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First Friday Prayer Gathering

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

7:00 pm

Christ Moravian Church

Prayer, Hymns, Praise, Worship, Music, Mission information, Refreshments

Relationships—Key to Understanding A Culture

Makkovik - Day 80
Makkovik is a quiet-appearing community, buzzing with aboriginal and 'settler' activity under the surface. Because of the isolation from the mainland communities, school children seize opportunities to travel on special trips or competitions of all kinds. Junior Rangers is such a group that teaches life skills and holds special classes that teach the fading aboriginal skills such as boot-making.

Last week brought many opportunities to learn; building a wood stove fire, walking on snowshoes which is most helpful when there's new snow, attaching fur to one's hood for added warmth, or learning to drive a skidoo on the snow (there's nothing else to drive it on). The handle bars are heated!

But more importantly, visiting those that are shut-in for the winter is the best way to learn about Labrador. They are joyed to have the visit, have experienced, and love to share the vivid stories of the 'old times'. Stories of a single trip up the coast, preparing the seal meals on the stove for the dog teams, or the boarding school stories, will hold one glued to their soft chair by the woodstove.

Here is one story header from *Them Days* magazine:
"The dogs saw something, and they started barking. One of them grabbed me by the coat right here [at the nape of the neck], almost choked me. I lost all my water, and she brought me home. The other one stayed behind, barking. I didn't know what was going on.

This was a bear!"

- Mary Clark

You can explore more at:

<http://www.themdays.com/current.html>.

Sunday School is growing; 15 children this week. What a joy the kids are. They sang in worship last Sunday—it was so beautiful to hear childrens' voices in song. They have also begun playing the handchimes - a new and beautiful way to express music for them.

This coming week brings the Jamboree; the celebration of all the talent within the community, dotted with the excitement of the Heritage Dogsledding Race; teams coming from all over Canada to compete.

It truly is a marvel to see how resilient the Labradorans are. A teenager here doesn't need a world of technology to find entertainment; they might compete athletically, or go ice fishing or hunting with family or friends. To see the komatikis come back on Sunday full of meat or furs is a common site; enough to fill one's freezer for the remainder of the winter/spring, and alot to share with family and those who can no longer hunt.

By the time of your reading this, a new local Moravian Radio ministry will have begun; Bible study, prayer, song, and handchimes. I'm not certain how many will listen, but I will take that on faith.

At this moment, Holy Week and Easter is fast approaching with it's 28 (yes, that's twenty-eight)



Moravian services; some in English, some in Inuktitut, and some
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Sister Tasedan is pastorally serving 6-months in Happy Valley and Makkovik, Labrador as a part of her seminary training. She is a member of Calvary Moravian Church. For more information on this ministry, or Labrador Moravians, go to: <http://gjtas29.blogspot.com/> or email her at gjtas29@yahoo.com

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A Message From Our President—Looking Ahead



A fresh snowfall is one of nature's most spectacular miracles, transforming an unsightly landscape, adding excitement to the dulllest day and forcing all of us, even those who try to shut nature out of their lives with all the technological gadgets of civilization, to acknowledge its silent power and timeless beauty. Snowfalls are accumulations of snowflakes, which are themselves aggregates of tiny, six-sided figures known as snow crystals. If you were fortunate to look at a snow crystal under a microscope you would have entered a magical, diamantine world, a universe of pristine beauty because no two snow crystals are identical. Over the years I have discovered that families are more like snowflakes than cookies. You see a cookie is often shaped by a cookie cutter. They all look the same because they are fashioned by the same pattern . . . the cookie cutter. Snowflakes, however, are beautiful and unique. No two are alike.

As snow falls in Labrador it demonstrates the beauty and uniqueness of the people groups common to Labrador. It was 1752 when Moravians missionaries first explored Labrador lands. They settled permanently in Nain in 1771 and moved north and south from there to serve Inuit where they hunted, fished and lived: in other areas such as Hopedale in 1782, Makkovik in 1896 and Hope Valley in the 1950's. Labradorans are gracious and loving people who welcome and share the love of Christ each day. Today's Inu and Inuit in the Arctic regions have been devastatingly affected by the impact of Western culture.

