching the simple stories of the Bible, yet no one here has ever heard them before.

Since this couple has returned to Ilulissat, they have not been able to find a place to live. They have been living with family & friends, but there is just not enough room. Now they are living in an apartment with 11 other people. It is NOT a good situation, especially with their 2 small children.

They have decided to move back to Nuuk if nothing becomes available in the next couple weeks. Will you please pray with us that God will open up an apartment for them?

They have told us on many occasions that we need to move with them to Nuuk, so we can start the Baptist church there. However, there is no one here to take the church in Ilulissat, nor anyone to send to Nuuk to start a church there, but what an open door! The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few!

White Already to Harvest

Our children's club has been growing with adults over the last month. We have been averaging 5 Native adults each week with first time visitors every Wednesday over the last month. One is the wife of the store manager of the grocery store in town. Her husband said he can supply us with bread, fruit and pastries once a month to help with our ministry.

One of our men has promised to go along with me into the local prison to assist with the music. Another answered prayer!

We are excited about what is taking place in our various ministries! However, we are planning a trip back to the States which is always done with mixed emotions. We have not seen our family in 4 years, yet we hate to leave the work here unattended. Each time we leave, it feels like we have to start all over again when we return. We are praying for someone to sit the ministry here while we are away. For this reason, our trip to the States will be another short one.

Thank you for your faithfulness over so many years! There is no doubt that your prayers & support have sustained us!

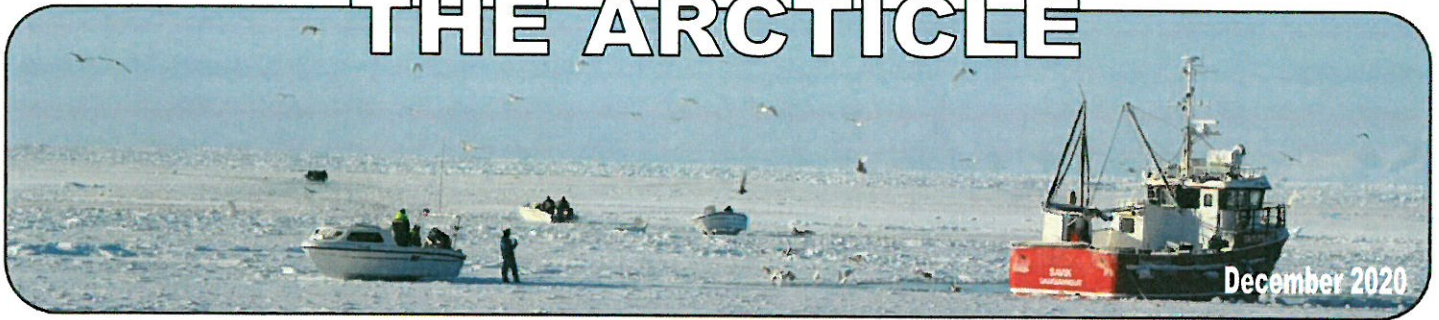


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Family News

Christopher, Jr. (Chip) is just finishing up his first semester of Bible college online. Doing school while working full time at the local bakery has been quite a challenge. He has a great testimony and last year was named employee of the year. We've been praying he could get a job with better hours. Once again, The LORD did above & beyond all that we asked & prayed for. The principal in town recently contacted Chip and asked him to teach English in the public school. Not only are the hours better, but the pay is double of his previous job. He is teaching grades 4th - 7th.

Anna Grace is in her last year of high school. She also works part time with Emilia at a privately owned fish factory. The girls freeze-dry & package fish that gets shipped all over Greenland & Europe. Jonathan also helps from home by putting labels on the bags that are used. Our family are the only employees and this has helped form a good relationship with the owner. Please pray for him! There is a lot snow here and Matti Joy has enjoyed playing in it. She is also busy with school, but it is not as fun as building snowmen.



Ministry News

Church attendance has been very good the last several months. A man who told me years ago that he wanted to be my friend, but did not want to be a Baptist, now attends church regularly with his teenage son. There are two young girls that never miss a Sunday service. They have been coming for well over a year now. Kunngip Klubbia is full of children each week. A young couple who abruptly moved away almost 5 years ago, suddenly moved back to town. Guess where they were Sunday morning? Hallelujah! There is a story behind every one that attends our ministry. Hundreds of hours invested, many meals eaten, and many prayers prayed! Missionaries in remote and difficult places can relate. Every year we pray that this will be the year that the LORD gives a great increase!

Holding the Ropes

Several months ago, we decided to stop posting our prayer letters online, because we do not want to offend the people that God has called us to reach. When we first arrived to Greenland, Internet was new, limited, slow and very expensive. Back then, we had to tell family & friends not to send email attachments. One email could use up our monthly internet limit. Internet is now cheaper & faster. These days, everyone is online.

When we stopped posting our prayer letters, we received several emails from people we did not know, never met or had not seen in over 15 years. They told us that they had been praying for us for years and kept up with us via our letters online. Some had been praying for us since before we got to the mission field! Wow, what a humbling thought! Brothers & sisters in Christ we don't even know praying for us all these years! That brought tears to our eyes. We thank each of you, our supporting churches, friends & strangers for your prayers. Your prayers have sustained us. They are the reason for God's blessings on our ministries!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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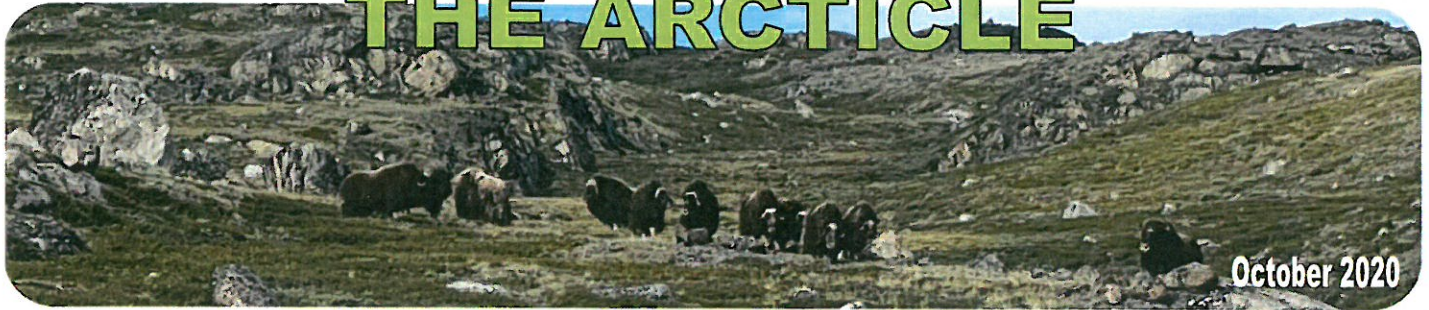


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Going Native

Back in early August we spent a week in Kangerlussuaq. We stayed in a summer hut with no running water and no plumbing. When we went to town to buy food, it was a 5 km walk each way. It reminded us of the good ole days when we first arrived to Greenland! We also did some hunting. Chip shot his first muskox & Jonathan shot his first reindeer which the natives call Tuttu. It is a big deal in Greenland for a 13-year-old to shoot his very first tuttu. It is the beginning of manhood and Jonathan did not disappoint with one shot through the heart. Chip guided us up mountains, through a snowstorm & right to the reindeer. We walked a total of 31 km on that day!

While in Kangerlussuaq, we were able to meet up with some of our friends as well as make some new friends. We even bumped into the Prime Minister at the local grocery store.

A Native friend said to me that since we have lived in Greenland so long and fish & hunt that we are now 75% native. 😊 A key to getting people to listen to the Gospel on the mission field is by accepting their culture and not bashing it.

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Ministry News

The one family that moved away contacted us yesterday to let us know that they finally understand now that Jesus is God. When they lived here in town, they were puzzled when we told them that Jesus is God. I have been sending them my Sunday messages. Keep praying for them & others that seem close to salvation.

One recently asked if it is ok to visit the traveling Clairvoyant who makes stops in all the big towns. Greenland is considered a “Christian” nation, yet the centuries of shamanism still have an effect on the people.

We recently had a taco night. Yes, Greenlanders love tacos! As a result, we had a first-time visitor out on Sunday.

Pray for the children that attend Kunngip Klubbia. Several girls have been faithful to Sundays. They are quick to memorize the Bible verses & repeat them. They have bonded with Carole who spends time with them during the week.

If you are on Facebook, find our private ministry page (The Shull Family in Greenland) where we give more details and updates of ministry life

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

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The Gospel Boat

We had the Gospel Boat in the water for several weeks. The second day it was in the water, an iceberg got under it and lifted one side of the boat several inches up out of the water. Thankfully, there were 2 people in town that immediately called me. A friend used his boat to pull the boat off the iceberg. Praise the LORD there was no damage. Chip was the temporary captain as Captain Steve Nissley (Aka Pop-pop the sailor man) could not be with us due to the coronavirus. We are praying that next year we will be able to visit villages again.

