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# MINUS40 REPORT

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Newsletter of Steve and Lois Donley

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Missionaries to the indigenous people of the Arctic

## November 2017

On November 15th, Lois and I along with a couple of friends, drove the long awaited Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk, overland, all weather highway. That means no more ice road to drive to Tuk to minister there. It was a long time in coming, but the 140 kilometre gravel highway connects Canada from “sea to sea.” Some look at the road as the ultimate North American tourist drive, local politicians have referred to it as a road to resources, other as a road that will lead to lower prices and better shopping options. Some see the road as access to drugs and alcohol. But I personally call it, “a Road to Souls.”

In 2016 the population of Tuk was 898 souls. Souls that will live somewhere forever. As you may know, prior to this new “Road to Souls”, community access was by air or a winter ice road. The approximately 180 kilometre “road” was simply the frozen Mackenzie River and Arctic Ocean that had been snow plowed and posted with a few reflective markers and signs. It lasted from mid December to late April. Before and after that, small commercial aircraft provided access to the 898 souls the called Tuk home. The expense and stress level was very high and difficult to deal with at times. The “Road to Souls” won’t solve those issues completely, but has already made a huge difference in Lois’ and my life - even after just one trip! The photo below was taken on our first voyage on the new road and show a “Pingo” on the left side of the picture.



The older Lois and I get, the more difficult Arctic ministry has become. This road had reversed that trend and has made reaching the 898 souls in Tuk easier than it ever has. There will be closures due to weather, road maintenance and such, but overall it is a huge benefit to us.

When Roy and Justine Stelzig move to the Arctic to work with us, and bringing their youth, energy and health as well as their personal belongings, they will benefit by being able to drive to their mission field, Tuktoyaktuk, on the shores of the Arctic Ocean! Please continue to pray for them as they continue deputation.

On October 25, our 8th grandchild came into this world! Gracie Emma Rose Donley was born. This is Steven Jr and Holly’s 3rd child. She is healthy and doing well and mommy is recovering a bit slower this

time. Please remember Holly’s recovery in prayer. Thank you.





## Steve & Lois Donley

Steve and Lois Donley began serving The Lord in the Arctic in 1989. The Donley's ministry has been mainly in the Western Canadian Arctic with considerable time in Alaska.

Psalm 147:17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

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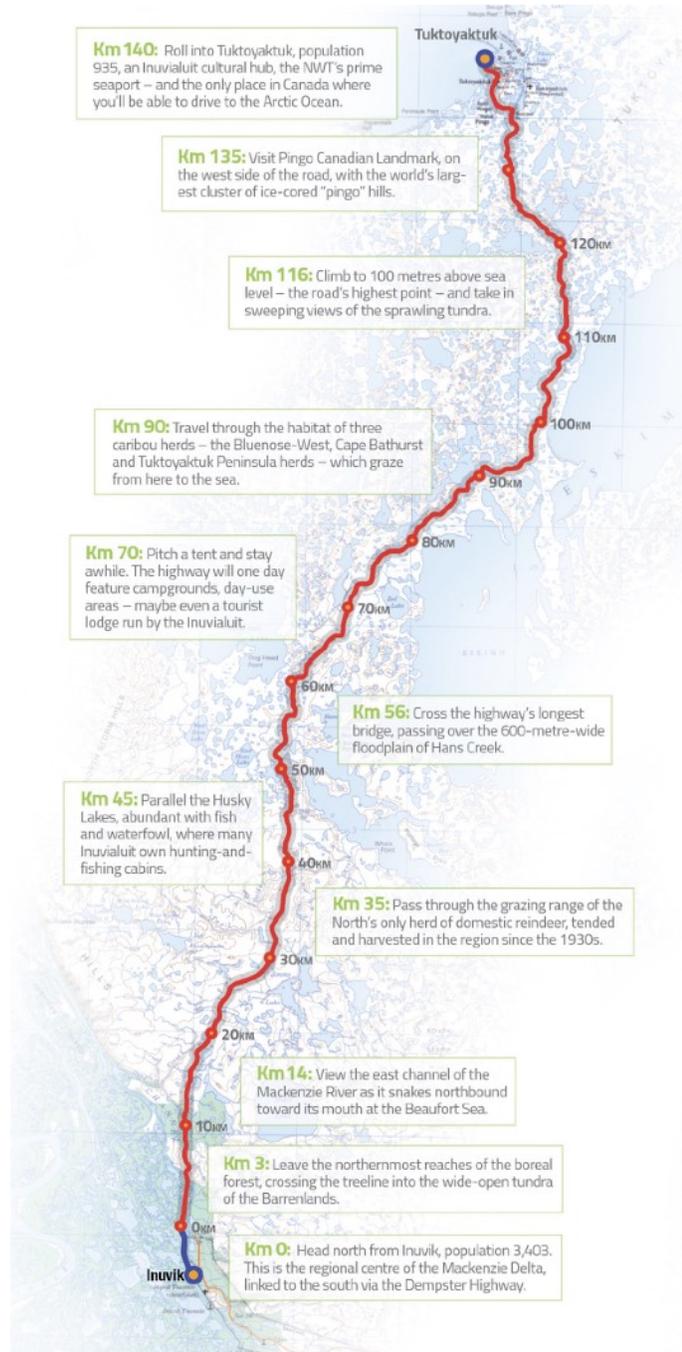
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## The Inuvik - Tuktoyaktuk Highway



Thank you for your faithful support, love and prayer throughout the years.

*Steve and Lois Donley*