

The Hamby Family Serving as Far North Field Director

Dear Fellow Laborers,

January-March 2023

As I am writing this letter, my heart is drawn to a verse of Scripture that resonates with grace, mercy and, yes, impending judgment! This verse reminds us of why we do what we do as disciples of Christ trying to be obedient to His great commission! 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The verses immediately following are a reminder that time is coming to an end and that Christ's soon return and His outpouring of judgment is imminent! We need to be busy about our Father's business!

Hamby Family News: We praise the Lord for His protection for our family as we have been much on the road presenting our ministry and speaking in Missions Conferences around the Southeast. It has been such a blessing to see the Lord working in hearts as the altars have filled and hearts stirred about the great need for more missionaries! We are praying that God would reach into His church and call out families and individuals to serve Him in His harvest fields.

Noah and Rebekah's wedding took place on April 1st! What a sweet time it was!

For those churches we have preached and presented in thus far in 2023, thank you for your love and your care in allowing us to come and be with you. Our prayer is that we were an encouragement and a blessing to you while we were with you! That is our prayer as we move forward in this year!

Praise Report: Brother Burns, the pastor of our former church Faith Baptist Church in Quebec, Canada, shared with me that 3 precious souls have come to Christ over the past 3 weeks! These were some of the ones we had shared with you for prayer over the past few years about salvation: William, Jon's father, and Sylvain. We are rejoicing with Brother Burns and the church there in Trois-Rivieres and La Tuque!

Also, we rejoice over 4 new missionary families being accepted with MWBM since January! Praise the Lord!

Prayer Request: Upcoming meeting: April 22 - Reach the World Youth Conference- so far 170 young people are scheduled to be here at the home office for this conference. Pray as we preach and teach and share our burden with them. Last year one young lady trusted Christ as her Savior at this meeting.

Far North Spotlight: I pray that this will bless, intrigue, and cause you to think about and pray specifically for different areas of the Far North! In each letter I would love to spotlight a Country, State or Province, as well as a City in that State or Province. I ask you to please pray for the souls of these places. Pray for missionaries to go to these places.

This letter's spotlight is on: Country: USA - population ~ 334 million souls State: Alaska - population $\sim 731,000$ souls City: Utqiagʻvik - population $\sim 4,920$ souls (census 2020); one of the northernmost cities in the world Interesting Fact: Alaska is the largest state in the Union. 2.5 times the size of Texas. I have only found around 30 Independent Baptist Churches in the state of Alaska.

In His service with you, Jason and Amanda Hamby Isaiah 40:31

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