Polar Bear Patrol

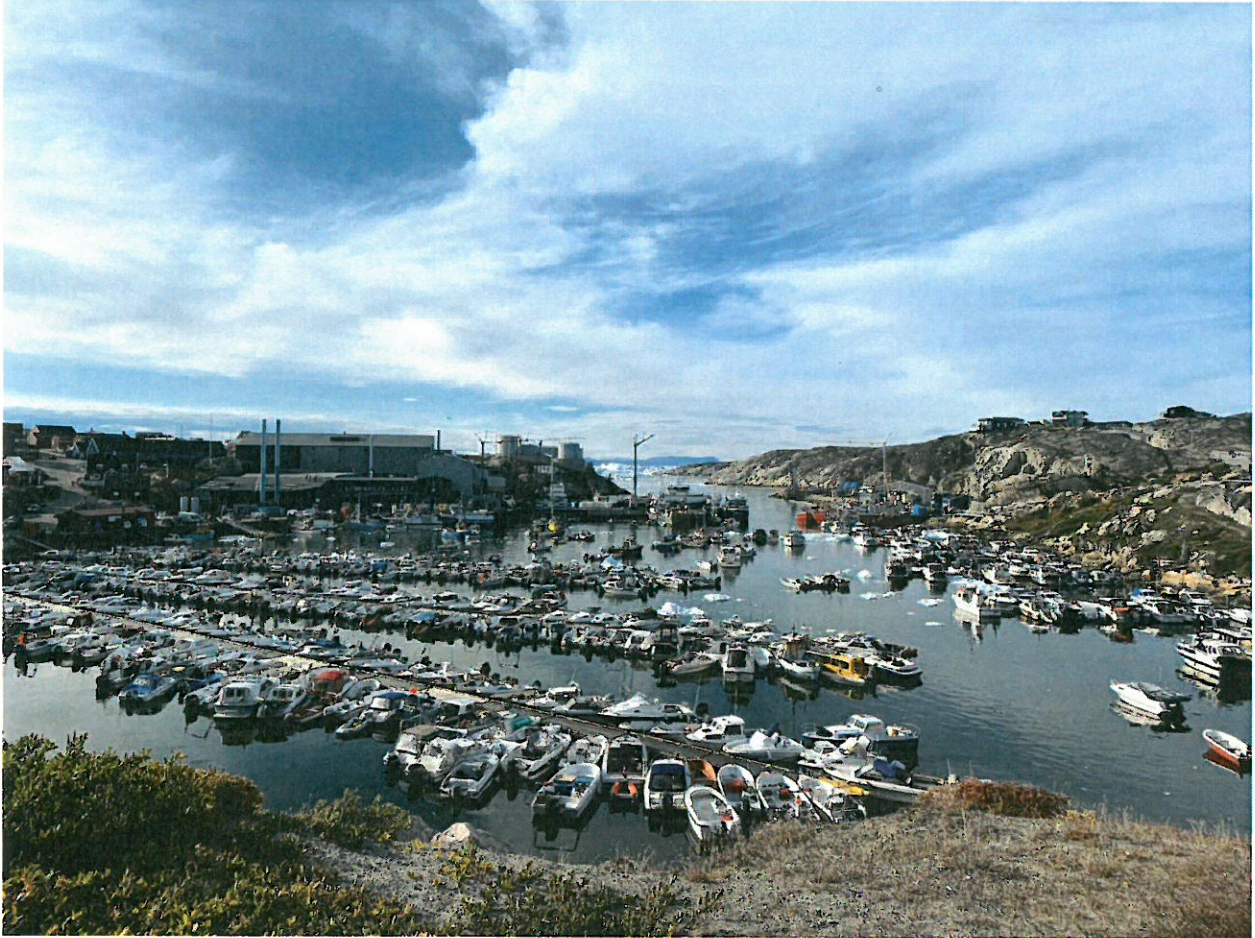
It is that time of year in East Greenland when the polar bears begin to visit Ittoqqortoormiit and run between the houses. One man has started voluntarily patrolling early in the mornings. He rides a snowmobile through town to make sure no one meets a polar bear on the way to school or to work. He is not allowed to shoot the bears, so he scares them away by shooting around them. He is hoping the law soon changes, so hunters can shoot the bears without first getting permission from the local authorities.



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Greetings from Greenland! We ask you to pray with us concerning the Gospel Boat. The new motors have been installed and they run well on land. However, we need to test them in the waters. Bro. Wright needs to make some adjustments and fine tune things while the boat is in the water.

We really could use the Gospel Boat Captain, Brother Nissley. We are looking into flights, but there are still many Covid-19 restrictions. We have sailed the boat out at sea, but it is much different sailing the boat in our crowded harbor. Bro. Nissley had planned the last two years to teach Chip and I how to sail such a large boat in very close quarters; but, of course, the boat has not been operational.

Right now, there doesn't even look like there is a place available in the harbor to anchor the Gospel Boat. We ask you to pray that we can get the Boat in the water and find a place to anchor. On this pioneer mission field, everything we do is always a first. Sailing and anchoring in the harbor will be a first for Chip and I! So many times, the tasks have seemed daunting. Yet as we have experienced over and over again, With God All Things Are Possible!

Guutip Pilluaqqulisi,
The Shull Family

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May 2020

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Arctic Fruit

The Pioneer work here is very slow. From time to time, it can be easy to get discouraged, yet it is always encouraging to see God working in the hearts and lives of people. One man asked me if we could get him some Bible verses, so he could read one every day to his family. We compiled 100 different verses in Greenlandic and printed them out for him. God's Word will not return void!

Last year, we translated the B-I-B-L-E into Greenlandic. This song quickly became a favorite. Even the parents tell us that the song plays in their heads all day long. Last week, a four-year old boy asked for a Bible. He wants to start bringing his Bible to church, so he can sing the B-I-I-B-I-L-I!

Jonathan has been entertaining a neighborhood boy since January. They have spent many hours together playing inside and outside. The boy often eats with us. He started coming to our kids' club and then his parents dropped in for a visit at church. Pray for this family and others as we continue to build relationships & make inroads.

Prison Ministry

The local prison remains closed to visitors due to COVID-19. It has been 2 months since we held our last service in there. However, I recently got a message from yet another former inmate thanking me for holding services in the prison. I could not remember him until I checked my records. He was in the prison 5 years ago! The prison only holds around 20 inmates at one time, yet over the last 8 years, we have given the Gospel to hundreds that have since been released. It is always encouraging to hear from them and know that our labor is not in vain in the LORD.

Mother's Day

When we first arrived to Greenland 13 years ago, hardly anyone celebrated Valentine's Day or Mother's Day. Over the last few years, these holidays have become popular with real flowers flown in and sold in the local stores. We held a special Mother's Day service & had 25 Natives in attendance this year!

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

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Closed Borders, Open Doors

Our planned furlough has been canceled, but the LORD has turned it into a blessing.

We have had a lot of visitors recently with others promising to drop in. We have also had several open doors.

We did our very first Facebook message online at Easter time. We reached more in that one post than we ever do in one service. Praise the LORD! There were many views by Greenlanders and several comments. A former inmate who now lives in South Greenland mentioned that he misses my sermons. Another Native came out to the service once she realized that we hold services in Greenlandic. Pray for more fruit as we plan to post more messages online.

We were invited out to play basketball with Filipinos & Greenlanders that work in the local fish factories. It has now become a weekly event.

Because of the border closures, a local fisherman has asked for my help in catching Ammassat. In addition to all this, Brother Wright has been working on the Gospel Boat & LORD willing, we will be sailing again this summer! Praise the LORD!

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Prison Ministry

Pray for our prison ministry. From time to time, Danes will end up in our local prison. Since they are strangers in a foreign land, we always seem to quickly build a friendship with them. One Dane told me he missed Reese's peanut butter cups. Peanut butter cups are a rare find outside the US. Carole just happened to have one 3 pack that she was rationing. 😊 She told me to give it to that inmate. Sometimes it can take a long time to break through to people, but it is amazing how one act of kindness can instantly open up doors. You should have seen that inmate's face when I gave him that pack of peanut butter cups! After that, I had his attention. I could talk to him about anything! I gave him a bundle of Danish tracts to take with him when he left Greenland. The LORD repaid Carole ten-fold with peanut butter cups!

A former inmate who now lives in the capital city of Nuuk, recently asked me to send him our Greenlandic tracts. Pray for fruit as he hands out these Gospel tracts.

Answered Prayer

Thank you for praying about our son's residency. After waiting almost a year, Chip finally got an answer back from Danish immigration. He now has permanent residency!!!

He was also awarded Employee of the Year at his job. People that never bothered to talk to us, now stop to say hi, just because they know our son. Keep praying for him as he seeks God's direction for his life.

Also keep praying for the rest of the family to get Danish citizenship.

Furlough

We have a short furlough planned for this summer. Obviously, our plans are up in the air because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We haven't been back to the States since 2017. One day, LORD willing, we will be able to come back for a long furlough and see all our faithful supporters. We appreciate your patience with us as well as your faithful prayers & support!

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Boat Update

Continue praying for the Gospel Boat. Brother Wright has a few more ideas in hopes to get the one motor running. The invitation is still open for a mechanic to assist Brother Wright. If you have any expertise or experience with this type of motor, then please contact us.

Quarantine

Covid-19 has reached Nuuk, Greenland. The country will now officially shut down Friday at midnight. All flights in and out of the country will be stopped as well as flights to other villages and towns. Traveling to other villages by dog sledge, snowmobile or boat will also be prohibited. Schools will be closed as well as all government offices.

The quarantine is affecting our ministries. The prison has shut down to visitors, so we can no longer hold services in there. Pray that we can still be a light that shineth in a dark place during this pandemic. Many people are afraid which makes more opportunities for sharing the Gospel with them.

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This & That

The heat pipes that run to the septic tank under the church have frozen. We have had prolonged temps of -35° & it was just too much for our pipes. Pray that we can quickly get the pipes & the septic tank thawed.

