

"BRINGING ARCTIC HOPE TO GREENLAND"

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Missionaries in Qasigiannuit, Greenland

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SEE A FEW NEW PICS ATTACHED "our website should have new pics soon"!!!

Opening

Glory be to the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, we made an Atlantic crossing in a 48ft power boat with a crew of 3 from Lewisporte Canada to Qasigiannuit Greenland with a travel time of about 8 days.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and financial support that made all this happen. It took several years to upgrade and prepare the boat for such a crossing and many prayers for the Atlantic crossing to be successful, We thank you!!

The boat "Qaamaneq" (The Light)

It started in Lewisporte Canada where we bought the boat "Qaamaneq". I worked on the boat the next 2 years. The first trip to Canada was Late May, 2017 & we purchased the boat June 1, 2017, (sight unseen, photos only) (a step of Faith). I renegotiated the price taking off about 25% of what it was, due to non disclosed issues, and then began working on "Qaamaneq" repairing and upgrading many things. I returned 2 more summers, working on the boat a total of about 11 months altogether. The boat was finished July 10th 2019 then ***the crossing began July 13th 2019 exactly 25 ½ months from the purchased date.***

The Crossing

Thank you for the many that followed the trip on our website, we hope it helped you see a little better the trip and prayer needs while going up the coast of Canada, making the Atlantic crossing and then our last leg home to Qasigiannuit along the Greenland coastline. Let's talk a little about the trip.

We left Lewisporte, Newfoundland Canada about 8am on Saturday July 13th 2019 to start a nonstop journey to Makkovik Labrador in Northern Canada. We arrived Monday July 15th at around 6:15 pm, a 2 ½ day trip. All was well for a while, then about half way to Makkovik we lost our navigation equipment, all the electronics went out. That means we lost our GPS & navigational charts. I was the engineer/mechanic on board so I had to act fast. I found the issue in about 5 minutes, bypassed that part of the electrical system and that fixed the problem. Then 10 hours later the starboard engine stopped. It was a dirty fuel issue. Had to change 2 fuel filters and remove, clean and reinstall two others on the starboard engine. After the starboard engine was up and running again, we shut down the port engine to remove & reinstall the filters on it so we

wouldn't have an issue on that engine later. All went well and it took about 1 hour to do everything. Then about 9 hours later we arrived in Makkovik without any other problems. It was a 400 nautical miles trip to Makkovik.

After a 4 ½ day weather hold, the next 3 ½ day leg from Makkovik to Nuuk Greenland was a little more of the same. We had to shut down the engines one at a time for different issues. I had to replace an alternator belt that went bad, a transmission issue that needed fixing, as well as changing fuel filters regularly. The fuel tanks were never flushed out, we had no means of doing it before hand, so we installed a special fuel filtering system that made it possible to change filters as we were running. We changed the filters about 24 times as expected. There was 40 years of dirt sediment in the fuel tanks that the filters are cleaning out.

After about 8 hours out from Makkovik I got very sea sick (unexpected), and boy was I sick. At the peak of my sickness I was pulled out of bed to change the alternator belt. It was very hot and confining working on the engine. I almost passed out from heat exhaustion and had to take a few breaks and throw up in a bucket then go back to work, it took about 30 minutes or so to fix the problem, then back to bed. After about 20 hours I was well and back into the routine of things.

We arrived in Nuuk Greenland with plenty of fuel to spare, getting better mileage than we had thought. A 1 ½ day stay due to winds then off for our last 2 ½ day trip home to Qasigiannuit, about 200 miles above the Arctic Circle. Small issues but over all everything went easier the last leg as things got broken in. We thank the Lord for your prayers and His help on this great journey.

Why the Boat?

“Light of the World Aid International” has a new added direction and goals that still need prayer for guidance and safety. This addition to our ministry, the boat, “Qaamaneq” is to be used as a tool to reach out to the northern Greenlandic people. With no roads between towns or villages a boat was needed to fill the need of enabling transportation for us to take the Word of God to the northern people of Greenland. It will be our home for months as we travel north and anchoring in small villages to teach the Word. Our plan is to have 4 to 5 people traveling north in the summer months on Qaamaneq. The summer months for us here in Greenland are about 3 or 4 months at best.

In Closing

We thank everyone for your prayers and giving to “Light of the world” ministry. The Lord gave us an open door in reaching the north with the Word of God in a boat. It is a new challenge for Solveig and I, with many new changes in our life. We have to be much more careful in our planning and there are new needs in many different ways in the ministry. Pray for wisdom and guidance, to be strong and very courageous, letting the Lord go before us and guide our way, meditating on Him day & night.

