

Glad Tidings Arctic Missions Society

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The Glad Tidings Arctic Missions Society has been spreading the gospel to the Inuit people, transforming lives, and establishing churches, but there is still much work to be done.

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Scripture: Matthew 28:19

Topics: "Missions Work", "Holy Spirit"

Description

This sermon shares the inspiring journey of Cameron, a missionary who dedicated his life to reaching the Inuit villages in the high Arctic with the gospel. It highlights the challenges faced, the transformation of lives through the power of the Holy Spirit, the establishment of churches, and the ongoing need for support to reach more unreached communities, especially the struggling Inuit youth.

Transcript

My name is Cameron, a pioneer architect missionary from Milwaukee's church in Vancouver, Canada. I was 19 years old when the war broke out and I moved out to Yolo, Illinois. For three years I worked on a fire pit.

Finally, in 1956, I began traveling nomadically with the Isle of Women murderers in Vancouver. Their homotops became our first vehicles on the barren lands, and many received Jesus as Lord and Savior. With me in their station, I continued living in my small tent all winter, learning a lot about survival real fast.

When we gathered together in house meetings, many were filled with the Holy Spirit of fire. I was the greatest to read along. In the early years, I traveled hundreds of miles and walked in to preach the gospel.

Later, travel was fostered by the snow mob. How can you battle a world of ice and snow? So, 18 years later, a great game turned out to be a lot larger and vastly bigger than most of all their crew. Now, we could span those thousands of miles of barren lands to reach unreached Inuit villages.

It was past time for the Inuit. Many villages called out, come. So, we went hand in hand with Inuit gospel teams.

The response was overwhelming. First, the house meetings. Then, again, the larger venues.

Young and old received Jesus. Lives were transformed, set free, and filled with the Holy Spirit of fire. Often, 80% of the village attended the proceedings, running a challenge to the ancient Inuit.

Remember, these were believers. The main witness closely worked many times, teaching short-term Bible school courses. That came from great missionaries like Bell and Ethel Bell.

Bell also piloted our aircraft for many times. And there was Lynn Patterson, who became a founding pastor of our young house church and continues to serve as an important supervisor to me. Many other of the militant servants of God wanted to help us.

They would like to teach these Inu-tolerant Inuit. Soon, a number of new churches in the eastern part were established, and the Lord raised up several dedicated Inuit ministers to assist the new pastors in the upcoming leaders' conferences and seminars with all-day teaching classes and great revival services each year. Also, there were many powerful village-wide crusades, ranging largely from Jesus.

In 1985, we, by faith, helped a 22-man Bible school residence to accommodate long-term Bible school students. We prayed together, rejoiced together, studied together, and put our faith as graduates in turn of time, while fathers were gone in their villages. Yes, these changed lives are changing others.

How we rejoice to see the mantle of leadership falling heavily on Inuit shoulders today, as God is raising up pastors and teachers and evangelists among them. But the job is not yet finished. There still are Inuit villages unreached with the gospel that are waiting.

The sad plight of the Inuit youth today is alcohol, drugs, and even suicide. They wander aimlessly in life, without God and without hope. We must reach them quickly.

But we cannot do it alone. We need you to help us. Will you join us in believing, prayer, and financial support as the Lord speaks to your heart? The Bible says, how can they preach unless they are sent? In this 11th hour, will you be God's sender to the high Arctic? God bless you.

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