On a happier note, the sun has returned to Ilulissat. The days are getting longer and brighter! Spring is just around the corner, only another five months! 😊

We just sent a bundle of Greenlandic tracts to a friend in Denmark who regularly meets Greenlanders while out street preaching & distributing tracts. Pray that God uses this man & these tracts to reach folks there.

The US plans to open a consulate in Nuuk, Greenland. The US had previously opened one in 1940 during the Nazi occupation of Denmark, but it was closed in 1953.

Each year, a council approves new words for the Greenlandic language. Greenland now has its own word for "Fake News," "Nutaarsiassat salluliuutit."

Pray for Gage & Aleah Gilbert who are currently on deputation for Greenland. They plan to move to Ilulissat and work in our ministry until they can go off on their own.

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Just Another Day in Greenland

Last month, a polar bear was spotted on the outskirts of a village in East Greenland. The game warden was called early in the morning & hurried out on his snowmobile towards the frozen sea. The polar bear was now headed towards the village. The game warden came within 90 feet of the polar bear. He then fired a warning shot. At first the polar bear did not even react, but then he slowly turned & wandered away. That's when the real problems began! It was dark, so the warden used his flashlight to find the trail back to the village. When he stopped, he heard the ice cracking and starting to give way under the snowmobile. He tried to drive as fast as he could, but it just sped up the breaking of the ice. In a last ditched effort to save himself, he sprang from his snowmobile and tried to land on some firm ice. Unfortunately, he landed into the freezing waters. He called for help. A man who had been watching from shore grabbed some rope from his dog sledge and was able to pull him out of the water after three long minutes. The warden's legs were stiff and he could not walk for a while, but he was thankful to be alive!

Boat Update

Please pray about the Boat ministry. Obviously, we did not expect to have so many problems with the installation of the 2 motors. We need direction moving forward. We could use a boat mechanic or mechanics to help us get the motors running and then to visit the villages with us each summer. It would be good to have a mechanic onboard at all times to help in case of engine problems. The other option is to get an upgrade and buy a boat & motors that are used and serviced here. We want to be wise stewards of God's money.

Thank you for remembering our different ministries in prayer. The attendance is steady in our children & teen's ministry, Kunngip Klubbia. Recently, there were some new inmates in the prison that heard the Gospel for the first time.

Please check out our blog for updates and for more behind the scenes stories and information.

Thank you for the Christmas cards, boxes and love gifts! We are so humbled at your constant care for us! Qujanarujussuaq!

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The Gospel Boat

Unfortunately, the Gospel Boat is still under repair. We ordered two new motors and had them running outside the boat, but when we installed them in the boat, we could not get the one motor to turn over and start. Please pray with us for wisdom as we desire to see the Gospel Boat sailing once again from village to village.



Ministry

The attendance in each of our ministries has been very good over the last couple months. We have seen many visitors. There were 18 Natives in one of our Sunday services. Our children's ministry which also includes teens and adults is usually well attended. We had over 10 in attendance at one of our prison services with several guards listening in as I preached. Please pray for all these precious souls that hear the Gospel in their own tongue. Thank you for being a part of this ministry for so many years. Many of you remember when we first arrived to this pioneer mission field. We arrived without knowing the languages, without housing, without any Gospel literature, without any friends and without any ministries, but With God All Things Are Possible!

Kangerlussuaq

Kangerlussuaq or "Big Fjord" has a population of 500 and is home to one of two international airports in Greenland. This unique town unlike any other in the country was first founded as a US military base during WW2. Though the Americans have been gone for decades, their buildings, roads and airport still remain. Greenland will soon start construction on 3 new international airports with one being in Ilulissat. The Danish Joint Arctic Command plans to keep Kangerlussuaq open. They are responsible for patrolling Greenland and for Search and Rescue.

Kangerlussuaq is also home to musk-ox and reindeer hunting. Chip, Pop-pop and I enjoyed a memorable hunting trip & shot 3 reindeer. We had 10 tags, but had to carry the meat out on our backs in mountainous terrain. We did not get a muskox, so we have to go back next year. 😊 However, we made friends with a native couple. We hit it off so well that they shipped us dried fish and muskox meat through the mail. The LORD provides again! Check out our blog to read more about our hunt.

Another Day in Greenland

Last month while three hunters were field dressing their freshly killed muskox, a hungry polar bear showed up. He stood on his hind legs & looked down on the hunters. It then knocked one man over and bit his face while trying to crush his skull. The polar bear then attacked the second hunter & bit his head while the hunter held onto the bear's neck. The third hunter went after his gun & fired a shot at the bear. The angry bear looked up at him ready to charge, but the hunter shot again, this time hitting the polar bear in the paw. The polar bear ran away. The men finished field dressing their muskox and arrived home the following day. The police told them to go to the hospital. All three are fine!

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Gospel Boat

The boat motors have been ordered & are now on their way to Greenland. ETA is late May. Again, we thank you for giving sacrificially to this ministry. We are excited to Launch back out into the Deep!

Bro. Wright has been a big help. He has spent countless hours ensuring we got the motors and parts at the best prices.

Will you take part?

Our oldest child Christopher (Chip) is now a high school graduate. He has a servant's heart & has been my righthand man in the ministry for years. Pray as he seeks the LORD's will for his future. He has grown up on the mission field and not had the privilege & exposure of being around other men of God.

Because of this, we are asking pastors, other men of God, and those that know him personally to send a short note or video (via email) with words of wisdom or Scriptural challenge. We understand that time is precious, but if you are able to do this, it will mean a lot to us and will certainly impact Christopher. We will present the notes & videos to him when we celebrate his graduation.



One of the towns that we have visited several times with the Gospel Boat is *Qasigiannuit*. It is located 60 km south of Ilulissat on the other side of the ice flow. It has a population of 1,000 & is home to a boarding school for teens continuing their education past the 10th grade. There is no airport, but one can take a helicopter roundtrip (weather permitting) for \$800. Since the town is so remote, the cost of housing is much cheaper than here. We have desired for years to start preaching stations in remote towns and villages. There is currently a 2,000 sq. ft. building for sale. If purchased, this building would be our first preaching station and give us a foothold into this town. We could easily hold church services in the summer with our boat ministry. This town could be another base from where to launch out even further.

So many opportunities on this pioneer mission field!

Ministry

In Kunnigip Klubbia, our children's ministry, we spent a couple months going step by step though the Gospel message using visuals. It amazes us how attentive the children can be at times. Other times, when we have over 20 Native children, it can get crowded and hectic, but the kids always leave with a Bible verse in their hearts, a message on their minds and a song on their tongues.

The pioneer work is a slow process. There always seems to be someone coming around for us to minister to. However, we have learned though experience that our time with them can be short. Many times, people lose interest and drift away. Other times people move away. There were some coming around regularly for months, but once again, family pulled them away. Now we have the opportunity to spend time with another family on a regular basis. Pray for souls in Greenland. The true Gospel is so foreign to these people who have been steeped in false religion for centuries.

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

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Ministry

Over the last 6 months, we have had over 65 different children and teens attend the children's ministry. Pray for these young ones. We would like to see their parents come to church. Unfortunately, their parents sometimes forbid them from coming. One man I've known for years was just asking me the other day how our church was doing. He then told me that his daughter came one time to the Baptist Church and said she had a lot of fun, but he told her not to go again. My wife and I remember the day she came...5 years ago! She never did come back. The State Church sure has a hold on people.

Many have been invited to our Sunday services, yet few get the courage to attend. However, we are busy Monday through Saturday entertaining or visiting with Natives.

We have had some good services in the prison over the last several months. The prison has a new warden. The former warden always welcomed our ministry in the prison. We pray & anticipate the same from the new warden.

Continue praying for the Wright family as they adapt to this foreign culture and study two foreign languages.

To our Supporters!

Over the last year, several supporters have had to cut back or discontinue their support due to financial difficulties. We do not say it enough, so I want to reiterate it again, "Thank you for your support!" We know that each one of you have made and make sacrifices in order to support this ministry. We do not take it for granted. We hope we can visit each one of you in the future. In 14 years on the mission field, we have only been back to the States for a total of 13 months. Many of you have not seen us in over a decade and others of you have never even met us, yet you remain faithful and committed.

Qujanarujussuaq!

"A Thousand thanks!"

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

The Shull Family

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The Gospel Boat

Pray for Bro. Wright as he will soon order the boat motors. We thank each of you that has given towards this need. Pray that the removal and installation of the motors goes smoothly.

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This & That

Our Jeep is running again on all cylinders. It left us sit for 2 weeks, during which we had to walk one mile each way to the church building. It reminded us of our early days before we had a car. We sure appreciate all the time we save by driving.

In January, a trawler broke a sea cable that brings high speed internet to our town. Now our internet is operating at dial-up speed. A ship from Canada has been hired along with divers to fix the broken cable sometime in March. We will update our blog once the sea cable is repaired.

In January, a baby was stillborn via C-section. A broken-hearted mother buried her baby's coffin. A few days later she was called to a meeting by the doctor and town priest informing her that they forgot to put the body in the coffin.

Suicides in Greenland are still statistically very high. A former inmate who attended our services while in prison and several times out of prison was another victim to suicide.

Carole Ann has counseled a young girl who is dealing with guilt over a past abortion. A lot of people are dealing with guilt over sin. Please pray for them to understand God's forgiveness.



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Can God?

