



Hello again from Point Hope, Alaska! We have been having some cold weather lately with windchills around 40 below, but we are so thankful that we are now seeing the sun again for the first time in over a month!! One difficult thing about living here is not being able to see the sun for a while, but when it comes back up over the horizon as it now has, it reminds us to never take the sunlight for granted! It also reminds us to never take our Saviour; the Son of God for granted either! (Malachi 4:2) "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings..."

We received some difficult news a couple months ago from Brother Nick Serino, who informed us that he has cancer. This came as a total shock to him and his family as well as us. For those of you that do not know, Brother Serino has been a missionary to the North Slope of Alaska for almost as long as I have been alive! He and his wife have been ministering here faithfully since 1983! We have been working alongside them for eight years now. Please pray fervently for Brother Nick Serino as he is going through chemotherapy as well as radiation therapy. The past couple of months have been difficult for me and Jennifer here without their friendship, fellowship, and laboring in the ministry together. Lord willing they will be back this summer! Again, please pray for him!!

We did have a terrible tragedy in the village a couple weeks ago. A teenage boy took a hand gun and entered a house and shot 4 people. He killed two, as well as putting two others in critical condition. I was able to spend all night at the clinic with the two that were in critical condition and pray with them, as well as pray and comfort the family members. It took hours for the medivac plane to arrive, and even when it did they only had room in the plane to transport one out to a hospital. Instead of taking one out of the village, they decided to stay and try and stabilize both of them until the next medivac plane could make it in a couple hours later. Both have survived thank God, but they have a long road of recovery. Please pray for the family members of all those involved, as well as the village of Point Hope. This has really affected every single person. I am praying that this will bring more souls to Jesus Christ. I have been performing many funerals lately, and there will be another couple funerals in the next week or so. I would truly appreciate your prayers as I preach the gospel as well as comfort those loved ones.

Some good news is that we have been witnessing some amazing victories these past few months! Alisan, who is a teenager that attended our summer teen camp two summers in a row now, has now been coming to all of our church services faithfully the past few months!! She has been coming to our Sunday morning service, Teen class service, Sunday night service, Wednesday night service, Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays and she has just started coming to our Reformers Unanimous service on Friday nights!! And not only that, she has been inviting and bringing other teenagers with her to church as well! What a blessing she has been! We also have an 11 year old girl, Kayla, who has just started coming to all of our services this past month! Jennifer was able to lead Kayla to the Lord last month. Jennifer was also able to lead Jolene, a young teenage mom, to the Lord after a Ladies Bible Study. What a blessing it is to witness more souls receiving the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ!! Please pray for Kayla, Alisan, and Jolene as the Devil will have his eyes set upon them to try and trip them up!

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We have seen some great attendance at some of our church services; we have seen some Sunday mornings and Sunday nights with 30 to 40 in attendance! In one of the services we had 11 teenagers in the service which is a tremendous victory in and of itself! We have also been having 8 teachers that work at the school attending our Sunday morning service for a couple months now. Since I have been working at the school for almost 6 months now, it has given me the opportunity to not only build relationships with the students, but also with the staff as well! Out of these 8 teachers, I believe that all but one is saved! We have been praying for years that the Lord would bring saved teachers that love the Lord to Point Hope, and it seems as though He has answered our prayers! Please pray that these teachers would continue to come and that they would all be a great testimony and witness at school!

Lastly, we have had to postpone the addition to our house that we were going to build this summer. There is just too much going on right now, so we will wait until next summer. Please know that any funds that came in or may still come in for this project will still be used for all the building supplies needed. Thank you again for all those that have given for the much needed addition to our house! We also will be having a baptismal service in a few weeks Lord willing with atleast 5 that would like to get baptized. We are praying this will be another outreach to bring in friends and loved ones to hear the gospel! As you can see there is a lot happening here in the village, and we are excited to see what the Lord has in store, especially with the whaling season coming up soon!

Thank you again for everything you all do for us! We are so thankful for you all! God Bless!  
Your Missionaries to Point Hope Alaska,

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