

# Arctic Mission Outreach Trust Fund Newsletter Spring 2006



Pastor Maggie Akapahatak

## **CELEBRATE LIFE IN AUPALUK**

Last November, I attended the Celebrate Life Week-end services in Aupaluk, Nunavik. The conference was arranged by Pastor Maggie Akpahatak to combat the affects of past suicides and tragic deaths in the community. Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The purpose of the conference was to communicate to the people of Aupaluk the message of Jeremiah 29:11, where the Lord declares that He has good plans for us, to give us a future and a hope.

The services started Friday night with a good attendance from the community. I shared my personal testimony and Pastor Eva Deer ministered on "Binding the Strongman". The response to the message was very good. Pastor Eva asked all those present to come to the platform and to come into agreement and declare "Enough is Enough."

Pastor Peter Niki, who was raised from the dead last year, shared his testimony on Saturday evening. Many came forward to receive prayer for healing. An altar call was given for those who wanted to make a first time commitment to Jesus Christ. Nine people came forward to accept Jesus as their Savior.

I ministered three times during the week end, speaking first on "Putting on the armor of God" and "God's secret weapon, love." Services were held three times on Saturday and Sunday.

We prayer-walked the community after the Sunday morning service, praying for God's healing over the land, especially in areas where there had been violent death. The Sunday afternoon service was a special youth service with over ninety young people in attendance. I shared the ministry with Pastor Annie Tertiluk. Together we ministered on the topic "Called Before the World was Made." Many young people came forward for prayer.

## **KANGIRSUK - DECEMBER 18, 2005**



Tommy Kudluk

Good news comes from Kangirsuk, Nunavik. Pastor Peter Airo (Niki) passed the reins over to his assistant pastor Tom my Kudaluk. Peter was sent home to

die with cancer in 1982, after which he received the Lord as his personal Savior and was healed. Last year he died twice in the hospital in Montreal and h a d a w o n d e r f u l v i s i t a t i o n



Pastor Annie, Mark and TC in worship

in heaven which he is sharing across the north. Pastor Niki is 73 years old and going strong.

It was my pleasure to assist in the ordination service of Tommy Kudluk with pastors Annie Tertiluk and Eva Deer at the Full Gospel Church in Kangirsuk, Nunavik the Sunday before Christmas. Pastor Peter Niki also assisted in the service.

The Lord willing the Kangirsuq church will start construction on their new church building sometime in the Summer of 2007.

#### **News Years 2006**

I am encouraged by the prophetic word that I heard over the new year. We are hearing that 2006 is going to be a year of change and harvest. We were told that many are going to realize the fulfillment of prophetic words that have been given over the years. I believe that this is going to a continued year of harvest in many areas of the world, including Arctic Canada.

This year the Iqaluit Church project is proceeding. The remaining financial support and funding is been raised under the skillful leadership of pastor James Arreak. For those who are interested in volunteering time on the project, we will be releasing the information later in the year. Cash donations can also be forwarded to Arctic Missions Outreach Trust Fund at the address found at the end of this news letter.

#### Hudson Bay Conference - February 22 - 28.

In February I traveled to Puvirnituq, Nunavik for the Hudson Bay Bible conference. Unfortunately I was unable to stop in Umiujaq on the way as the leadership was out of town. Please pray for this community that experienced a wonderful move of God during the 2002 Bible Conference.

Prior to going to P.O.V., I had opportunity to minister in churches in London and Montreal. The



**Hudson Bay Conference** 

regional conference has been held for the past several years and is sponsored by Pastor Eliyasie and Syra Sallualuk of the POV Full Gospel Church. Ministries from the South included David Herzog from Arizona and the Youth and Music Ministry of Luc Gingras from Granby, Quebec. On the youth night the altar was filled with over sixty young people committing their lives to serve Jesus. Many first time commitments were made during these meetings.

#### AKULIVIK, NUNAVIK SPECIAL SERVICES

Following the Hudson Bay Conference, I flew to Akulivik, one community north of Puvirnituq. The weather remained clear and sunny for most of the week with temperatures in the minus twenties. I was joined by Michael Pierce of Christ for Your City. Pastor Henry Alayco was our host pastor and we stayed in his home with pastor Elyassie and Syra from POV.

This was my second trip to this community and it was marked by a very real presence of the Holy Spirit's ministry into the lives of those present.