The Wright family has arrived to Ilulissat! They have had a time trying to find housing. They are currently living in an apartment block among the people. We had “fun” getting their belongings from the harbor to the church. No one could move the 40ft. container, so we had to empty everything using a vehicle and repack it into another container. A man I know, generously let us rent his flatbed truck. It would have taken days to empty that container using our Jeep. ☺ It is awesome to see God provide!

As I drove JR around town getting him registered and set up with his social security #'s, bank account, PO box, etc., it reminded me of when we first arrived. I am still amazed how God brought us through those first few months and years. We arrived not knowing anyone, had no car, no church, no ministry, no one to help us...No one, but God! You can imagine how thrilled we are to be helping the Wrights. We are leaving for 3 weeks to visit missionaries in Denmark and Norway & to visit friends from Greenland. The Wrights will oversee the ministry. They are nervous, but With God All Things are Possible!

Suffer the Children

Kunnigip Klubbia, the children's ministry is now back in full swing. Over 40 different children attended this past month. They have learned verses like John 3:16 & have repeatedly heard the Gospel in their own tongue. As a result, many of these children have started attending the services on Sundays. Pray as we follow up to reach their parents.

A man who has been attending our prison services for a long time asked me for a Bible after clearly being moved by the preaching of God's Word. Pray for this man and many others who are hearing the Gospel message for the very first time. New inmates always find it funny the first time they see and hear a preacher preaching the Word of God with authority. Yet, time and time again, I have seen inmates go from mocking and laughing in one service to showing respect in the next service. To see them sitting and listening attentively to God's Word is something I will never grow tired of. Thank you for partnering with us to do the Impossible!

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My Father's Business

Due to mechanical problems, the Gospel Boat did not make it into the water this year. However, that did not stop Bro. Steve Nissley from staying busy. Not only did he build us a new pulpit, and assist with many other projects, but he has been busy handing out Gospel tracts. He cannot speak much Greenlandic, but he is now known in town! He has made friends with many people. One fellow gave him a free ride in his boat to another village. There Bro. Nissley ate with a native family & told them about the Baptist Church in Ilulissat. When he mentioned our boat, they excitedly told him, “We know the Gospel Boat!” That is all I needed to hear to know that we need to get our boat up and running before next summer.

Please pray as Bro. Wright looks over the one motor to see if we can salvage it. The Boat ministry requires a lot of work, maintenance, and finances, but it is a much-needed ministry.

The Blog

We have run out of space. Please check our blog in the coming weeks to read about our visit with the Ambassador, Christopher Jr's first job, and several death bed visits.



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“Wright” on Time

It is with great joy and excitement that we announce to you that we will no longer be the only Baptist missionaries in the country of Greenland! The Wright family is scheduled to arrive this Thursday at midnight to join us as co-laborers here on this pioneer mission field!

After being alone for over a decade, we cannot describe how grateful we are that God has provided us with this family. For years, we have longed for someone to share the ministry with, both the joys and the heartaches. We look forward to fellowshiping, praying and laboring together with the Wrights to see this country reached for Christ.

Please pray that the Wrights will find suitable housing at an affordable price. All the houses that we have enquired about over the last several months have fallen through. Thankfully, they can camp out in the church building until something comes available. After living out of suitcases for a couple of years, we're sure they are ready to get settled.

There is a lot involved in moving to a foreign country. For the first few days, they will be busy with paperwork & getting set up as residents here.



The Wright's oldest son recently married Carole's niece. Welcome to the family! 😊

MKs

JR & Cheryl still have three children at home. They are leaving everything they have ever known, to come to a land they have never seen, to minister to a people they have never met. Pray as they adjust to this huge change in their lives. They will immediately be met by the midnight sun and hordes of mosquitos. 😊

The Wright children have been in contact with our children and are very excited about all the adventures awaiting them in Greenland. I wish you could see into the hearts of our kids at this moment. Our children have grown up on the mission field without family & friends. We have never seen our children this excited about anything. I wholeheartedly believe that missions should be team work, when at all possible.

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Boat Ministry

Pray as we make plans to get the boat ready for the water. Bro. Steve Nissley will be arriving in a few weeks to once again assist in this ministry. We are putting the boat in a little later this year in order to give the Wrights some time to get their bearings. The bay has been too full of ice that it would have been unsafe to sail, so God's timing is perfect. Pray for God's protection & blessing in this summer ministry.

Another Open Door

Several months ago, the US Embassy in Denmark contacted me about a new opportunity. I have been asked to serve as the liaison in Greenland between the US Embassy and Americans living in or visiting Greenland. This position is strictly volunteer, yet it may require traveling to other towns in Greenland when the need arises. I look at this as another open door and another way of deepening our roots here in Greenland. Tentatively, I have been asked to travel to Nuuk for a Consular meeting and potentially a meeting with the US Ambassador to Denmark. The opportunities are endless on this pioneer mission field.

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Church Remodeling

In the Arctic, housing is very expensive. All the wood and materials have to be shipped into the country. Yet 8 years ago, the LORD miraculously provided us with a building. Since then, we have been holding services in a 300 square foot room. It has been crowded at times. One couple said it was too claustrophobic for them to keep attending our services.

Thankfully, that has now changed! In April, a group of four came from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Denver, PA to knock out some walls and remodel our "auditorium." This group came to work, and did they ever work! They worked long hours and transformed our once tiny cramped room into a beautiful place to worship the LORD. Our seating capacity has been doubled. We pray now that we can fill every seat!

Thank you, Bro. & Sister Davis, Caleb & Jared for your sacrifice in helping this pioneer work in Ilulissat, Greenland! A lot was accomplished during their short time here. The fellowshiping, working, praying, laughing & eating together knitted our hearts to one another. When they left, it felt like we were saying goodbye to family!

The Work Group



APPROVED!

We received a letter from Immigration that the Wright family has been approved as missionaries to Greenland! They also informed me that we (the local Baptist Church in Greenland) are responsible for Baptist missionaries coming to and living in this country. Looking back over all the hardships, we can now honestly say, it was worth it! We praise God for this open door. We do not take this responsibility lightly. We praise God for sending the "right" co-laborers to work alongside us here on this Pioneer Mission Field! Please be in prayer for the Wrights as they have lots of planning and preparing for their move North of the Arctic Circle in July! Please pray that they can quickly find housing. *With God All Things Are Possible!*

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Finish Ministries

Brother Terry Davis & his wife Wendy have a ministry called "Finish Ministries." They were the ones that headed up the work group that came to remodel our church. They travel around the States and around the world helping churches with building projects.

Bro. Davis came 8 years ago when we first got our building and helped get it ready for holding services. This time he came to enlarge our meeting place. It was a blessing to see him again. As he says, it is not just about "fixing up" the building, but it is also about "lifting up" the missionary and pastor in the process. They have done a good job at both!

Their ministry is something worth supporting. Bro. Davis can do just about anything and the best part of it...He does it RIGHT! It was difficult as many items were not available in Greenland, so he had to improvise and use what we had or what we could get. Please pray for them and their ministry. They paid money to fly to Greenland, so they could work! We are very grateful for their sacrifice and ministry.

Please check out our blog to see the "Finished" product!

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The Ministry

Church attendance has suffered this year. Greenland is a very hard mission field that has never had a good Bible foundation. It has very little Gospel literature & witness. Many of the people here are addicted to all kinds of vices. Many that have professed salvation simply cannot overcome their addictions. Pray that those who have been a part of our ministries will finally get salvation settled in their hearts and break the chains of bondage.

Pray for our prison ministry. The last few services have been very well attended. Twelve men came out to the last service. This group of men has been really attentive and respectful. Pray they fully understand the Word of God. Over 90% in Greenland believe they are Christians simply because they were sprinkled as babies in the state church. Since my arrival to Greenland, I have been teaching the importance of God's Word and that it is the absolute authority. People here think the government run church with its women bishops and priests is the absolute authority. We know the god of this world has blinded their minds, but With God All Things Are Possible!



In Everything Give Thanks

Last year, sewage flooded underneath our church building from a broken town sewer pipe. This year, a pipe broke under our house and flooded the crawl space with sewage. My son and I have pumped out a lot of the sewage, and now we must go in under the house to remove the sludge. Most of the gray water has frozen and in some places is a foot thick! The whole town has been experiencing similar problems due to the cold temperatures. Even the school had to close down because of broken pipes. There is a long waiting list to get repairs done. The pipe that broke under our house has heat cable on it, but it apparently was not working properly. Please pray as we clean this mess up. We are getting good at, but tired of sewage cleanup!

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Reaping

We have sowed a lot of tears and prayed many prayers in our almost 11 years in Greenland. We praise God that others are finally coming! It seems like we have been holding the fort for many years and now the reinforcements are on their way. With great excitement, I inform you that the Wright family is in the process of applying for residency in Greenland. The only way immigration will allow other Baptist missionaries into the country is if I, as the pastor of the Baptist Church, invite them into the country. However, please continue to pray that the process goes smoothly and that there are no complications. The Wrights hope to be here in July! Pray for them, as there is a lot of planning, preparation and expenses involved in moving to Greenland. Please pray also that they can find housing quickly after their arrival.

As I sit here writing this letter, a young couple is on their way to Greenland on their survey trip. Praise the LORD, we are here to receive them, house them and show them around! As you recall, when we first came to Greenland many years ago, there was no one here to help us. How thrilling it is for us to now be able to help others!

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A Welcome Home

Last week, we arrived home to snow and cold temperatures! It was unusually warm during our time in the States, so it has taken longer to adjust back to Arctic temps! We have already experienced two blizzards since our return. Brrrh!!!

