

March 2017 Update

We have had a very busy couple of months since our last letter. We were finally able to take our survey trip to the Northwest Territories. Many of you were praying for Justine's traveling while pregnant, thank you, everything went smoothly.

While we were there we got to be tourists for a while, going for walks in the "Arctic" weather, sight seeing, and ice fishing. Even though we had a lot of fun, we couldn't help but see the spiritual darkness in many of the communities. For the first time we got to see the need first hand. Our very first day in the Arctic we spoke to a lady. As we discussed why a couple of southerners would move all the way to Arctic Canada, she told us that people in the North need churches. She talked about the needs of her neighbors and the hopelessness that many of her friends experience. While talking for some time, she explained that she was not a religious person herself but was very spiritually minded, and that she said a prayer everyday for her family, and the community where she lives. It broke our hearts, that such a sweet lady with a concern for her people's spiritual condition did not recognize her own need of Christ. We plan to visit with her again when we move to the North, but we are praying that another Christian will witness to her before then. Please pray for this lady to see Her need of Christ.

During the trip we were able to visit the towns of Inuvik, Aklavik, Tuktoyatuk, Ft. McPherson and Tsiigehtchic. We had the opportunity to share our testimonies and Roy was able to preach in two different churches. We enjoyed the fellowship with local believers and they were a great encouragement to us. They were willing to take time to teach us a little about Gwitch'in, and Inuvialuit culture. Many of the people expressed the need for more churches in each of the northern communities. Many of them told us of family that lived in other communities and how they had no one in their town to reach them with the gospel of Christ.

One of the NWT churches we visited began supporting us this month. It is encouraging and humbling to think that a church would support us to go to their unreached friends and family. More than ever we are determined to get to NWT and get to work. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few, we are praying the Lord will call more to carry the gospel to the harvest fields of the Northwest Territories.

We have reached 31% of our needed support and this letter marks our first year on deputation. We thank God for His provision and look forward to what He will do in the coming year. Please continue to pray that we reach our support quickly.

After returning home from our trip we had a few meetings in Virginia and West Virginia. During the first weekend of March, Roy was ordained at our sending church, Maranatha Baptist Church in Yorktown, Virginia. "Though I was a bit intimidated, all went well and I was greatly encouraged by the men of God that sat on my ordination council."

We have now returned to our home in North Carolina where Justine and Mila will be staying until after our son, Lincoln, is born. Please pray for safety and health for all of us as I will be traveling to a few meetings on my own.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
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