

ARCTIC HOPE IN GREENLAND”

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2Ti 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2Ti 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **2Ti 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Greetings from Greenland,

All is going well here and we are very busy with so many different things ministry-wise, as well as personal things. We are house sitting for a neighbor taking care of their bird and it makes it a little harder for us because we have to carry everything we need to the other house we are staying at like computers, printer, Bibles, guitar, food, seasonings & the list goes on, then almost every day we go back to our house for something we forgot. It wouldn't be so bad but the temperature has now dropped to -22C (-7F) or so & with a chill factor of -35C (-31F) at times. We have to suit up every time we go outside, even for a short walk to our house. I know it's just a small issue, but it is an issue.

Also, lasts week in our house we had a water line break at 5 am. I was up already when it broke so the flood wasn't too bad, just another issue, like when the drain pipe froze last month and flooded the shower/store room, I know, it's just another issue, part of life here in Greenland, but it takes time away from our work.

The Ministry: [Local state church meetings](#)

We have been attending the local state church board meetings for the last 2 meetings [at their request](#). We can't legally be board members so we have no voting power, but are free to give input and ideas, of which we did. I brought my Bible to the first meeting, just in case I needed to explain myself about a comment I might make. After the first 5 minutes I raised my hand and said, shouldn't we have prayed before we started this meeting? There was an acknowledgment but the meeting continued. Near the end of the meeting I made a statement that we need to pray

about some of the issues that were happening and people agreed, but we still didn't pray yet. Instead we ended with the Lord's Prayer.

When we arrived at the second meeting a few weeks later, there were song books & Bibles on the table. We also opened in prayer, but someone read a prayer from a state church prayer book. Oops!! I thought it best to wait until after the meeting was over to ask the priest about this reading from a prayer book stuff. I told her that God wants to hear from our hearts, and as a group we have a lot to pray about. I asked her if I could open in prayer the next meeting and she said she will ask the group next time we meet. I will have scripture ready to help everyone understand that this is what the Lord Word teaches us.

The Ministry: [*Asked to come pray in homes*](#)

Several times we have been asked to come to somebody's home to pray for the issues happening in their home. Some people have had demon activity in their home by way of sounds, things moving and even physical contact with a person. The people are very scared and many have heard that we pray for people and prayers have been answered. I believe the Lord always answers the prayer of His disciples, in His time, but not always what we think or pray for (father knows best). Some have also heard that we have been to some homes for similar issues and the Lord did solve their issue.

A few weeks ago a Greenlandic man asked us to come to his house and pray because he was having, as he put it, things happening in his house that were scaring him. When we got there he told us that things in his house were moving around, scary sounds and a feeling of evil was present. We read many things to him in the Word of God, one verse being

Luke 11:24-26. *We showed him the truth of Christ and that the life we live & the things we do can open the door to evil activity within our presence. We told him to search his life and heart, and to repent from the wrong in his life & truly follow The Christ of the Bible and His Word. We told him that we don't believe his house is haunted but there is something in his life that has opened the door to allow the demon world to affect him in his home. We gave him a bible, guided him on what to start reading in the morning and the evening, then prayed for him and left. We invited him to our Bible study but he didn't come so far but I think he works the late night shift too. The issues at his home have stopped.*

The Ministry: [Bible translation with Wycliffe](#)

Due to our work, Bible studies, personal counseling, preparation of our first northern boat trip, as well as all the boat responsibilities (ordering parts and planning maintenance) and then trying to organize all the Greenlandic people needed for the translation project, it looks like we will probably have to wait until next year to work with Wycliffe in the Bible translation. That's okay, all in God's timing, His will be done.

The Ministry: [Boat and our first northern trip](#)

We will be taking a helicopter to Aasiaat, (about a 25 minute ride) to meet with Samson and his wife (A Greenlandic couple that wants to join us going north) to pray and plan the first northern trip. We need to plan what villages to travel to, when to leave, how long to stay in a village, food & water and most important how to teach the foundation of Christ in a Greenlandic culture. What we mean by that is especially up north, most hunt and fish to survive & men do men things and women do women things. There is almost a division between men & women, and spousal abuse is very prevalent here, as well as many other not so good things. There is no place to take your wife out to a candle light dinner here; maybe you could take her on a seal or whale hunt?

Our plan is to go to a village to share Christ and if people receive the teaching we will stay for maybe 30 days teaching and grounding them in Christ's Word, leaving Bible studies for them to do while we are away in the long winter months, keeping in contact by phone.

[We have a specific prayer need:](#) Our financial needs have changed. We have a boat to maintain and an additional summer budget to take a small crew north needing food and other supplies as well a fuel requirement, needs we never had before. So Please pray that the new financial needs are met to continue [our northern ministry goal to take the gospel to the top of the world.](#)

[Solveig and I say;](#) God bless you all and thank you for your prayers and support of [Light of the World ministries toTaking the Gospel to the Top of the World.](#)

