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In this newsletter we are not only going to bring you up to date on what's happened this year but I want to share some exciting things we believe God is leading us into in the future. First I want you to understand just how much we at the Bill Prankard Evangelistic Association appreciate your support and your partnership. We get to minister and be a part of some pretty amazing things for the sake of the Kingdom of God, but it is you who really enable us to go, to minister and to show others the pathway to eternal life. A big thank you to you for standing with us!

Despite this global pandemic and the enormous travel restrictions that affected everyone, we've still found fresh and innovative ways to minister hope and healing! Media platforms like Zoom, Google, Facebook and Instagram posts have provided opportunities to reach people, young and old, who so desperately need to hear that Jesus loves them and wants to meet their deepest needs. And by keeping social distancing regulations, Bill Prankard was able to personally minister to two congregations in Alberta in October, and I was privileged to speak to the students at Master's College and Seminary in Peterborough. It was so good to be face-to-face with them, to look in their eyes and to challenge them with the great need of ministry in Canada's north!

We've continued to identify potential young leaders in Nunavut through our *Champions of Hope* mentoring program. As they receive training and allow the Holy Spirit to anoint them, I believe they will become a powerful influence on other Inuit youth as we believe God to stop the curse of suicide. Despite all that is happening around us, we hold onto the conviction that Canada shall be saved!

This past summer, our missionary Igor Bogomol travelled to three isolated Russian Inuit villages of Laborovaya, Aksarka and Tovopogol. He reported that the people are very open to hear the Gospel. He brought much-needed food and resources to the people in all three of these very poor places. He had great difficulty traveling on the tundra to access the villages, and even encountered a broken bridge on the only road connecting two of the communities. Yet he persevered and was rewarded with people giving their lives to Jesus and opportunities to minister and pray for many others. Igor sensed that, with all the challenges the people are presently facing, they have become more open and more receptive to the Gospel. It's the same for us. With all that's happening in the world, what a great opportunity we Christians have to let our light shine in the darkness and reach as many people as possible with the life-changing Gospel!



*Igor travels by boat from  
Tovopogol to Alsarka!*

Before the end of 2020, Igor will be taking another mission trip to an even more isolated region of the Russian Arctic.





*Children in Tovopogol heard the gospel and received food and clothing from Igor!*

He will have to travel from Narayan-Mar by helicopter to the very remote village of Ust-Karah where Bill and Gwen have been before, and where many heard and received the message of Jesus for the first time. He'll also take nutritious food and other supplies to these extremely poor people. Then he will hopefully be able to find a ride to the regional capital of Vorkuta by tank. (These tundra tanks deliver fuel and, unfortunately, alcohol from Vorkuta to the remote villages.) From Vorkuta Igor will travel about 100 km by snowmobile out on the tundra to visit the nomadic Nenet people who live in tents year-round as they follow the migrating reindeer herds. Igor makes these hazardous trips because it is the only way to reach these precious Inuit who are some of the most forgotten people on the planet. The joy of seeing them turn their hearts to God is worth everything! Thank you BPEA partners who make it possible for us to send Igor to them!

Even though we are all facing unprecedented challenges, restrictions and limitations these days, the Church of Jesus Christ continues to grow and make an impact worldwide. Jesus gave every believer in Him a mandate. That mandate is found in Matthew 28:19, saying, *"Go and make disciples of all the nations."* His command echoes in my heart as well as Bill's, and we pray it echoes in your heart too.

In Isaiah 6:8 the prophet says, "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, *'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?'*" Then I said, *"Here am I; send me."* He is still asking the same question today. Bill and I have each responded to His call to become a mouthpiece to carry the message of Jesus and His redemptive

salvation. We are believing for a national harvest of Canadian souls and for signs and wonders to take place in our nation that will demonstrate Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God, the Creator of us all.

In these last days we pray that every believer will respond to the mandate to "Go" and "make disciples." You don't need to go to the ends of the earth like we do. Your harvest field may be your neighbour next door or your family members who need Jesus. When each of us answers His call on our lives, the harvest will be reaped!