In the past, we have had no one to watch over our ministries. We would simply say goodbye to folks, lock the doors, and head to the airport. When we would return a couple months later, it was like starting the ministry all over again.

This time was different! There were three couples who came in different shifts over a 12-week period to fill in through an interpreter. Thankfully, the LORD provided the right couples for the task! Be sure to check out our blog in the coming days to read their perspectives on Greenland.

Our first kids' club back was well attended with 17 Native children. Then on our first Sunday back, there were nine Greenlanders in attendance.

When we first moved to Greenland 10 ½ years ago, there was no ministry here. What an encouragement to see folks in church hearing the Gospel in their own tongue! With God All Things Are Possible!



Furlough in Review

Our time in the States went way too quick! We visited with many churches, some of which hadn't seen us in over 14 years! It was great to see old friends & to make new ones! We enjoyed being a part of our home church's missions conference & getting to know our new pastor & his wife better. The highlight of furlough was spending time with family. Each time it gets a little harder to say goodbye.

So many of you requested that we visit you, but our trip was too short. However, once the Wright family moves to Greenland and gets settled, we will begin planning an extended furlough, so we can visit each and every one of you! Your faithfulness over many years has encouraged us more than you know! Qujanarujussuaq! Thank you very much!

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Troubles

Each time we are away, it seems the ministry in Greenland comes under greater attack.

A lady in our church suffered a great tragedy while we were away. Her 17 year old son was brutally murdered in town. It was frustrating to be so far away when someone in our ministry desperately needed us. We thank the ones who filled-in for us for encouraging this woman during her great loss. Please pray for her as she continues to deal with her grief.

While away, our church building was vandalized. Two windows were broken, but thankfully, that was the extent of the damage. There was a beer bottle nearby and beer thrown on the windows. The one trying to break in apparently cut himself, as there was blood on the windows. The police said there was nothing they could do. Sometimes we are reminded that we live in a third world country with a first world facade.

Our '98 Jeep in Greenland also experienced several issues while we were away. The ones filling in had to do a lot of walking. That is what we did our first 6 years in Greenland, so they have gotten the full "Greenland Experience"! ☺

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The Wright Family

JR & Cheryl Wright visited us for almost 2 weeks on their survey trip. They were able to see the ministry firsthand. Their burden for Greenland was obvious, as they desired to learn as much as they could about this country and culture that God has called them to.

God has called Brother Wright to preach and plant churches in Greenland. The fact that he is a mechanic is icing on the cake! He saw the boat ministry up close and personal. He was down under the hatch many times working on the motors.

Carole is really looking forward to having Cheryl here, not only for the help, but also for the fellowship. We have been praying for years for a family to come and work beside us on this pioneer mission field. In fact, we've been in Greenland for over a decade now! The Wright family will be a good fit for this ministry. We can't wait for them to get here! We know our ministry will expand and our reach in Greenland will grow even more. Please pray for the Wright family. They have a busy schedule of meetings and are working hard to be here next summer, LORD willing. **With God All Things Are Possible!**



The Boat Ministry

There has been a lot of ice in the Bay this summer, which has limited our travel by sea. We also had some minor setbacks with the *Gospel* boat early on, but thankfully, we were able to repair and figure out each issue. The Boat ministry is now up and running again, Praise the LORD!

Steve Nissley has been busy repairing and maintaining the boat. We are sure glad that he is here. My son and I have learned much about the boat.

Today we visited a village and plan to visit several more in the coming weeks.

Our future plans are to purchase small huts in different towns, so we can set up preaching stations and do some "circuit-sailing" preaching! The opportunities are endless on this Pioneer Mission field!

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Lost at Sea

North Greenland was hit hard in one devastating weekend. A couple from Ilulissat was sailing with their son and a relative when their boat hit some ice. The three adults were thrown overboard, leaving the 12 year old all alone. After 3 hours of crying for help over the radio, he was finally rescued. Search and rescue only found two of the bodies.

A day later, an earthquake caused part of a mountain to crumble into the sea that sent a tsunami into several villages. One village was completely destroyed. A family of three was swept away as they slept in their home. Another person was also swept into the sea. There was too much debris and ice in the water to do a thorough search of the area. The Danish Navy searched some of the houses floating in the sea, but the four were never found. Several other villages were evacuated due to the ongoing threat of another tidal wave.

An organization in Europe was tracking this activity, but had no way of warning Greenland. The local church knows of the coming judgement upon sinners across the globe. How can they warn them? God has a plan in place to do just that: Missions! "Throw out the Lifeline!"

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Yet Another Suicide

We arrived to our church building on a Sunday morning and saw an ambulance outside the neighbor's house. A few minutes later, the EMTs came out carrying a dead body on a stretcher. This image left a lasting impression on our children. Many times, our children had taken baked goodies to these neighbors. This lady had always been a happy outgoing person and we had just talked with her. She celebrated her 50th birthday the day before.

We are in a spiritual battle: A battle for the souls of men and women! The devil and this world have a stronghold on the hearts & minds of men and women. At times, it feels like the ministry here takes one-step forward and two steps back. The song, "Hold the Fort" seems so applicable. It feels we are simply holding the fort and waiting for the reinforcements to arrive. Yet we take comfort in the Glorious Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which still delivers people from the darkness. There is a woman who has been saved and desires to be baptized. We have no baptistry and it would be too cold to baptize outside as temps in the summers average in the 40s and 50s. *But With God All Things Are Possible!*



This & That

The Wright Family is coming for a short visit in June. This will be Cheryl's first time seeing Greenland. JR will be giving the boat motors a good looking over and helping us get the boat ready for the water.

Please pray for Steve Nissley, my father-in-law as he too is preparing for another summer in Greenland.

Our first supply ship since November arrived last week. The shelves were getting very bare. Like everyone else in town, we were excited to go to the grocery store to see what the ship brought! We are still waiting for eggs, cheese and fruit, which are supposed to arrive any day by air.

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

The Shull Family

Chris, Carole Ann, Christopher Jr.,
Anna, Emilia, Jonathan & Mattaliina

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A Short Visit???

We have been in Greenland for 10 years now and on the mission field for a total of 12 years. We are **STILL** the **ONLY** Baptist missionaries in Greenland. Let that soak in for a moment! This is *Not* your average mission field. This is a Pioneer Mission Field! It is nothing but hard work & loneliness. You would think it would be easier by now, but the lack of fellowship & the feeling of being alone are hard to get used to.

In these past **12 years**, we have only been back to the States for a total of **10 months**. We have many supporters we have never even met. We are so grateful for your faithfulness! We desire to visit the States for 2 to 3 months starting in August. We really need a short break and some fellowship. However, we do not want to leave the ministry unmanned for so long.

We are looking for some couples who would consider coming to stay in Greenland for a month at a time in order to watch over the ministry and building. They would have to pay their own airfare (which is expensive) and buy their own food, but everything else would be taken care of. If interested, talk with your pastor and have him contact us via email.

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Ministry

Suicide is an epidemic all across the Arctic. So many end their lives without any hope. In 2016, the number of suicides spiked in Greenland. The government, as in times past, scrambled to start more programs to help reduce suicides. It is the “same old, same old” which never actually addresses the root problem. We are here to bring hope to these souls. A man wanted to talk to us after the service one Sunday, but we were already counseling another couple. He eventually left and went home. I felt the LORD’s leading to visit him. We did and we thank God, because he was contemplating suicide. We were able to encourage him and share with him God’s love. The next day he stopped by to invite us to hold services in the government run nursing home where he works. The open doors and opportunities are endless. Last month, we began holding a midweek prayer meeting. Yesterday, 14 children attended *Kunngip Klubbia*, our weekly children’s ministry. Now I am getting ready to head out the door to the local prison to hold a service there. Please pray for souls to be saved. Thank you for having a part in shining the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a dark place!



That Sinking Feeling

A town sewage pipe broke and the ensuing flood made its way downhill and straight to our church building. Since it wasn’t affecting anyone else, no one did anything! When we arrived to the building, we thought it was a water main break. As I walked to the front door, my boots broke through the thin layer of ice & were immediately filled. It was then that my nostrils became filled with the stench & I knew it wasn’t water! It was 20 below and it wasn’t long before everything was frozen solid. Unfortunately, the raw sewage found its way under our church building and onto the cement floor. This is where we store things & have a little workshop. The ironic part is that our church building has a septic tank & therefore does not use the town’s sewer lines. My son & I are trying to remove it while it is frozen & before it turns into a smellier mess!

Preacher

My Pastor for more than 20 years, Mike Gangemella passed into glory in December. His impact on my life & ministry has been invaluable. Please pray for his wife, Linda. Also, check out our blog to read my tribute to “Preacher.”

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This & That

The sun has now returned, but we have yet to see it. However, we can see its rays shining across the bay. Any day now, it will peak the mountains and shine right on our town!

A small village in our bay that we plan to visit next year with our boat ministry had a polar bear sighting last night. A snowmobiler videoed the polar bear as he chased it through the small village.

Pray for the Wright family as they continue to raise support. They will be visiting us this summer to help us with some mechanical work on our boat and to experience the boat ministry firsthand. Pray also for Brother Steve Nissley as he prepares for this summer.

We are still waiting to hear from the US Embassy in Denmark concerning our children’s US passports.

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Launching Out!

