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GREENLAND NEWS

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“GOD IS EXPANDING IN FACILITY AND HEARTS”

Dear friends and missionpartners,

Now that the snow is starting to melt, our sense of expectation is also growing. Read below about the expansion of the House of Peace, a baptism and an unexpected move, a guesthouse, and breakthroughs through prayer.

EXPANSION OF THE HOUSE OF PEACE

We are about to build an extension of approximately 55 m² onto the House of Peace here in Tasiilaq. This expansion will allow us to add about 40 extra seats — almost doubling our capacity.

The foundation is already being prepared, and we expect it to be completed by June. We hope to receive the building materials by ship in July so that we can start construction immediately. The project is expected to take about eight weeks.

We are specifically looking for four carpenters who are willing to help. Of course, extra helping hands are also welcome! The tools are ready — now we just need the people.

Last time, in the middle of the COVID pandemic, twelve volunteers came — a miracle in itself. This time, we have the finances, but not the people. So far, only two have said they are willing to come.

Will you help? Maybe you're not a carpenter, but you know one. Maybe you can't come yourself, but you could pay for someone else's ticket?

We are praying that God will send exactly the right people at exactly the right time.

A NEW BEGINNING THROUGH BAPTISM – AND A SUDDEN GOODBYE

Recently, a woman was baptized in a small tub in the House of Peace. She has been deeply touched by God several times, and together with her husband, they have gone through ups and downs — but they visibly grew in faith.

He even suggested reaching out to the surrounding villages this summer with the gospel. We had hoped he would become active in worship. But — unexpectedly — they are moving to Nuuk soon.

And sadly, this is not the first time people who had just begun to grow have suddenly moved away.

We sow with joy — even if the harvest takes place elsewhere



TO THE VILLAGES – FOR THE FIRST TIME

It is our desire this summer to visit nearby villages by boat for the first time. We want to bring the Kingdom of God there, share testimonies, and see God at work — saving people and changing lives.

From time to time, people from other villages visit the services in Tasiilaq when they are staying here temporarily. And in those meetings, we see that God is working beyond just our village.

We want to respond to that — in faith, obedience, and expectation.

A GUESTHOUSE

In February, we were given the opportunity to buy the second house of our current semi-detached home. Unfortunately, the process is taking much longer than expected because the people responsible are not taking action. A prayer point!

We want to use the house partly to expand our own living space — but also to serve as a guesthouse. Right now, we often rely on vacation homes, which sometimes cost more than €200 per day. That makes it difficult to host people for longer periods or involve them in the ministry in a low-barrier way.

A guesthouse of our own would really make a difference. Will you pray with us?

PRAYER, BREAKTHROUGH, AND THE POWER OF GOD

Since the summer of last year, I (Peter) have experienced a deepening in my prayer life. Not out of duty, but out of a growing desire to live more deeply connected with God and to bear fruit for Him.

I spend about two hours a day in prayer, and I can feel how it changes me — in my thinking, my obedience, and my expectations.

We cannot expect breakthroughs without persistent prayer. But it is precisely through prayer that we see things happen that we could never accomplish ourselves.

Recently, we experienced a special breakthrough with our translator. For years she had suffered almost daily from abdominal pain. She had surgery — but with no result. The pain remained and drained her energy. She prayed for healing, and I took this on in prayer as well.

In early March, we visited her. She told us she had had a remarkable dream the night before.

In the dream, I entered her home while she was in pain. Apparently, I asked if I could pray, and she agreed. As I approached, a power shot through her, and she fell — in the dream — writhing on the ground like a snake. She screamed — and then: silence.

She stood up and woke up. God's presence was strongly upon her — and the pain... was completely gone.



Now, months later, she is still completely pain-free.

Dear friends, how wonderful it is to witness such answers to prayer!

Without persistent prayer, we quickly fall back on structures and programs — and miss the power of God.

Wasn't it the power of God our faith was supposed to rest on — and not on persuasive words? (see 1 Corinthians 2:4–5) That's why I don't just want to grow in prayer myself, but also help others build their own prayer lives. I teach on this — but even more: I try to bring people into the prayer life practically.

Already, several spontaneous deliverances have occurred! Please pray with us. Because it is in the silence, on our knees, that the real battle is fought.

Are you considering helping? Feel free to get in touch.

Together we get to build — more space, changed lives, and the Kingdom of God.

Warm greetings from Tasiilaq, Peter & Thinka



FAMILY NEWS

Two weeks ago, our kids experienced a powerful answer to prayer. Joël's best friend Iippa, who had been placed in foster care in 2023, had to move to another village due to a lack of foster families — but he returned last month! As suddenly as he had left, he was back at our door.

He now lives with a new foster mother — a woman who also regularly comes to church. Joël is super happy — even though the relationship needs some rebuilding. For us as a family, too, it means finding a new rhythm again, since Iippa had been like one of our own in the house.

We are also really looking forward to the arrival of the first supply ship this year. The supply this past winter was the worst it's been in the last ten years.

Inspiration for new meals is now as scarce as fresh vegetables (= gone) — but nevertheless the friends of our kids still love joining us at the table.



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