

THE ARCTICLE



Treading Where No Baptist Has Trod Before

Ministry Update

An estimated 70% of our town contacted covid over the last two months. Chip got it from the school and had to take a week off from teaching. Even though the symptoms were very mild this time around, everyone in town had to wear masks and Corona passports were again required for most activities. Thankfully, the passports and the masks have since been dropped.

Our Sunday attendance dipped a little, but things are back to normal now. I am holding a Bible study with a man in the church and looking for others interested, so we can turn it into a midweek prayer meeting.

One teenage girl's father died last week, but she was still in church on Sunday. Pray for her and the other teens. Tonight, we get back to our regular Friday night teen activities.

One boy who used to attend but moved away said he missed church and singing songs with us. He sent me some Gospel songs (in English) on YouTube and asked me if I had ever heard them before. We love hearing from those we have ministered to. It's always an encouragement and a blessing!

Winter

In late December, most of our snow blew away and it was our first "not so white" Christmas. However, things have changed since then. We have had lots of snow with cold temperatures. Two villages south of us no longer have running water, because the pipes to the lakes froze solid.

Here in Ilulissat, we have had windchills down to minus 30 for the last 2 weeks. However, that has not stopped our youth from walking to church on Sundays!

I have not done any ice fishing yet this year, but hopefully soon. One of my friends has invited me to go hunting for Narwhal and Beluga. I thought ice fishing was cold, but being in a boat during the winter is the coldest I have ever been.

We are thankful that the sun has returned & has now peaked the mountains giving us some needed sunshine each day.

Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

The Shull Family

Chris, Carole Ann, Christopher Jr.,
Anna, Emilia, Jonathan & Mattaliina

Pandemic

There were more murders the first week of January than all of last year combined. Most murders are alcohol related. Because of Covid, many towns and villages stopped the sale of alcohol without any prior warning. The police quickly noticed a drop in calls. Each weekend was very peaceful. However, some began making home brew and selling it on Facebook. The police have been tracking them down.

Sadly, the sale of alcohol resumed yesterday & the police had a very busy night. Every single call to the police was alcohol related and it wasn't even the weekend! This Arctic pandemic has been going on for years and is the cause of most of Greenland's social problems including the high rate of suicide, domestic abuse & child abuse. The government gets rich from the sale of alcohol while families suffer and become poor.

Ministering to alcoholics has been a part of our ministry over the years whether dealing with them in the church, in their homes or in the local prison. Many of our church teens come from these homes. The Gospel of Christ can end this pandemic!



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