The Gospel Boat has landed in Ilulissat, Greenland & has been launched out into the deep! At one point, we thought we wouldn't even get the boat into the water this summer. The shipping company decided to more than double the shipping price first quoted to us! They are the only shipping company here and have a monopoly on it. However, we did get the price lowered and thanks to your sacrificial giving, the Gospel Boat visited 3 new villages! Gospel tracts were distributed in each village!

How thankful we were to have Carole's Dad, Steve Nissley with us for 9 weeks. He is the Captain of the Gospel Boat. He has now returned to the US and will be ordering parts for the boat to send over next year before summer. He is available to come and give you a first-hand account of the Boat Ministry. You will not be disappointed! We made a DVD detailing the Boat Ministry that he will be taking along with him as he travels. If you would like a copy of the DVD, please contact us. A lot has happened in the last several months, so please check out our blog for more details and pictures. It will soon be updated! www.arctic-adventures.blogspot.com/

Challenges

The start-up of the boat ministry was not without its challenges & learning experiences. Here all boats are crane lifted in and out of the water. There are only a few limited dock places for boats our size and the cost is very high. There were no places available this year, so we had to find a place to anchor in the crowded harbor. We used a concrete block for our anchor. It worked well, but the only place to anchor was near the entrance of the harbor. We had smaller boats run right into our anchored boat!

One day a line got wrapped around our propellers and we couldn't sail anywhere. There are no dry suits in town and we couldn't just jump into the 30° water! With a little ingenuity, we clamped a knife onto a long pole and cut the line.

We had to use a small raft to get back and forth to our boat. The raft was "borrowed" many times and several times it was not returned! Praise God we were able to find it each time.

On another occasion, there was so much ice in the harbor that we could not sail through it. My son Christopher and I had to sit on the end of the boat with long poles and push the ice out of the way.

Being a Pioneer

We never knew what we were going to find in the different harbors. Gas stations close early in most villages, so it is important to plan ahead! Sometimes there were no docks and no places to tie up. At one place, we had to get close to the landing dock and climb up a 15 foot ladder. The smaller children and those of us that suffer from acrophobia did not like that. ☺ Another time a huge fishing boat told us to move. They had no intention of waiting while we tried to get the engines started and warmed up.

We also had to learn to sail through icy waters, not simply ice, but icebergs! We were blessed this summer with less ice than usual. We purchased a GPS, but it did not always detail rocks and land hidden just under the surface of the water.

This summer was certainly a learning experience. The boat is now on land and winterized. However, we are already planning for next year and hoping to get an earlier start! We did have one motor lose a belt and overheat from time to time. Having two motors was sure a blessing! We had to sail home several times with only one running motor, but we never got stranded! Thank God for His safety & protection!

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July 20, 2016

Boat Update

Thank you again for your prayers. Praise the LORD the boat cleared customs without any fees! We got the boat from the harbor today and it is now on land. That was an ordeal in and of itself. You cannot just put your boat anywhere in town. You must get permission from the local government. We thought we had that figured out, but we had to find a new spot at the last minute.

Next, we have to put the rudders and propellers back on, as well as some other details to get the boat ready for the water. Then a crane will put the boat in the water. Please pray everything goes as planned. We are tentatively hoping and praying to get the boat in the water early next week.

One step closer! As my father-in-law is learning on the pioneer mission field, nothing goes as planned or runs on our schedule. However, we are excited! Each day brings us one step closer to launching out into the deep!

*With God All Things Are Possible,
The Shull Family*



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Off the Ground!

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June 2016

The Boat is finally on its way to Greenland! We could not have done this without my father-in-law's (Steve Nissley) help. He has spent lots of time, money and hard work in helping us get this ministry off the ground.

The boat has been sitting in New Brunswick, Canada, a five hour drive from Bro. Nissley's house. He has made that drive countless times over the last 2 years in order to service and up-keep the boat. In addition, he has spent thousands of dollars on expenses for the boat. This past week, he prepared the boat for shipping and oversaw its delivery to the port in Halifax.

Bro. Nissley will be arriving here in Greenland, the first week of July, when the boat is scheduled to arrive by ship. He is the captain of the Gospel boat and will be sailing it. He is committed to helping us with this ministry indefinitely. Pray as he will be sailing through ice as seen in the picture below. Our desire is to visit several villages this summer as the LORD wills, and as we learn how to navigate through these icy Arctic waters.

We have encouraged him on his return to the States in September to visit any churches that want a firsthand report of this exciting new pioneer ministry.



The Gospel Boat

To all of you that have given towards the Gospel Boat ministry, we want to thank you for your generosity! Because of you, we will be reaching many of the surrounding villages with the Gospel. Our prayer now is for God to raise up men to establish permanent preaching stations in these towns and villages. As David Livingstone said, *"If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men that will come if there is no road at all."* This is the Pioneer Mission Field of Greenland! We need God-called Men!



Ministry Minutes

Just as the Bay is ever changing with its ebb and flow of ice, so is the ministry on this pioneer mission field. After a long & somewhat discouraging winter, spring has brought new life. The group of young kids that had been faithful for several years have reached the age of confirmation. The priestess from the state church teaches confirmation classes in the public school. As a result, most of these young teens have quit attending. Such is the battle against spiritual wickedness in high places. However, in the last month, our attendance has picked up considerably and our 300 square foot "auditorium" is too small. We live in our building. It is around 2,000 square feet. We are praying about moving out and opening up this building entirely for church use. Not only would this provide great church facilities in the Arctic, but we would also have room to house visitors and provide housing for future interns. Even since before coming to Greenland, we have had big plans & dreams, and it amazes us how God has continually done exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think! And just think...You all have had a part in this Pioneer Work!

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One of the children that regularly comes to our services asked if her school class could come and interview the Baptist Church. As a result, others came out to visit our services.

We have been discipling a young convert. She has repeatedly asked to be baptized. We want her to be grounded in the Word before she takes this monumental step. Simply attending church here has caused grief in her home. She also wants her membership removed from the State Church. This is not a simple matter. Leaving the State Church is like the unpardonable sin; and in a small town like this, she will be ostracized by family & friends.

In the local prison, there are several inmates that really desire to hear God's Word. One fellow asked what happens if he wants to be a Baptist after he is released from prison. He is from a small village that is as far north as you can go in Greenland and outside the reach of our boat ministry. How do you answer that question? It is not as simple as jumping in the car and driving there. There are no roads. To fly there from our town would cost around \$2,000.

We hope to have our boat up here by June and to start our village outreach this summer.

Holding the Fort!

This past winter has been one of the loneliest that we have experienced yet. The fact that we are in this entire country all alone with the entire work on our shoulders can sometimes cause anxiety. There is no one to share this work with, no one that can relate to the difficulties of the languages, field and ministry, and no one that we can call upon in an emergency. We need permanent fellow laborers! We need a family to work alongside us, to share this burden with, and to pray and fellowship with on a daily basis.

We praise God for answering our prayers and calling the Wright family!!! They have just begun full-time deputation, leaving behind a secure job, steady income, their home and loved ones. Pray for them as they travel around the States and raise the needed support. Here is their cell phone, email and web site: 605-850-9744, Wrights2Greenland@yahoo.com, www.wrights2greenland.org/

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Family

Carole's brother's wife and their oldest son came for a visit around the New Year. They experienced the spectacular fireworks on New Year's Eve, saw the amazing Northern Lights and watched the Sun's Return. Carole really enjoyed the fellowship with Stacey. It was great having Ben with us again. He played the piano for the church and prison services. He is close to getting his pilot's license and wants to use it for missions. We hope to see him in Greenland again! ☺

Darkness

Kaperlak is now behind us! That is the Greenlandic word that describes the winter darkness when there is no sun. On January 13th, Ben, Chris Jr., and I hiked up the mountain to watch and wait for the sun's return. This is referred to as "Sun Day," the day the sun returns. This year it happened to fall on a Wednesday. The picture above was taken on "Sun Day" around 1:00 in the afternoon at the sun's peak. It was just last week that the sun was high enough in the sky to shine in our windows! What a joy it gives and what warmth it brings to the soul. North of us, other towns and villages are still awaiting the sun's return.

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This & That

A man walking in town fell over early one morning with a possible heart attack. A man in our church saw him and called the hospital. After a long wait, an "ambulance" finally arrived. There was only one "paramedic" and he forgot to bring a stretcher along. Our friend had to help get the man in the ambulance. Sadly, the injured man was pronounced dead upon arrival to the hospital.

Young teens must move to another village in order to attend high school. Now that it is Christmas break, these teens have returned home and have nothing to do. Many cars have been stolen in town. The police warn that it is the owner's fault if the car is not locked and secured properly. When the temps are this low, folks keep their cars running all day. There is no where to take the car, so the young people just joy ride and ditch the car when they are done, sometimes literally in a ditch!

The government had a deficit this year, so they doubled the candy tax and made it retroactive. Now all the stores have to pay taxes on candy already sold and consumed! We are just thankful that they did not raise the income tax again!

A light that shineth...

We are now in the middle of our dark season. The sun set in November and will not rise until "Sun Day," January 13th. However, in order to actually see the return of the sun, one must climb the snow-covered mountain. The sun will rise and set in a 15 minute period. If the skies are cloudy, the long tiresome trek up the mountain and through the deep snow will have been in vain. In February, the sun will peak the mountains and the rays will light up the town!