Mike Pierce ministered on forgiveness and many other key areas that brought healing into many lives in this community. It was our pleasure to meet with the mayor of the community and to pray for the Lord's wisdom and blessing on the political leaders of this small Arctic Community.

#### **ONEIDA FIRST NATIONS**

Prior to leaving for the Arctic Bible Conference it was my pleasure to minister at the Oneida House of Prayer in Oneida First Nations.

Oneida is located just a few miles outside of London and the church is pastored by Rev. Larry Ireland. This church is in the midst of a building renovation and it has been my pleasure to minister there several times in the last year. Pastor Larry and his congregation have been supporters of Arctic Missions for several years.



David ministering in Oneida

The Lord willing Pastor Ireland will be joining me on one of my trips to the Arctic. But first we ask that you will agree with them for the completion of their new addition and an out pouring of the Holy Spirit in their community.

#### ANNUAL ARCTIC BIBLE CONFERENCE

At the beginning of April I left a week and a half early to go to Kuujjuaq and help prepare for the Annual Arctic Bible conference which was held April 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>., 2006

This years Bible Conference's Theme was "One is Too Many, A Celebration of Life" and addressed the need to move on and to take back our communities from the devils influence of drugs, alcohol and suicide that has marked the past. Special youth ministry hi-lighted the conference with many young people and others making first time decisions for the Lord Jesus Christ. It was my pleasure to serve communion on Easter Sunday and to minister Monday morning from the Song of Solomon, a message entitled your "Winter is Past".

It was a real miracle of provision to see the commitment the community made. The Mayor and other community organizations provided over \$27,000.00 in donations and services, providing the Sports Centre as the conference location, funding for twenty nine beds in the Co-Op Hotel and vehicles to transport the speakers and out of town visitors. First Air donated nine airline tickets in order to bring in ministry and musicians. These tickets were valued at over \$18,000.00 and made it possible for various ministries to be present. He is a God of abundant provision.

The First Nations were represented by Kenny and Louise Blacksmith and Karen Hunt. These leaders from the opposite side of nation were a part of the healing and renewing of the Covenant made in Quebec City between our First Peoples who desire to see healing in our nation. Praise God for what He is doing.

I returned home Sunday afternoon on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Joan and Heft for Regina Saskatchewan on April 30<sup>th</sup> for our Fellowship's Annual Conference.

The Independent Assemblies of God International provides ministerial credentials for all of our Arctic Pastors in Nunavut and Nunavik. This year pastor Billy Arnaquq was recommended by the Eastern Arctic Pastors to serve as Regional Secretary for the Eastern Arctic. This was confirmed by the members



Pastor Billy Arnaquq

present at the convention. It is wonderful to see our Inuit pastors stepping into national leadership.

At the same Annual General Meeting, I was re-elected to serve on the Board of the Independent Assemblies of God

as their treasurer. This will be my twenty-first year on the executive of this organization which represents over 800 ministers from 40 people groups in our nation; including many First Nation, Inuit and French Canadian Pastors.

#### ARCTIC MISSIONS IN COLOMBIA



Darren, Patty, James and Darien McCrea

On Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, I left for Bogota, Columbia under the sponsorship of Missionary Darren McCrea. who has served in Colombia for the past 11 years with "Youth With A Mission". Darren was saved through the ministry of Ark Aid Street Mission in London, Ontario. I have known Darren

since he was first saved .. It was a pleasure to be with him, his family in their home in Bogota.

During my three weeks in Colombia I shared at several of the "Philadelphia Churches," including the mother church in Bogota. There I spoke on Missions principles and what God is doing in the Canadian Arctic. There is a great interest to hear what God is doing in Canada's North and to be challenged toward World Missions.

One of the highlights of my trip was a two and a half hour bus trip into the mountain ghettos of Bolivar City that houses over two million people in the worst possible living conditions. We visited an area called Beautiful Flower where missionaries are working mainly with the thousands of children who call this area home. As Canadian from any walk of life we do not realize what true poverty is.

I was also invited to speak at the Local **YWAM** school to both the students and parents. It was encouraging to see the dedication of the workers and leaders in this school that are endeavoring to bring Christ in the live of Colombian youth.

The Lord has instructed us "to lift up our eyes for the fields are truly white onto harvest." Thank you again for your prayers and support.

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