

MINUTE-MAN NEWS



Our leadership team recently visited missionaries and communities in our Northeastern-Field: (l. to r.) Allan Giesbrecht, Pat Elford, Barb & Albert Heal.

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Our Northeastern-Field missionaries serve far from our Mission Headquarters. In fact, they serve far from each other – where there are few roads, and communities are separated by hundreds of miles of mountains and tundra.

We believe it's important for each of our missionaries to feel a part of our nation-wide NCEM team, and to have the support and encouragement they need to be effective in reaching First Peoples for Christ, and to see indigenous churches established.

Though they may travel out periodically and meet with fellow NCEMers,

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it's also essential that our missionaries receive visits from our leaders, so that they can see these places and meet the people to whom they're ministering.

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Because our Northeastern-Field is currently without a director, this past March four members of our Mission's leadership team took 18 days, travel-

ing in our Cessna aircraft piloted by NCEM Assistant General Director, Allan Giesbrecht, to communities in Quebec, Labrador, and northern Ontario.

“It provided time to discuss aspects of their ministries, and evaluate together,” says General Director, Albert Heal. “We were told that having visitors is a real treat, and a spiritual encouragement,” he adds. “Sometimes our stay was prolonged by poor weather – but it seemed that our hosts would have been very happy if we'd gotten ‘weathered in’ and had to stay longer.”

Missionary organizations may categorize this as “administration” or “member care.” In NCEM our workers' salary deduction for administration is comparatively small, so we appreciate our Minute-Man supporters helping to cover these costs. No matter how it is labelled, we believe it is an important *ministry*... after all, our missionaries are our greatest resource!

“We had wonderful times in each community we visited,” says Pat Elford, our Executive Secretary. “We took walk-about tours of almost every place we visited, and spent lots of

time sharing and getting a feel for the ministries in which our missionaries are involved. There are many burdens being carried for the people of the North because of the need for new life in Christ.”

Our leadership team returned with photos and stories of igloos, and a traditional Inuit feast (on the floor with raw meat and no utensils). In Labrador they saw snow as high as roof tops (after three feet had already melted!).

Your Minute-Man gifts to Aviation (Call #139) also helped make this ministry possible – it would have been very expensive to have used commercial air services.

Your continued prayer support is needed, too. Our team came back with this request: “Please pray for a spiritual awakening and turning to Christ, and for our workers there who labour in love. There is still a great need for people to go to the North to bring the Gospel.” ●



One of the “stops” was Kuujuarapik, Quebec, where David & Joanna Bouck serve among Inuit and Cree First Nations (Joanna is pictured above with a local friend).



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Dear Minute-Man Friends:

At a gathering of our missionaries this past month, we presented our Outreach & Church Ministry Fund (formerly known as Evangelism Fund) and encouraged our workers to prayerfully and carefully use this Fund to its fullest to enhance the body of Christ in their areas and across Canada. Thank you for your part in this ministry as you gave to our last Minute-Man Call (#140). To date \$59,437.43 has been received for this last Call, which also included expanding our Tribal Trails television ministry, and to help facilitate and promote our Church Multiplying Action Plan.



This new Minute-Man Call (#141) is for ● **Field Ministry** and for ● **Personnel Recruiting**.

● Our **Field Ministry** fund, as you may know, helps provide our Field leaders with resources for member care and administrative services to missionaries. I recently observed this Fund in action firsthand. NCEM's Northeastern-Field is currently without a director, and so leadership defaults to our Executive Committee (most of whom are based in Prince Albert, SK). For this reason, Allan Giesbrecht, Pat Elford, my wife Barb and I made a trip in March (via our Mission aircraft) to visit these missionaries. The Lord was with us as we travelled many miles, including flying over very inhospitable terrain in Arctic Quebec. We had wonderful, enriching and encouraging times with our missionaries, local Christians and fellowships who we visited. We believe these visits are an important part of our field directors' ministry.

● Brian Kent, who heads up our Mission's **Personnel Recruiting** (PR), travels with his new large-scale map of Canada. It gives a visual picture of the many places across our country that are very much in need of church planting missionaries. NCEM has put recruiting high on our list of present priorities. We know that praying for workers is very necessary and, ultimately, it is the Lord who provides labourers. However, people need to see and hear of the needs, and that is the part we must do. We feel we need adequate funds to connect and build relationships with potential recruits. Therefore we are including "PR" with this Minute-Man Call.

We appreciate each one of you and your part in the ministries of NCEM.

Serving together,

Albert B. Heal
NCEM General Director

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