

NEWSLETTER

REKINDLING LIVES WITH FRESH HOPE



Hello Dear Partners!

After a long shutdown in 2020, we were finally able to begin travelling and ministering again both to local First Nations reserves, as well as to a number of communities in Nunavut. Our Russian missionary, Igor Bogomol, was also able to travel and minister to our dear Nenet brothers and sisters in the far corners of Arctic Russia. Despite the fact that there has been the ongoing challenge of ever-changing restrictions, we have been so encouraged by the ministry opportunities that have opened up to us over the past year!

My first trip back up north was to the community of Cape Dorset, NU, the same community where the

Arctic Hope Project started back in 2014. It was hard to believe that it had been a whole 16 months since I was last able to travel to Nunavut, given the territory had been closed to visitors for about that same period of time. I was on the second flight available to Nunavut once the border opened and I felt incredibly excited to finally be able to be on the ground, both encouraging the local believers as well as witnessing the incredible move of God that is currently taking place there!

Over the past year the local church has been holding multiple weekly meetings with people coming to Jesus, being baptized, filled with the Spirit and being radically transformed! There have been reports of local drug dealers meeting Christ, dumping their drugs and surrendering their lives to Him. Other young people are encountering the presence of Jesus and watching the hand of God touch many of their friends and family members.

It was only in 2014 when we started the Arctic Hope Program, that this community had the worst escalating crime rate in all of Nunavut, yet we are now witnessing the seeds sowed by this ministry and the prayers of our partners over the past 45+ years taking root and beginning to bear fruit in young lives!



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Our plan for 2022 is to continue to mentor and disciple those who are feeling called to ministry and to then send them out to share this same message of Hope in other Nunavut communities.

The week following my trip to Cape Dorset, I was able to travel to Makwa Saghaigaen First Nation reserve in Saskatchewan where I was able to minister, as well as collaborate with other ministries already actively working on the ground there. I was so incredibly encouraged both by the local people, their response to the Gospel and by the new friendships and partnerships that were birthed out of that trip. We have been building on these partnerships over the last number of months and are now excited to share some of the new plans that will be coming together over the course of the coming year!

One of the most exciting initiatives we have been working on this year is actively rolling out our Champions of Hope curriculum both in Baker Lake, Nunavut and in Makwa Saghaigaen First Nation reserve, Saskatchewan. The curriculum has been specifically tailored to the needs of indigenous people. We have been able to establish local teams in both communities who are committed to be our hands and feet, working on the ground on a regular basis to provide these young people with excellent discipleship, leadership training, community and support over the next year.



Our team in Baker Lake is a young couple who are friends of ours and previously attended our local church here in Ottawa. The husband is currently posted there as an RCMP officer for the next few years while his wife currently works in the local school. They have become very integrated into the community and have a real heart to see God move, especially amongst the children, youth and young adults.



They will be functioning as our local Hope Ambassadors by running a house church which will provide these young people a safe place to be disciplined, supported and encouraged.

This couple will be receiving on going support from our BPEA team as well as any additional resources available from our local church.

Our second team is based out of Saskatoon, only a few hours from Makwa Saghaigaen First Nation and have been sowing into this reserve, providing ministry, support and children's programming over the last year. We are partnering with them to also launch our Champions of Hope curriculum as an added resource to begin disciplining young people who are carrying a heart for their people and their region.

Our goal is to raise them up to be young Hope Ambassadors who can be sent out with this same message of Hope to other surrounding reserves and local communities.

Igor has been able to make several trips this past year to Arctic Russia and is planning to make at least one more before the end of the year to deliver food, clothing, snowsuits and much needed ministry before the Christmas season. Our "Giving Tuesday" campaign this year focused on providing snowsuits for Nenet children (\$120. per snowsuit), as well as a full month's worth of grocery essentials (\$200. per month) for as many families as we can! It's not too late to donate towards this initiative. You can either visit our website at www.bpea.com/giving or call our office at 1-888-344-6333.

With so many plans to build small but powerful groups of faith-filled, on-fire-for-Jesus indigenous Christians on local reserves and Arctic communities, we are so encouraged by what God is doing! We absolutely believe that suicide can be stopped in Nunavut and on First Nation reserves. The Gospel is the power of God at work, and we continue to see that manifest!

In closing, we are also launching a prayer group specifically designed to pray for the ending of suicide in the communities and reserves we are currently invested in. We learned in 2017 that when believers pray strategic prayers, specifically on the issue of stopping suicide, God answers those very prayers! During that year, over 80 women's groups across Eastern Ontario prayed for Pangnirtung, Nunavut, and one of the answered prayers was that there was not a single suicide in that community throughout that entire year. That hadn't happened in 17 years! It was such a big development that the story made both local and national news!

If we commit to partnering together in prayer and really seeking the Lord on this critical issue, I believe that heaven will be made manifest on these reserves and in these northern communities! I am convinced that we will hear more dramatic reports, just like this one, resulting in thousands of young indigenous youth

becoming world-changing disciples for Jesus! If you or your local church would like to partner with us in this prayer group, please feel free to email us at info@bpea.com or by calling our office at 1-888-344-6333.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

With fresh hope,



Steven & Becky Carleton





A MESSAGE FROM BILL & GWEN PRANKARD

Wow! The Christmas season is approaching and the year will soon be coming to a close. The days and months move so quickly when we are busy for Jesus. As I look back on the past several months I thank God for every life that has been impacted “from sea to sea and...to the ends of the earth,” as we carried the message of Hope and Healing across the nation and into the north. We are so thankful for each partner that sowed into the work of God and helped us reap a wonderful harvest.

When I look back at our “Stand on Guard” tour it is a blessing to remember how God opened so many doors of opportunity and allowed us to minister in almost every province in Canada in spite of ever-changing Covid regulations. Even after completing the tour, testimonies continued to reach our office, telling us about outstanding healings received, people’s lives being turned around and pastors receiving fresh hope and vision as they continue to labour in their communities.

I thank God for our BPEA President, Steven and his dear wife Becky, who has her hands full with five little ones. As he leads the affairs of the ministry and focuses on Canada’s indigenous people, we hold them up in prayer and work alongside them to build God’s kingdom. Gwen and our extended family stand with me and support me as I preach the Word with signs following and call on Christians to rise up in these turbulent times as we believe together for a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit “upon all flesh.”

Much has been accomplished for the kingdom in 2021, and I pray that Canada will see the Holy Spirit’s fire and passion infuse every believer in the coming year. “All flesh” includes YOU! Together, as we seek the Lord, reach lives for Him and partner together, we can see it come to pass.

God bless you for your faithful partnership and may you receive His gift of fresh vision this Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Prankard". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bill Prankard

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