



# BILL PRANKARD EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION & the arctic hope project



“WILL YOU LOVE PEOPLE LIKE I DO?”

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That is the haunting question that bombarded my heart many years ago, when God first led me to pour my life into the nation of Canada. He challenged me to do more than say, “Jesus loves you and wants to meet your deepest needs.” He showed me that the real Gospel is both *saying* and *doing*.

This year Gwen and I will celebrate fifty years in full time ministry, forty-five of which have been spent crisscrossing the country, preaching the Good News and seeing the Holy Spirit’s miracle-working power touch and transform countless lives, from Victoria Island to Newfoundland’s rugged shores. Then, I discovered the spiritual and practical needs of precious First Nations and Inuit scattered across our nation’s north. Over the years we preached the life-changing message of Jesus, ministered in isolated native communities, both below and above the Arctic Circle, established churches, mentored leaders and did all we knew to do to ensure a beacon of light would continue to shine in each community.

For years these efforts seemed to suffice, until a stark, sad reality confronted me. While believers who were reached decades ago are doing well and have continued to serve the Lord, many in the younger generation are lost and hurting. Some are silently suffering from past and present abuses, and don’t know where to go to find help. They are drifting, rudderless on a sea of hopelessness and despair.

That’s why Steven Carleton became such an integral part of this ministry a few years ago, and is increasingly taking on a greater leadership role. The Lord helped Steven and his wife, Becky, establish the Arctic Hope Project. AHP is designed to minister to at-risk Inuit young people by providing loving ministry to their deepest needs, and by preparing them to lead and model a new way of living, full of purpose and hope!

My heart is so in tune with Steven’s desire to demonstrate love to every life in Canada’s north. We knew we must greatly step up our efforts to help them see Christ’s love in action in every aspect of their lives. That’s why Steven has planned the biggest and boldest ministry efforts ever in communities throughout Nunavut in 2017. These are some of the outreaches we have planned:

#### *FEEDING THE HUNGRY:*

Recently, True North Aid, a wonderful humanitarian organization designed to reach practical needs in the north, received 150,000 specially prepared and packed meals that can be delivered in bulk to needy families and communities. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, True North Aid Director, Ken Smid, and Steven traveled to Iqaluit and Cape Dorset, NU. They met with Nunavut leaders to organize distribution of these meals to needy families. Please pray with us that this act of love will prepare hearts for when Steven follows up with the message of Christ’s transforming power.

#### *TOUCHING YOUNG HEARTS:*

Steven and his wonderful Inuit worship team conducted an Inuit Youth Conference in Cape Dorset on March 16-17<sup>th</sup>. The many young men and women who have gone through the Arctic Hope Project courses over the past few years shared their stories with all who attended. What a wonderful opportunity this was to practically demonstrate the amazing work God is doing in these young lives!

#### *REACHING COMMUNITIES FOR CHRIST:*

On April 14-16 Steven will minister in Pangnirtung, NU along with Inuit Pastors James and Looee Arreak at a great Holy Ghost Conference. May the power of the Spirit be poured out mightily as He draws hearts to Him and introduces this generation to a new way of living.

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**EXPANDING THE ARCTIC HOPE PROJECTS:**

Last winter 100 Huntley Street focused their 'Giving Tuesday' efforts exclusively on the Arctic Hope Project, resulting in their partners generously contributing over \$135,000.00 for the purpose of reaching Nunavut youth. This amazing miracle of provision allows us to not only continue the five-year series of courses in Cape Dorset, but we are now able to introduce the Arctic Hope Project in additional communities, to see many more young people transformed, rescued from suicidal and other negative influences, and set on a promising new path of hope and wholeness.

**RAISING UP EFFECTIVE LEADERS:**

On July 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, Steven and a wonderful group of ministry leaders will converge on Cape Dorset to conduct another Arctic Hope Leadership Course and Youth Conference. We have committed to the youth of this community long-term, and are so thrilled to see the difference it is making.

**BEGIN WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG:**

We recognize the importance of reaching people when they are young. That's why we are joining forces with dedicated children's ministers to conduct the first community-wide Vacation Bible School from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> in Cape Dorset. Just imagine what God can do when these precious little ones encounter Jesus and begin to follow Him!

**REACHING SINGLE MOMS:**

Babies having babies – it's a stark reality of northern communities. Sadly, many choose to have abortions; the rest struggle to raise their children without the emotional and practical support so vital to successful parenting. That's why we are joining forces with a wonderful group of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada women, to launch the very first ANAANA PROJECT in Pangnirtung, NU from August 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. ("Anaana" means "mother" in Inuktitut.) Young single mothers will receive loving ministry, support, instruction and practical tools, and will be taught values that they can then pass on to their own children. We believe future generations will see the positive effect such vital ministry will produce.

**REACHING YOUTH IN NAUJAAT:**

With the Arctic Hope Centre in Naujaat completed last year, we now have a proper facility to launch our first Arctic Hope Project course and Youth Conference from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in Naujaat. I am so thrilled about this major step toward reaching the young people and raising up future leaders in this community that has always been so dear to my heart.

**REMEMBERING FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES TOO:**

While we focus most of our mission efforts on Inuit communities, needy First Nations reserves and communities are just as important to Jesus. That's why we are planning a community-wide outreach in Attawapiskat, which is often in the news because of continuing crises. On May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, with the help of churches in Sudbury, ON, we will bless every resident in Attawapiskat with a special "feast", followed by healing revival services to touch as many precious lives as possible with the love of Jesus.

As you can see, these are massive undertakings, but we must do them. We cannot lose an entire generation in the north. Jesus died to rescue each precious life from sin, despair and destruction. Many of them have never experienced the life-changing power of God, nor have they seen Christ's love visibly demonstrated. Please join your hearts, prayers, faith and finances with us to see Canada's north saved!

We will also continue to minister across Canada, taking Healing and Hope, as the Holy Spirit touches hearts and changes lives. Thank you for partnering with us this year to see our nation transformed!

Yours in Christ,



Bill Prankard and Steven Carleton

*Canada Shall Be Saved!*