As Labradoran live with harsh winters and maintain their way of life, let's pray for God to lift up the Labradoran people. Missionary Glenna Tasedan was called to Labrador in January 2009 and has made the transition to the weather elements and embracing the life and culture around her. She is leading choirs and hand

chime groups. Let us also pray for the Labradoran youth because they face's many challenges. May we pray that God will use Glenna as a vehicle to bring the children of Labrador closer to God. As missionaries like Glenna serve the Labradoran people in their daily lives, imagine the potential when the church body moves outside its walls to impact the worldwide community for Christ.

As Glenna and other missionaries respond to God's call, you are invited to be inspired by more Moravian missionaries around the world. Attend the Mission Awareness Dinner on Sunday May 17, 2009 at Macedonia Moravian Church, Advance North Carolina. A band prelude begins at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Our Keynote speaker will be Leah Weatherman, Antioch Servant in Canada and Honduras. *Evon Crooks, member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church, is the President of the Mission Society Board of Directors.*

Morees—Life in Aix, France



Where we've been...

- ◆ N was gone for 5 days at the beginning of the month to give tech support in Africa.
- ◆ We are staying put for a bit, the baby is due in May and we have a lot to do to get ready and prepare. No more travels for the next few months!!!

What we are up to...

- ◆ March has been a full month, with long term guests leaving the guesthouse. A deep cleaning was needed.
- ◆ A week of meetings held at the guesthouse has kept us both busy. N with his role as Technical
- ◆ Coordinator of Computing and A as hostess preparing noon meals/snacks, housing, etc.

- ◆ This also means airport pick ups and drop o"s for out-of-country colleagues.

- ◆ We are really enjoying Spring here in Provence as a family. We have been on several walks, and N took their son on a special hike. We hope to have a family afternoon at the beach when things settle down a bit with work.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me sha! not hunger, and whoever believes in me sha! never thirst."
John 6:35

Be a part of this work... !! Prayer and Praise...

- ◆ Pray that the Lord will con-

tinue to direct our family and make His glory our focus.

- ◆ Pray for A and the sweet baby she is carrying. We are planning a midwife-assisted home birth.

- ◆ We praise God that our financial situation has improved, after a couple hard months we are back at needed levels.

- ◆ We praise God that our health has improved and energy levels are back up!

- ◆ We are thankful that the 5 days N was away helping colleagues in Africa went quite smoothly for A and the kids.

- ◆ Please pray as we continue to balance work and family and prepare for this new baby.
The Morees' work with Wycliffe Bible Translators

