

We believers love Christmas! It is a beautiful opportunity to gather with friends and family to celebrate the birth of Jesus. But we are sometimes guilty of overlooking why He left heaven to come to earth in the form of a baby. Of course, we know He came to die and pay the penalty for our sins, and to provide the way for us to have eternal life. But His real purpose goes even beyond that.

Ephesians 3:17 explains it like this: "...so that Christ may <u>dwell in your hearts</u> through faith, and that you, being rooted and grounded <u>in love</u>..." Jesus Christ came to live in us, and to let His love flow through us. Many years ago, Gwen and I dedicated our lives for this purpose, and what a journey it has been! More recently, Steven and Becky Carleton joined us, and together we are reaching out to our nation with the message of Hope and Healing. Below,



Bill & Gwen Prankard:

For many years Gwen and I have lived in the joy of knowing what He provided for us: eternal life, peace, joy, and faith to believe for our every need. But we also understand that He saved and filled us with His Spirit so that His amazing love and power can flow through us to others. On our journeys "from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth," we've had the privilege of seeing thousands receive Christ, and be touched by His miracle-working power.



Steven & Becky Carleton:

There is something incredibly profound about learning how to partner with the heart of Jesus. He has this beautiful way of taking our brokenness and transforming it into a beacon of hope to a world that is lost and dying around us. It was once said that our destiny isn't so much what we are called to do, but who we are called to love. And we feel so passionately that the purpose of our story and our life as a family is to be a walking, breathing piece of God's heart in Arctic Canada.



Bill & Gwen Prankard (continued)

The virgin Mary had the joy of carrying the baby Jesus in her womb. We have the privilege of carrying Him, by His Spirit, within us, and sharing Him with others. But we don't do it alone! Every partner has had a vital part in taking the life-changing message of Christ across Canada, into indigenous communities throughout the north, and to other nations of the world. It was a wonderful blessing to celebrate fifty years of fulltime ministry this summer, and we're so thankful that He continues to open amazing doors of opportunity to bring Hope and Healing through Jesus Christ to others.

Thank you for partnering with us throughout 2017, and with your continued support in 2018 we will keep going, loving and giving to see Canada saved, believers empowered and broken lives restored. Gwen and I, our four married children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren wish you a blessed Christmas season, and encourage you to let Jesus' love be seen through you!



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Steven & Becky Carleton (continued)

This Christmas season we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making the Arctic Hope Project, this dream in the heart of God, a reality. All we did was say "yes" to our part, but we know it's because of thousands of partners like you, linking arms with us, sowing into us and interceding with us, that this will not just be another ministry project, but one of legacy - that together we could look back one day and marvel at how God took what little we had and changed the paradigm of what was considered possible in Canada's Arctic.

Every part of the Arctic Hope Project, whether our youth leadership training, conferences, counselling or single mothers mentoring, at its core, is to make the love of Jesus a tangible reality for Inuit who are hurting and have lost hope. And you are right there with us.

From our entire family, Steven, Becky, Claire, Ada and Miss Carleton #3, we pray this would be the richest Christmas season you've ever experienced and for every need you're carrying, we declare over you that this is your season of breakthrough! We pray the Father's tangible presence would fill your home and as you step into this New Year, you would walk confident that He is already making a way for everything you're going to need in the days ahead!

2018: A Year of IMPACT!

As we sought God's direction for 2018, He gave us a specific strategy for impacting as many lives as possible in our great nation. Steven will minister in EVERY COMMUNITY IN NUNAVUT in 2018, and Bill will go to cities and towns across Canada, both of them with the objective of raising up young and old with fire in their bones, to touch their loved ones, friends and neighbours with Jesus' love.

Let's see MINISTRY become a MOVEMENT! If Canada shall be saved, if hurting young lives are to be rescued from Satan's clutches and mentored to lead others, WE NEED YOU! Will you join the MOVEMENT of HEALING and HOPE, by committing to partner with us throughout 2018? And you can help us end 2017 strong with a special Christmas gift to say, "Happy Birthday Jesus", and to thank Him for all He has done in and though all of us. Together, with the Holy Spirit empowering us, we can see Canada impacted for eternity!

Yours in Christ, The Prankards and Carletons