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Dear Pastor and Prayer Warriors,

Happy New Year!! I trust your Christmas was a blessed reminder of the coming of Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. The days are slowly lengthening here and we are getting about 5 1/2 hours of daylight now! It has been a cold winter so far with wind-chills dipping below -50C and 8+ major blizzards. Here in the arctic we don't expect warmer weather until the end of March.

Our children are doing well and the older three are busy again with their schooling. Wesley (23m) is all boy, despite having 3 older sisters. He loves to play with anything that has wheels on it and is often found trying to climb the counters and table. Teryn (5) is enjoying her Inuktitut language Kindergarten, and is always ready to smile and pull a prank on you. Alayna (8) continues to be her bouncy, spirited self. She loves ice-skating and often makes new friends every week. Hayleigh (12) enjoys reading, as well as baking with her friends. She started taking piano lessons in the Fall and is enjoying that very much.

I am excited to report that our Bible-based addictions program (*Reformers Unanimous*) is up and running in our local Correctional Facility again this year. Just yesterday, I had my second session with 8 men! It will run for another 5 weeks every Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 2:30-4pm. PLEASE PRAY for God to work in the hearts of the men and for them to understand the truth of the Gospel that will set them free!

Our main focus here though, is church planting. Church attendance has been down this past winter and the spiritual warfare has been quite intense at times. False teachers abound here in the north. Their teachings have permeated people's hearts and minds for generations; so many are still blinded to the truth and caught in their grasp. As a result of that, many people tend to be more attached to their denomination than to the truth of the Bible. PLEASE PRAY for the truth of the Word to shine into people's hearts, and for God to lead us to people that are searching for the truth.

In the midst of writing this letter we heard some strange noises coming from our boiler room. When I went to investigate, I discovered our hot water heater was leaking all over the floor. Consequently our heat and domestic hot water were out of commission for 3+ hours. In the dead of winter, with wind-chills at -47C, it was an emergency situation. PRAISE THE LORD we were able to get a local plumbing and heating company to promptly come over and install a new hot water heater. If you would like to GIVE to help cover this unexpected need, please contact us. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! We are so grateful for all you do!

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