"For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." (Isaiah 61:11)

It is springtime once again! The trees are sprouting new leaves, and the flowers are bursting through the barren earth, to remind us that the long, hard winter is past and new life has begun. While it is still very much winter at the ends of the earth, a fresh sense of hope and new life is springing forth in a special way there.

## New Life in Repulse Bay, NU

It is especially true in Repulse Bay, an Inuit hamlet with a population of approximately 1000, situated right on the Arctic Circle on the west side of Hudson Bay. While they practice a more traditional way of life than some of the larger communities in the north, they have not been immune to the ills that beset the north. Many in the Arctic struggle with alcohol and drug addiction, and emotional scars from past trauma. Suicide has reached epidemic proportions.

A couple of years ago the Lord impressed on my spirit that we must step up the efforts we have been making over the past forty years. We cannot allow Satan to cause such destruction to these beautiful lives, so full of potential. That is why we have taken a major step of faith to establish a Healing/Training Centre in Repulse Bay, to not only serve the local residents, but to help potential young leaders throughout the Arctic rise up in the power of the Spirit, to take healing and wholeness to their own people.

In early March we held a wonderful Arctic Conference in Repulse

Bay, and introduced our new Arctic ministry workers, Michael & Darlene Clark, to the people of the north. The Clarks, our son Steve and I traveled all day to get to Repulse Bay, and were well rewarded that evening, as Inuit gathered from the village and flew in from several other communities to celebrate this major milestone. God moved powerfully during the four-day conference as I shared preaching ministry with Inuit leaders Looee Bruce and Leonie Duffy, and on Sunday the Clarks shared their hearts as Michael preached and they ministered in music.



Our Arctic Canadian workers, Michael & Darlene Clark

The local believers demonstrated their gratitude and excitement to welcome the Clarks as their new leaders in Repulse Bay, by bringing gifts of frozen caribou and Arctic char, a delicious northern fish.

These will serve as wonderful staples for the Clarks as they establish themselves in their new Arctic home. Through the generosity of partners throughout Canada, their salary has been taken care of, and in spite of the enormous living costs in the Arctic, we have rented a home for them in Repulse Bay, and are trusting God that their monthly living expenses will be covered. Even as I am writing to you, I received word that a partner has donated an ATV that will be shipped to the Clarks, to provide them with transportation!



God has provided a wonderful home for the Clarks

While in Repulse Bay I visited the cemetery and stood by the grave of an 11-year-old boy who committed suicide a few months ago. As I grieved this tragic, senseless loss, I re-committed in my heart to do everything possible, with God's help and the support of our faithful partners, to see the curse of suicide eradicated in the north.

We also visited the site where the new building will be erected as soon as the weather allows. We have all the material needed for the first phase, which means we can get the centre up. We are working now on the list of materials needed to complete this project, including furnace, electrical supplies, bathroom and plumbing fixtures, paint, etc.



Bill reports to partners from the Arctic Circle marker

The Clarks report wonderful spiritual results already during their first month of ministry in Repulse Bay, with souls being saved, believers being re-ignited, and a spirit of revival permeating the air. They have committed to walk alongside the Inuit leaders to equip them and see them rise up to lead their own people. As we see the Healing/ Training Centre become a reality, the message is loud and clear: the prophetic word given to the Inuit, the gatekeepers of the north, will be fulfilled. Revival will break out in Canada's north. The enemy will be "repulsed" – pushed back - and Canada's Arctic will be healed, physically, emotionally and spiritually!



Reaching the young generation of the north.



## **Gospel Seed Taking Root in Arctic Russia**

After twenty years of sowing the Gospel message in Arctic Russia, fresh breakthrough is springing forth! Every time we took teams to deliver aid and share Christ in the isolated villages or at tent encampments on the frozen tundra, precious Inuit souls were saved. As we continued to pour into them and help them grow in Christ, the Gospel began to take root. But the most recent mission, led by our worker, Igor Bogomol, took the team to an even greater level of effectiveness.



Families coming to Christ in Arctic Russia

While many families continue to serve the Lord, they are constantly faced with the social ills that have plagued the people of the Russian Arctic for decades. Alcoholism, sexual abuse and crime are rampant and have affected virtually every family. As a result many carry unspeakable emotional pain. So I was elated to receive Igor's report about the breakthroughs he and his team witnessed.

