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# NEWSLETTER

## *FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK...Rev. Burton Kewayosh*

I pray that you and your families are enjoying this summer season. It is well with my family and I, and I will be having surgery on July 18, 2024, for a left knee replacement, which will give me the mobility that I need.

As the Director of Arctic Mission Outreach Trust Fund (AMOTF), I look forward to travelling in the fall of 2024. My last trip was to the Annual Kuut Umanaqtut Tuksairviit Bible Conference in Aupaluk Nunavik, March 18-21, 2024. This is a fellowship of independent Inuit Pastors and churches in Nunavut and Nunavik. I can send you the update in our Spring Newsletter, if you are interested.

For this Newsletter, the AMOTF Board and I are sharing some thoughts on why we became involved with Arctic Missions. Twenty-five years ago, the previous Director, Rev. David Ellyatt, asked me to join the Board of Directors and I became the President for nineteen years. Six years ago David became the President and I became the Director. I am committed to this work, to support the Ministers and the Full Gospel Churches of Nunavut and Nunavik, and the First Nations. It is absolutely necessary for ministers to work together and be in fellowship, for the equipping of the Church and the glory of God's Kingdom.

At the National Convention of the Independent Assemblies of God International (Canada), held in London Ontario May 6-9, 2024, I was approved as the Regional Secretary for the Eastern Arctic. This is my second year representing the IOAGI Fellowship,

since the Inuit Pastors were unable to attend the Convention.

The Theme of the Convention was "**The Work of the Ministry**" and the guest speaker was Dr. Jeff Johns from Lafayette, Indiana. We were greatly blessed by this Apostle of the Faith, and the fellowship was awesome! It is important to note that the IAOGI is a fellowship of independent churches and ministers.

The Holy Spirit impressed me to share the thought that we must encourage one another. The Apostle Paul wanted to see and encourage the saints in Rome. **Romans 1:11-12** – *"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so you may be established – that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."*

For the continuing ministry in Nunavut and Nunavik in partnership with Kuut Umanaqtut Tuksairviit, and First Nations, Arctic Mission Outreach Trust Fund is very thankful for your continuing prayers and financial support! God bless you!

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## A note From the President: Rev. David Ellyatt

### **Dear Friends of Arctic Missions:**

In any ministry there are times of plenty and times of drought. Unfortunately, as I write to you it is to inform you that we need your continued prayer and support.

Joan and I, along with Burton Kewayosh and several pastors were able to attend the Annual KUUT Bible Conference in Aupaluk, Nunavik (Northern Quebec). The conference was well attended considering the remoteness of the location. The ministry of the Word was timely, and we were able to License Maggie Akpahatak's daughter, Nuna as assistant pastor. Although there were delays in departure from Montreal on the flight to Kuujuaq, Bobby Deer was able to arrange a connecting flight to Aupaluk and we were in time for the first service. ***Please see Burton's report in the Spring 2024 AMOTF Newsletter for more information on the conference.*** During Summer months, donations are traditionally slower, but the expenses continue to be the same. I am writing this brief note to remind and to ask you to pray for the need and if you are able to sow a seed into good soil.

Joan and I are keeping well, and we do pray for you. Blessings, in the Name of Jesus.

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Pictured to the left is, Joan and David with Pastor Maggie and her husband Johnie. From the KUUT Spring Conference

The following two articles are from Members of the AMOTF Board.

### **Ellie Muir**

Bob and Ellie Muir at the Snow Festival in Puvirnituq 2010



I have served on the Arctic Mission Trust Fund Board for 22 years now. How incredible! Bob and I first learned about Arctic missions through the late John Spillenaar. We heard him preach a few times and later attended the same church in the Kitchener, Ontario area for two years. One Sunday, when we were listening to John preach, Bob received a vision from the Lord about serving God in the North among the Inuit. We consequently met David Ellyatt in 2002 and he invited one of us to join the board. Bob elected me for the position. David also suggested that one way to go North was by finding a teaching position since the school leaders were looking for more Christian teachers. So, Bob applied and received a good response. (continued next page)