May Pray Every Day 2009

1. "in this place I will grant peace" declares the Lord. Thank you Jesus for your promise of peace. Enable us to share the only true source of peace t a hurting world.
2. Do not turn away from the living God. The world calls us in a most persuasive way. Speak Lord and enable us to hear you above the world.
3. Sunday-Jesus says "I am the good shepherd." Keep your servants safe and close to you. Bless the Morees as they serve you through language translation.
4. "The Lord comes with might." Ruler of all, rule in my heart. John Musgrove serves the Lord in Ukraine , ministering to students from many universities and institutes through Campus Crusade for Christ. Lift him, Charlie and Vickie Brent and so many others who witness to college students.
5. Jesus alone is worthy to receive glory, honor and praise. He has created the most unimaginably magnificent world in which we live. Look at the beauty around you and give Him praise. Look up at the stars and worship Him. Thank Him.
6. Not one word has failed of all His promise. He still promises to be with us and to never forsake us. Pray for those who do not have the blessed freedom to openly praise and worship Him. Tomorrow is National Day of Prayer. Prepare to celebrate that freedom.
7. National Day of Prayer-No where else in the world is there a day set aside nationally to pray. Pray today that we can keep our precious freedom of worship and that we keep the name of Jesus lifted high. Pray for those who take His Word to those who have not yet heard.
8. Declare His glory among the nations. Pray for the many underground churches and home churches and small pockets of Christians who continue to share their faith in countries like China and the Sudan and other African and European countries where Christians worship and share their faith in spite of the danger to their very lives.
9. Be merciful as your Father has been merciful. I thank you Father for your mercy for I know without it I would not be able to even live. To know that you choose to work in and through me is such a humbling thought. May you be honored by what I do and say today.
10. Sunday-Stay with us for it is evening and the day is nearly spent. Jesus is coming back! He is coming to claim His church. Pray earnestly for those whom we know and love who are not walking with Jesus. Pray that their eyes will be opened to Him.
11. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Pray for Lean Weatherman as she discerns God's call in her ministry. Protect her and guide her.
12. Love the alien as yourself. God commands that we love others. Teach me to see Jesus' love in people whom I do not know. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx who have been accepted by MAF and assigned to the ministry in Indonesia
13. Help us to know, Lord; help us to grow, Lord; help us to sow, Lord, your love always. Pray for Mountain Laurel Moravian Fellowship as they are being established in the Laurel Springs NC.
14. Woe to those who call evil good and good evil. Open my heart to know what is good and what is right, Lord. Strengthen my will do what is good and right to do. Open my eyes to see what is right and what is good.
15. The ways of the Lord are right. Thank you Jesus for living in me and witnessing to my spirit to the things that are good and right to do. .
16. The Lord searches every mind, and understands every plan and thought. Nothing is hidden from you, oh Lord. Teach us to see what you see and hear what you hear.
17. Sunday-Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Pray for the pastors, Bishops, teachers and leaders of the Moravian churches around the world. Ask God to give them a new visitation of His mighty love. Ask Him to fill them with His Holy Spirit.
18. Better is a little with righteousness than a large income with injustice. Teach us the value of little things. Small thoughtful things done in your name and through your spirit.
19. The lord is patient. Thank you God for the infinite patience and mercy you have shown toward us. Make us more like Jesus each day. Pray for Mark Ebert and the Moravian Disaster Response. Pray for those who have considered serving in this way and for those who have financial resources that they can give.
20. Let us pursue what makes for peace. You are the only source of peace. Help us to seek you in all we do. Pray for Gerard and Norvelle Goff Rudy as they witness and serve in Ahuas , Honduras . Pray for continued efforts toward reconciliation between differing factors of the church in Honduras .
21. Ascension Day-Jesus, who has been taken up into heaven, will come in the same way. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Pray for those who say they know Jesus yet continue to live a lifestyle unpleasing to Him. Pray that each of us will face and repent of our sins .
22. Do not fear the reproach of others nor be dismayed when they revile you. Consider the reproach and hurt Jesus suffered for us. Our momentary suffering will be rewarded with an eternity in His presence.
23. For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt. Jesus suffers still because those He loves suffer. Teach us to see through your eyes and to love with your love. Bless all those who suffer with cancer.
24. Sunday—Thank you for the new ministers serving in Labrador; Rev. Brian Burrows and Glenna Tasedan. Enable them and embolden them for You and Your people.
25. Uplift all Moravians serving in the field with a strong sense of 'connection' to their relationships far away and prayer support.
26. God of Wonder, We seek to be in Your presence. Flow through us so we are even more enabled and empowered to fulfill the Great Commission.
27. Bless-ed Lord, be with those people today that have never ever heard the Name of Jesus. Stir them and direct them to a believer.
28. Jesus, We lift Your Name on High, we love to sing Your praises.
29. O Holy Spirit, stir us now, inspire our hearts to move others.
30. Pray for Morgan Smith and Roman Brady as their music ministry evolves. May the music students produce, be a blessing in Your sight and that the spirit transcend all boundaries in Puerto Limon.
31. Father, Thank you for inspiring our missionaries to leave the comforts of home, family, friends, and church to 'GO'. Help them to approach their ministry with open eyes and hearts; loving the people, and respecting their customs, their world view—patiently waiting to be inspired in ways to share the Gospel that brings the peoples to a clear understanding of the joy of knowing Our Lord.

To contribute to Pray Every Day next month, email Coordinator, Helen@AKCC.org.

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Bilingual. They are letting me sing in both choirs! I am absolutely thrilled as some of the music will be from the very early days. What a privilege it is to be a sheep of Jesus!!



Alfred holding lead team dog seconds prior to start of race

It is with complete thankfulness that I share these experiences and reflections with you as your prayers have sustained me. My hope is that this cross-cultural time with our sister Moravian congregations brings you as much enlightenment in your faith walk as mine. "Spirit of truth, and grace, and pow'r, blow through your church, we pray. Transform us from this very hour in all we do and say." D.Bell



John Andersen, Makkovik, preparing for a full day of work, wood, sport

Mission Awareness Dinner
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