The temperatures have been well below zero for the past month with temps as low as -30. The town's electricity has gone out several times this year during this dark period. What a blackness! No street lights or house lights, complete darkness. There are no trees here, thus no woodstoves. We have a furnace that burns diesel fuel, but needs electricity to run. One of the worst feelings in the Arctic is when the temperatures are -20 degrees and the electricity goes out. ☺

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Prison Ministry

Continue praying for the prison ministry. 17 inmates attended the service last week. An older inmate pleaded with me to come on Christmas day to hold a service.

A young inmate told me that he has always wanted to be a priest, yet he didn't even own a Bible until I gave him one. I asked him what's he doing in here. Another inmate told me that being a priest for the State Church is just like any other job, but pays really well. In other words, morality is not a prerequisite for the priesthood.

Jubilee

This is our 50th issue of *The Arcticle*. We easily become overwhelmed when we look ahead at all the work yet to do, but are encouraged by looking back at all that the LORD has already done!

Pray for the Wright family as they will soon begin full-time deputation. Please consider having them in for a meeting. You will not be disappointed! We are excited about them coming here and working alongside us. Please pray they will get here ASAP! Their contact info is the following: Wrights2Greenland@yahoo.com or phone, 605-850-9744.

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A Christian Nation

The country of Greenland is considered a "Christian" nation. Everyone is sprinkled ("born again") as a baby and then confirmed a "Christian" for life as a young teenager.

I was recently talking to a young man who is a Lutheran. He became confounded when I told him that Jesus is God. I asked him what he was taught at the Lutheran church. His reply, "Nothing." He concluded at the end of our conversation that we both believe in Jesus; therefore, we both believe the same thing. However, he believes his way that Jesus was just a man and an illusionist. He believes in the Big Bang Theory and that the Bible was written and changed by many people to promote a fairy tale. Yet, he wholeheartedly believes he is a Christian!

This is what Christianity in Greenland looks like! The State Lutheran Church performs same-sex marriages. There are more abortions than births. People are told that they are Christians from the time they are sprinkled as babies and they believe it. Most of their theology comes from what they see and hear on TV & Social Media. Please pray for these precious people as we seek to be "a light that shineth in a dark place!"

This & That

A thief broke into a local fish factory and stole 20 kilograms of mattak, "whale blubber." There is a high price for whale blubber on the black market... And this is no tall "tail"! ☺

Reindeer season began earlier this month. It is a big to-do around here. The schools were closed for a week & many took off from work to hunt reindeer. One must have a boat to go where the reindeer are found.

Polar bears have always been a frequent visitor of the village, Ittoqqortoormiit. The custom has always been to shoot any bears that come to close to town. But now, the WWF patrols the area protecting the nature. Their patrolman only scares the bears away and the bears return! As one townsman put it, "We did not raise our children to be bear bait!"



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The Ministry

Our first snowfall arrived in September. Since then we have had several blizzards, lots of snow, sub-zero temperatures & shorter days. The sun will soon set for the year.

Kunnigip Klubbja, our children's ministry, is back in full swing. A 9-year old boy has been attending regularly & learning Bible verses. We gave him a brand new Greenlandic Bible which costs around \$40. There are no "cheap" Bibles here. This boy came back Sunday with a great big smile on his face as he made sure I saw him carrying his Bible!

Praise the LORD, our Sunday attendance has been good. It is difficult to teach systematically through the Bible when folks are sporadic in their attendance. **T**he Prison Ministry continues to produce good results. We average around 15 each service!

We spent part of August & September in Iceland filling in for the veteran missionaries, the Patrick Weimer family as they were on an extended furlough. Iceland is where we began our ministry while we waited for Greenland to open. It was a blessing to see some of the same people still in church after so many years. Icelandic children have grown up and are now involved in the ministry!

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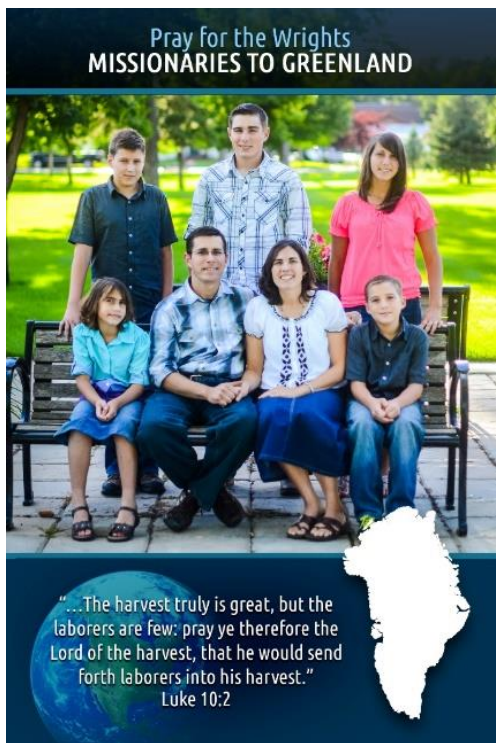
Boat Ministry Update

Our boat ministry will begin in the summer of 2016! Right now Steve Nissley, our boat captain, is currently learning the ins and outs of the boat in the Canadian waters before he has to maneuver around the ice and icebergs in the Disko Bay.

One of the most productive glaciers in the world empties into our bay. All summer long, the bay is full of ice and icebergs. This does not hinder the local fishermen, cruise ships, and tour operators from sailing. However, it does require one to be very cautious. Safety is a big priority and we will have all the necessary equipment before we begin.

We are still amazed at how God provided such a nice boat at such a great price. Thank you again for your generosity! Any extra funds received will go towards the operating and fuel costs of the boat ministry.

This boat will be perfect for our ministry. We will be able to go away for days at a time and not have to worry about lodging as the boat can sleep six comfortably. The boat has a kitchenette, a heater, and a tank for carrying water. There is also plenty of space for Gospel tracts! Please be in prayer that God will bless this ministry and prepare hearts for the Gospel!



The Gospel "Iivangkiiliu"



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The RIGHT family!

It is with great excitement that we introduce to you the Wright family! Our daughter Emilia had been praying that God would send us the *right* family to help us in Greenland. The LORD answered her prayer literally by sending the *Wright* family. ☺ We have known this family for years and we look forward to laboring together and turning this country upside down with the Gospel!

Brother Wright has been greatly involved in his local church and its ministries for many years. In addition to ministry experience, he will also provide mechanical expertise that will be invaluable to our boat ministry. Mrs. Wright grew up in a church planter's home and will be a big help to her husband and a contribution to the ministry.

They are just getting started on deputation and scheduling meetings. Our prayer and desire is that they will get here as soon as possible as we desperately need their help. We have known this family for many years and can recommend them 100%. You will not be disappointed to have them in for a meeting. Below is their contact information:

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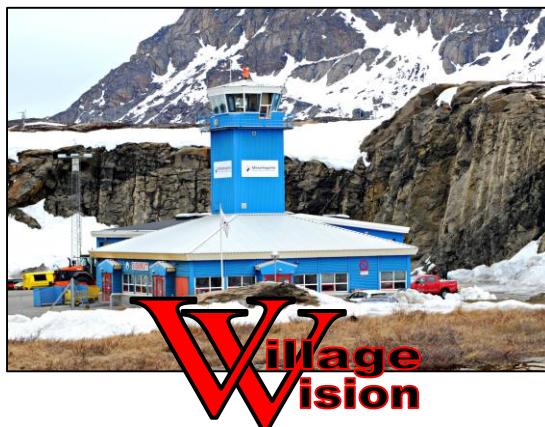
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10 Years!!!

This week we celebrate our 10 year mark on the mission field! Time flies when you're having fun! ☺ 10 years ago, we moved to Iceland, because the door to Greenland was closed. We anticipated living there for at least 7 years until we could get Nordic citizenship and then move to Greenland. However, God had other plans! Not only did the LORD open the door to Greenland, but He also made it possible for other missionaries to come in under the name of the "Baptist Church of Greenland." We never imagined all that God would do in these past 10 years. **With God All Things Are Possible!**

Prison Ministry

The prison recently lost one of its guards. He went fishing, and never returned. His relatives went searching for him along with the police and a rescue helicopter. Whale flesh was found in the motor of his splintered boat, but the body was lost at sea. Most likely, he hit a whale at high speed. The warden asked me to be available for the inmates, because they were greatly impacted by the death of this 35 year old guard. I preached on death and was able to give a clear presentation of the Gospel.



Sisimiut is the 2nd largest town in Greenland with a population around 6,000. The name means "the town by the foxholes." This town lies on the west coast about 40km north of the Arctic Circle. You have probably already guessed that fishing is the main industry. Sisimiut is also home to the Language Center. They teach Danish to Greenlanders and Greenlandic to foreigners. I have attended several of their courses, the most recent in May. As always, my soul is stirred and my heart is broken over yet another unreached town in Greenland. The time is short as the LORD's return is imminent, and yet there's still so much work to be done!

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Spiritual Wickedness

The government has recently passed a law that now requires the State Church to marry same-sex couples. The vote was unanimous. Not one politician opposed it! Church bells tolled across Greenland in celebration. The state church already practices other unbiblical practices like infant baptism. "They be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Pray for the glorious Gospel of Christ to penetrate this dark land!

Boat Ministry Update

Steve Nissley is working on getting the boat ready for shipping to Greenland. We are anticipating the boat arriving late summer. I have just recently translated another Gospel tract into Greenlandic. I also have several other tracts currently in the works. We look forward to having an arsenal of tracts when we begin our boat ministry, LORD willing next summer. After talking with some experienced Native sailors, I've learned that it is possible to take the boat to Sisimiut and even as far south as the capital city. Our reach will be even greater, than we first thought!

