

REKINDLING LIVES WITH FRESH HOPE



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## For Your Good

Realizing God's ultimate purpose for your life

As we have watched our world be turned upside down by COVID-19, we are continually reminded that God never promised that we wouldn't experience suffering, only that when we do, to remain confident, because He is working it together for our good. In Romans 8:28 NIV it says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

If you look at the life and teachings of Jesus, you'll see that He was very clear that we would face trials and tribulations. The difference now is how we face them. What does it mean for God to work it all together for our good? How does He define what good is or what it looks like? Put simply, it's for us to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus. Author Tim Keller puts it this way, "Jesus didn't suffer so that we wouldn't suffer. He suffered so that when we do, we would become more like Him." Not even suffering or tribulations can interfere with the ultimate plan and purpose of God for your life. We often think that His plan hinges on particular life events or experiences, but instead it's all pointing towards an ultimate purpose, that we would be transformed into the very likeness of his Son.

So be encouraged! The Bible says He is both the author and the finisher of your faith. He is the one who will bring you into the full purpose He created you for. All you have to do is walk with Him in that journey and trust that the safest place you can be is completely surrendered and obedient to His will.

### Ministry Update

Our Champions of Hope discipleship program has been actively growing over the past few months as we've been hosting weekly online training sessions with our team leaders. They're doing incredibly well

and have been catching the heart of what it means to not only create a safe place for Inuit youth to process their faith, but also what it looks like to become a role model through their own mentoring and discipleship. The approach we've taken has a strong emphasis on building relationships and giving them the opportunity to ask difficult questions. We want them to not only expand their understanding of what it means to live a life of faith, but also see how it all comes together in a practical way day to day. Once our team leaders' training is complete, they'll each be launching their own weekly small groups, where they'll be mentoring and discipling youth from their own communities. Each meeting will also be followed with a debriefing session with Steven, to ensure they are able to process their small groups progress, as well as get additional support for any challenges they may be facing. Your support of this ministry is actively creating a platform that empowers Inuit to mentor and disciple the next generation of Inuit youth leaders that will be critical in the years to come!

We've also been building a new studio in our home which has included investing in new equipment, as well as backdrops that will give us a more effective platform to engage with a new audience online whether through YouTube, Instagram or Facebook. In the process, we've also been connecting with a number of key Christian leaders from across the country to begin strategizing and seeking the Lord together for new ways to reach the harvest in Canada. One of those initiatives has included Steven being named as the Nunavut Regional Director for the Canadian Prayer Firewall.

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arctic hope

It will be a 24hr prayer network that will be covering the nation in prayer for the next year as we contend not only for the destiny of our nation, but the North and the harvest that has yet to come into the Kingdom.

We feel so strongly that this is not a season to pull back and hunker down, but to proactively look for new ways to spread the Gospel, disciple young believers and seek God's strategy for stewarding the revival that is about to hit our nation!

Thank you to all of our partners who have continued to sow and stand with us during this challenging time.

Your faithfulness and commitment is paving the way for God to raise up a new generation of young leaders & harvesters to lead and serve in the critical days ahead!

With fresh hope,



Steven & Becky Carleton



**While We Are Apart** - Covid-19 restrictions have made it difficult for all of us to function normally. Even though some restrictions have been somewhat loosened, Steven and I are still unable to resume our travel and ministry schedules and must resort to communications by social media, email and letter.

In his letter to the Thessalonians the Apostle Paul said, "Do you have any idea how very homesick we became for you, dear friends? Even though...it was only our bodies that were separated from you, not our hearts, we tried our very best to get back to see you." (1 Thess. 2:17,18 MSG). That so

accurately expresses my heart. While we are unable to travel and minister to you face-to-face, I want you to know that Gwen and I pray for you daily and speak blessing, healing and peace to you in these challenging days.

During this time we are doing all we can to provide ministry for you, through weekly messages on Facebook, regular Zoom ministry events and by Newsletters. We are believing God for our nation's health and restoration to full activity soon so that we can once again resume Healing and Hope meetings in your area of the country. As we await that day I want to encourage you to take this time to deepen your personal prayer life and relationship with the Holy Spirit. I believe we can come out of this season filled with passion, vision and purpose like never before, prepared for a mighty Holy Ghost Revival just as Joel 2:28 prophesied.

Thank you for your faithful support to help us keep the ministry strong during these challenging days. Though we are apart, we are united in spirit. We love you and Jesus loves you!

Yours in Him,



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