

THE ARCTICLE

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Treading Where No Baptist Has Trod Before

Return to Greenland

Getting back to Greenland was met with one obstacle after another. I think the devil was fighting us every step of the way, but *With God All Things Are Possible!*

Near the end of our furlough, the whole family contracted Covid. Carole got pneumonia. She went to an Urgent Care and was sent to the hospital. In spite of many tests, the hospital did not notice the pneumonia. Thankfully, the doctor from the Urgent Care did a follow up call and got Carole the necessary prescriptions.

After we recovered from Covid, most of us kept testing positive. Thank God, our last tests before our departure from America came back negative! Then on our way to the DC airport, the church van overheated and left us sit in DC. We called for an airport shuttle to pick us up and caught our flight in time!

In Denmark, all the children tested positive for Covid. I was on the phone all day, and finally got special permission from Greenland's Health Minister to travel to Greenland. The alternative was quarantining for 2 weeks in a hotel in Denmark at our own expense. The airline did give us a hard time, but eventually let us fly.

The Ministry

At one of our furlough meetings, there was a Saturday morning prayer meeting. The pastor prayed that our church in Greenland would grow in our absence. In spite of no services being held in Ilulissat while we were in the States, God did exactly as that pastor prayed! A native man called me from Greenland and asked when we were coming back home. He said he wanted to return to the Baptist Church. He is now attending every week! Another Native told me that he was "struggling with believing." He too has been attending the services. Upon our return, we received a phone call from 2 teens who had moved away. They informed us they were moving back to Ilulissat that very next day. They have not missed a service since!

So many were glad to see us return, even ones that have never attended a service. One friend of mine is worried that we are going to leave Greenland permanently. Pray for him. He comes over during the week on his lunch break. We pray together and discuss spiritual things. Longevity is the key to a ministry in the Arctic.

Murder & Mayhem

There was a gruesome murder in town this month. Several body parts were found at the town's incinerator, where the town trash is burned. One of the body parts was a head. The Greenland police called Denmark for assistance. A forensic team and investigators were sent here to examine the evidence. Firemen spent the week combing through the rest of the trash. Several were finally arrested. We still don't know the motive nor the cause of death. An unsettling feeling was seeing one of the suspected murderers walking around town yesterday. The police assured the town that there is no fear of the same crime happening again. The max sentence for murder in Greenland is 7 years. The other suspect, still in police custody, had been in the prison 3 years ago. Hopefully, he will have another opportunity to hear the Gospel.

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Thank you for Holding the Ropes!

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