I want to thank you for sending Bill and Igor and myself into the world to preach the Gospel, the Good news of our healing, saving God. Even in this season of restrictions, the Lord continues to expand our vision. He is giving us exciting opportunities to travel to First Nations Reserves to preach the Gospel and believe for great miracles. It started this past summer when I sensed a shift in what God had ahead for us. Nunavut has been completely closed off to non-residents during the pandemic so we've had to do our mentoring of young leaders there online. In the meantime He has opened new doors to make it possible to minister in some of the northern First Nations reserves where they face the same kind of challenges and issues that exist among Inuit youth. We believe that the same Spirit that brought deliverance and healing to hurting Inuit hearts will also break the oppression and hopelessness First Nations young people are suffering. Please pray for us as we take on this additional initiative while we continue to build on the foundation we have established in Nunavut!

Christmas is just around the corner and 2020 will soon come to an end. We don't know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future! Bill, Gwen, Becky and I, as well as our five little girls send our love and prayers that you will be blessed beyond measure this season and that He will fill your heart with fresh purpose to "Go" with the Good News of Jesus and His great love!

Steven & Becky Carleton

A MESSAGE FROM BILL AND GWEN



LOVE HAS NO LIMITS

2020 has been the most unusual year we've ever experienced, both personally and as a ministry. Even though our activities have been restricted due to the pandemic, Gwen and I determined that it would not limit our ability to reach out to partners, family and friends in any way possible. We've learned that no matter the situation, LOVE has no limits!

I encourage you to read Romans 8:35-39 daily during these troubled times. It reminds us that there isn't anything to keep our Lord from loving us. In fact it says, ***"nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*** (vs. 39). That includes viruses, politics and everything else! As the Christmas season approaches we see constant reminders that God sent His Son Jesus to be born and live as one of us for that very purpose - to demonstrate just how much He loves us!

During this crazy season I've still had many opportunities to share Christ's love via social media and even some church services, including a recent Healing and Hope Crusade in Sylvan Lake, AB where many lives were touched and transformed by His love. Partners have been so faithful during this time and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. Every day Gwen and I spend time in prayer for you and your needs, knowing He is so willing and able to perform miracles!

We've also been blessed to spend more time with many of our growing family members who are spread across the nation. This year we've welcomed three more great-grand babies, Hudson, Belle and Elsie Joy, for a total of eleven great-grandchildren so far. Several of our twelve grandchildren are still single so we know there will be many more little ones in the coming years to pour our love on. Nothing gives us more joy than to see each of these precious children being

raised by parents who honour the Lord and raise their children to love and serve Him.





Gwen and I would dearly love to personally reach out to each of you to let you know just how precious you are to us. Words could never adequately express what it means to us to know you are holding Steven, Becky, Gwen and I as well as the ministry up in prayer.

In spite of Covid-19 restrictions, many of you have continued to faithfully support our ministry and outreaches across the nation and in both the Canadian and Russian Arctic. The Lord is using you to supply the needs and He has promised to reward your generosity with both a personal and spiritual rich harvest! As Christmas approaches we pray that you will literally feel Jesus' arms wrapped around you as He lavishes His limitless love on you!



Bill Prankard

Evangelist & Founder BPEA

*Report from Pastor Jonathan Nash  
Pastor - Frontline church, Sylvan Lake AB*

It was such an amazing blessing to have our great friends Bill & Gwen Prankard here for the *Crossing Over* Conference in Sylvan Lake, Alberta at Frontline Church. Bill ministered on healing with important keys and truths and encouraged our body by giving us perspective on what we have been facing as a church and society. He explained that many of us actually weren't in a valley, we were simply changing mountains. He also encouraged our church body that God wasn't done with 2020 yet, and that God had a lot he wanted to still accomplish this year and the best was yet to come.

This was the first conference we've had since the COVID-19 pandemic, and our church and community were so encouraged and impacted. We could really feel that God was at work in our midst, and the Holy Spirit was present. We heard of notable miracles, including a gentleman who had broken both of his knees in an accident and had spent 8 months in a wheelchair with extreme pain being healed. Bill and Gwen are a tremendous blessing and support to our church, and we're so glad it worked out to have them here this past weekend.

*Canada Shall Be Saved!*