We started our exciting adventure in the North in August 2003 and remained active in ministry and in teaching at the secondary school in Puvirnituk, Nunavik for the next 6 years. We attended the Full Gospel church regularly and helped Pastors Elyassie and Syra Sallualak wherever possible: I worked with youth who showed an interest in choreographed worship with flags; Bob and I enjoyed being able to teach the Word of God and help with Bible studies; Bob also helped with worship. Bob returned north in 2011 for 3 weeks to help Pastor Annie Terteluk in Kangiqsujaq. In 2013 Bob and I went on a mission trip together to Puvirnituk and Kangiqsujaq for about 4 weeks. It was so wonderful to see our dear brothers

### ***Dan Mann***

In 2007 as a young man in between jobs. I was first asked to go north to help build the Quaqtak Healing Centre. The trip was supposed to be David Ellyatt and myself, as the new kid on the block going North in January.

As we left Montreal, I was informed that David was needed in another community, but He assured me I would be in good hands when I arrived in Quaqtak.

Trying to trust in the Lord, I arrived in the dark mid-afternoon. In -40-degree temperature, an incredibly cold weather standing in what can only be described as a new world. Being a white 6'1" guy I stood out in the crowd of people who for the most part was much shorter, speaking a language I didn't understand. There was a huge part of me wondering if I should get back on the plane. I was in silent prayer when I heard my name called out, by the Pastor's Husband Bobby Dear, with a friendly smile and a firm handshake my 17 year journey began with

and sisters in the Lord once again. We especially enjoyed being able to do Bible lessons with the youth at the school during their religion classes.

At this point in our lives, we are not sure if we will travel to the North again, but we maintain a special love for the Inuit. They are God's people, and as First Nations, they have a very special and important place and voice, in Canada's history and her future. We are honored to have played a small part in God's plans and purposes among the Inuit. And I am delighted to continue to serve on the Arctic Missions Board.

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The connection to the North started out very rocky, trusting in David's wisdom had pushed me to the edge of my comfort zone, but being in Quaqtak alone 2000km from home had me right where God needed me to be.

Renovations on the trailer went well as soon as Bobby taught me the basic of -40 survival in Arctic cold and darkness, I still remember waking up in the dark watch the sun appear and seven hours later disappearing below the horizon. The only warmth I felt the most week was from my host family Eva and Bobby Deer. Clearly out of my element they took the time to educate me on the culture of the Inuit and their relationship with God.

My little ray of sunshine each day after work was a little named Angel Deer who at the time had a desire to practice dances for the Lord. Each day after work she would want me to throw her in the air as she danced for God. And every day she invited more and more of her

friends to be thrown in the air as they danced by the end of my first week. My attitude had changed, I was not yet in love with the north, but the Deer family had made me a home. The darkness and cold of January made me question why anyone would settle in this environment.

I asked God for purpose and my first Sunday in church I could get my first taste of Inuit worship. Hearing the familiar melody sung in a language I did not understand was amazing! The heart of worship transcends the cultures, and the Holy spirit was present. Watching kids dance and Adults coming together truly touched my heart. Now I was engaged asking question and learning culture. Meeting Johnny Oovaut, who I must say is one of the funniest Inuk I know, created a desire in me to learn and understand the Inuit culture. God was here and It was like a gateway to heaven was open.

When does love become a passion? The second week I was there David joined us to work on the flooring! Bobby and I will never forget it! As we laid something like 600 square feet of tile; the dedication and perfect fit of David's one tile was a masterpiece.

It was when the Wednesday night service was cancelled, I will always remember as the moment my passion was born.

Due to the cold, we were going to stay in; however the call came from Angel Deer that a bunch of the kids wanted to practice worship and the church was locked.

As we made our way over, I finally got it!!

***Young kids huddle up outside waiting for the doors of the church to be opened.*** God showed me that the heart of the kids for the Father was exactly the passion He desired.

I have now been on about 17 trips north working in different communities building

churches and doing ministry and still feel to this day the Arctic is a gateway to God.

I have been blessed to eat from the bounty the north provides and see wildlife with immense beauty.

David taking a younger man north has truly blessed my life with a genuine love for Inuit and their culture knowing that God has a purpose in reaching the whole world with the Love of His son Jesus Christ



2007 version of Angel Deer and Dan Mann.

Most recent version of Angel Deer and Dan Mann.