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Stateside

Our brief trip to the States went well. However, instead of getting away from the cold, we returned just in time to experience record cold temps on the East Coast. 😊 It was a blessing to visit some of our supporting churches & some new churches. It was great to see “old” friends & to make new friends during our short time back. So many of you wanted us to come visit. How we long for the day that we can visit you all! In 10 years, we have only been back to the States for a total of 10 months. There is still no one to fill in for us here. Each time we leave, the work experiences setbacks that could have been avoided, if another missionary family was here. Keep praying for a family to answer the call. Until then, you can Skype us or Send your Pastor on a visit!



DVD & Prayer Cards

We trust that you have received our updated DVD & prayer cards by now. If not, please send us an e-mail and we will work on getting them to you. We want to thank you again for your part in this ministry. There is still much work to be done & there is still a trail to be blazed on this pioneer mission field. Howbeit, the LORD has clearly brought us a long ways from when we first landed here in 2007! Everything that God has allowed us to accomplish has been a direct result of your prayers and financial giving. Thank you for holding the Ropes!

Boat Ministry Update

Thank you for your generous giving towards our boat ministry. We now have life jackets and the money to purchase a GPS programed for the Greenlandic waters. Our desire is to get the boat to Greenland this summer. The boat is currently stored on land in New Brunswick, Canada. Once the boat is loaded onto a ship in Halifax, Nova Scotia, it can take up to 8 weeks before it arrives to Ilulissat. The boat will have to change ships in Iceland before continuing its journey to Greenland.

Steve Nissley has been traveling to churches & raising support for the boat ministry. He only needs a minimum amount of support. We are excited to get him here! He is available for meetings & can be reached on his cell phone (207) 540-3084 or by e-mail kvk@fairpoint.net.

Busy Again

After just one day back, our home was once again full of native children, our phone was full of messages, and our town was full of smiling faces from folks happy to see us back. No doubt, most folks thought we weren't returning. In village life, rumors spread like wildfire.

The lady who made a profession of faith just before our trip to the States was excited to hear the church was open again! Her family continues to oppose her decision to attend the Baptist Church. As soon as we left, the enemy was busy. The JW's came around and told her they felt sorry for her, because her pastor was away and she had no church to attend. Her response: "I feel sorry for you. God is always with me, but you have no hope." She spent much time in the Bible and had many questions upon our return. Pray as we begin meeting with her each week for Discipleship.

This week we return to the prison. Pray for our services there. There will be new faces who will hear the Gospel for the very first time.

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A Brief Furlough

We are returning to the States for several weeks from late January to late March. We apologize that our schedule is already booked and we are not able to visit all of you. AS SOON as we get permanent help on this Pioneer Mission Field, we will make plans to visit each of our supporting churches. We are so grateful for your understanding. We have never met some of you, yet you support the work here. **THANK YOU!** Others of you, we have not seen for over a decade, yet you remain faithful to the work here. **THANK YOU! QUJANARSUAQ!!!**

It is always difficult to leave the work, but even more so when we are the ONLY Baptist missionaries here. The folks here need our constant care and encouragement. It is hard to leave without anyone to fill in. I told the warden that we were leaving for several weeks and that no one would be able to visit the prison in our place. He said, *"It is very dreary news that you will be in America for such a long time. But we already look forward to your return to us."* Another woman was tearfully asking Carole if we are coming back. She just recently made a profession of faith and really needs prayer & discipleship.



Got Snow?

It has been a cold and snowy winter so far. This year we have gotten more snow than ever before and it is ONLY January. The majority of our snowfall usually comes in March & April. In December we were hit with several consecutive blizzards with 65 mph wind gusts. It was so bad that the schools in town closed. One teacher told us that this was the first time in his 14 years here that the schools closed due to the weather. Of course, the airport was shut down for days. In a nearby village, 11 fishing boats sunk in the harbor due to the strong wind gusts.

Christopher Jr. and I have done a lot of shoveling. There is no where left to put the snow! Thankfully, the snowplows and dump trucks have begun removing the snow and dumping it into the Bay.

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Appilattoq ("the red mountain") is a small village located on the west coast of Greenland. There are around 200 souls living there. An inmate from this village was recently released and returned home. While in prison, this woman was very faithful & attentive to our services. We gave her a Bible & some study materials that I translated. This got her into the Bible. She told us that before we started coming, she never really thought much about God or had a desire to read the Bible, but now she enjoys reading it. She never liked going to the State Church, but has enjoyed our services. She now understands so much more about who God is and why Jesus Christ died on the cross. One day we will be able to visit her with the boat ministry. She is one of many with a similar testimony.

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November 2014

Ministry

The Disko Bay

There are 12 villages located in the Disko Bay. Just south and north of the bay, there are another 13 villages. That's 25 towns and villages that can easily be reached with this boat ministry. **That is 1/3 of Greenland!** If we venture further north, there are another 10 villages that can be reached. In these 35 villages, there are only 4 runways. That means the other 31 villages can ONLY be reached by boat. **These are exciting times to be involved in pioneer missions and Greenland is a wide-open pioneer mission field!**

Darkness

This morning the sun rose around 11:00 and will set at 2:00 in the afternoon. We will continue to lose 12 minutes of sunlight each day until November 29th when the sun sets for the year.

A few weeks ago, someone tried to steal our car. The door was open, the radio was on the seat with wires still attached, and there was a key broken in the ignition. But Praise the LORD there was no real damage done!

As the darkness settles in, the problems in this society are more clearly seen (i.e. domestic violence, drunkenness, child abuse, theft, etc.).

Boat Ministry

Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase a boat! It is currently sitting in Canada. Our captain Steve Nissley plans to get the boat out in the Canadian/American waters this spring. Once he has a feel for the boat and has purchased all the necessary equipment, we will then ship it to Greenland.

One of the most productive glaciers in the world empties into our bay. As a result, the Disko Bay is full of icebergs year round, so caution must be used as one navigates through the ice fields, even in summer.

Steve Nissley is committed to helping us for the next three years as we get this ministry up and running. With his help, I will be able to continue preparing sermons, translating materials, etc. We are praying that the LORD raises up another family to help in this ministry.

We have named our boat, *The Gospel*. We can't wait to take the Gospel to these many unreached villages!

Steve Nissley, my father-in-law, is available for meetings. He can be contacted at this number: (207) 365-4318.

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The Children's Club has been growing over the last month. We have had over 20 visitors. The teens and pre-teens have been busy memorizing the Romans Road. The children with the help of Carole made a road and then hung it on the wall. When the children memorize a verse, they get to "drive" their cars to the next road sign. Each week they hear a simple and clear presentation of the Gospel using each verse. When they get to the end of the road, they will have memorized 11 verses. Each child will then receive a Greenlandic Bible. One Bible costs around \$60.00. We thank all those that have generously given towards the purchase of these Bibles. God's Word will not return void!

Each week we plan one activity with the children. Sometimes it is simply playing games. Other times it involves a craft. No matter what, we use every opportunity to share the Gospel. Some of the children want to come every day. Most of these children don't have much of a home life and many miss meals. We are the only family they have ever seen intact (i.e. no divorce, no stepparents or step-children, family eats together around the table, etc.). If we let them, they would move in with us. ☺ Pray for these little ones!

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Visitors

My parents visited us in July. Our children loved getting to know their grandparents. We sure miss them. While they were here, we held our first ever church picnic in Greenland. What a blessed time we had with the twenty Natives that attended. My parents had the job of grilling the food. Grilling in the nature is one of the summer pastimes in Greenland. However, instead of grilling seal and whale meat, we stuck with our own American tradition of grilling hotdogs! ☺

Greg Flegal and Joseph Myshko also visited us in July. The fellowship was great. We shared many stories and laughs, especially during our 15-mile hike from Oqaatsut (a small village). During their time in Ilulissat, they were invited to several kaffemiks! A **kaffemik** is what Greenlanders call it when they celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or anything for that matter. They make lots of food and cakes and invite everyone they know. Since the houses are small, not everyone shows up at the same time. Neither does anyone stay very long. You must eat quickly to make room for the next guests. It is a great way to make friends and to try the local cuisine.

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Home Going

Carole's mom went home to be with the LORD in August. Susie's Godly legacy lives on in her children and grandchildren who are all serving the LORD. **T**hank you for the letters, e-mails, phone calls and prayers during this time. We thank the LORD that He made it possible for Carole to return to the States for the funeral and memorial services. She was also able to spend some needed time with her family.



During our trip to Denmark, we visited with our Greenlandic friends. They still hope to move back to Greenland, but while in Denmark, they are leading a Bible study with some of the Greenlanders that live in their apartment complex. There are 70 Greenlanders that live in their apartment complex!

While there, we also met with other believers, attended several churches and evangelized in the streets of one of the big cities.

September 2014

Ministry

In August, we held a special children's activity. Several new children and teens attended. Now that the summer is past, we will soon start up our children's club again. Pray as we are working on some creative ways to help the children learn Bible verses.

Please be in prayer for a family that lost their precious six-week old baby today. They have attended our services for the last several years, but have still yet to understand God's wonderful Saving Grace.

Into the Deep

The boat-fund is growing. We hope to purchase the boat very soon. It is exciting to **launch** this new ministry! There is a man (my F-I-L, Steve Nissley) committed to helping us get this ministry up and running. I told him that we would just get our feet wet the first summer. He told me that he has no plans to get our FEET WET! Amen!

We are still praying for another missionary family to **come on board** and join us in reaching the surrounding villages.

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