When they arrived in the first Inuit village of Arksaka, they met with a home church led by Rimma and Evdokia, two ladies who came to Christ through our ministry several years ago. In addition to sharing the Word, the Holy Spirit did a deep work in the hearts of some hurting young women. Igor reports, "The Lord was moving in a special way, healing broken hearts and prompting everyone to forgive their relatives, husbands and fathers. (A young woman) had been contemplating divorce. She had suffered greatly since her childhood, from the emotional toll of constantly witnessing her father beating up her mother. As a result she has been having difficulties in her relationship with her own husband. But as the Lord touched her heart,

she saw many things in a new light, and she even said that her life has been changed now."

At midnight they journeyed by vehicle to the next village of Tovopogol, where they discovered that the last three kilometers of the winter road were blocked with heavy snow. Igor set out walking nearly the whole way, when a young woman smelling of alcohol happened by on her snowmobile. She had gone in search of more vodka, but the Lord led her to Igor, who gave her a much more precious gift – the message of Christ. She delivered him to Tovopogol, where he found someone with a sled and snowmobile, and they returned to the vehicle to retrieve the team along with a load of food and clothing for the needy village. After spending the remainder of the night sleeping on the floor of an unheated house, they ministered to the residents and distributed the aid.



Igor ministers in Arctic Russian villages and on the tundra

The Lord was not finished with what He wanted to do in Arksaka, so they returned the following day for another service. There an 80-year-old native lady gave her life to Christ, and then a unique thing happened. Igor says, "The Holy Spirit began to move powerfully, revealing some things about sexual and physical abuse among the native people living in the tundra. This kind of ministry was happening among the natives for the first time - I had never witnessed it before. One young woman shared with tears how she was sexually abused when she was about 5 years old by three young men, one of whom was her cousin, and as we ministered, the Lord began healing her wounds from her past, which were still affecting her life and marriage even today.



Then she forgave her mother for not being there for her while that terrible thing was happening to her. As the others saw the powerful release in her life, they too began to open up and receive healing from the pain of their experiences, including violent beatings from their husbands and horrific childhood abuse." Thank God for this amazing breakthrough! I believe it has opened a floodgate of deep emotional healing that could be the key to seeing hundreds of Russian Inuit set free!



Nenet reindeer herders on the Russian tundra

Their next ministry stop was in Laborovaya where, in the past, we encountered the heaviest demonic opposition, yet experienced great spiritual victories with lives transformed. The team distributed a generous supply of food, clothing and supplies. Once again, the Lord led them to specific people who were hungry for truth, facing desperate circumstances and in need of emotional and spiritual breakthrough. The team stayed with Vasily, who constantly opens his home to nomadic tundra families and to us, even though he is not a believer. Once again the team experienced breakthrough, as Vasily's heart opened to

receive the Gospel message for the first time! After sharing the Word and encouraging the believers, the team traveled to Labitnangi and a day of ministry. Igor summed up the mission like this:

"We had a great trip, where the Lord was moving in a unique way (unlike before), and in which I sensed that people in general have become more open to the Gospel. Truly, the fields are white, and the harvest is ripe! We really must continue bringing in the harvest!"

Hope, healing and new life is springing forth in both the Canadian and Russian Arctic, as you, our faithful partners, have sown the seeds that make it possible. Your prayers are a spiritual investment in the hearts of precious Inuit at the Ends of the Earth. Your generous support ensures that the life-changing, miracle-working, bondage-breaking power of Christ impacts communities that have been held in Satan's grip for too long.

With your continued help, the Healing/Training Centre is becoming a reality in Repulse Bay, and will be established this year. Leaders will be raised up to effectively minister to their own people, and see them set free. "Righteousness and praise" will become the harvest of the seeds you sow, and Jesus will have "dominion from sea to sea and...to THE ENDS OF THE EARTH!"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Grand Prairie, AB May 8 - 11, 2014 Glory to Glory Conference| Oasis Church 10126 101 Ave.

Stand on Guard Bowmanville May 30 - 31, 2014 Liberty Pentecostal Church 1965 Marttin Rd. Truro, NS June 13th Abundant Life Victory Church 54 Dunromin Ave.

Moncton, NB June 14-15, 2014 Moncton Faith Victory Church 229 Collishaw St. Cap-Pele, NB June 15 PM Faith Life Church 2800 ch. Acadie

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