

# Baffin Island

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## BAFFIN BITS:

### ARCTIC ATMOSPHERE

Iqaluit: June 8, '17  
61 F (16 C)  
Sunrise: 4:28 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:49 p.m.

Dear Supporting Churches and Friends,

We are settled back in Iqaluit and enjoying the “warm” summer. We say “warm” because the summer temperatures are typically in the 50’s and 60’s (10°-15° Celsius) here. We are so thankful to be home! The longer God has us here, the more this place truly feels like our earthly (although still temporary) home. These people have become our people and we pray and continue to work to see that these people truly see us as one of them.

There have been many needs and responsibilities with returning to Baffin Island. Nathan Schrock, Loretta’s younger brother, has completed his two-month internship with us and in Rankin Inlet, helping to fill in for Nathan Jones and Kangiqliniq Baptist Church. Nathan has done a great job and will soon be starting his senior year at Bible College. Please pray for him as he seeks God’s direction for the next steps in his life.

The ministry here is growing. That is not to say that our Sunday and Wednesday crowd has grown exponentially, but that the LORD has given us more and more opportunities for ministry with the people here. We are actively discipling some of our church folks and working with unbelievers to see them come to true faith – firmness – in God.

Along with the ministry to others, our growing family is a great focus for this time in our lives. Our oldest son just turned ten. It is sobering to realize that roughly half of his “at home” training is past. These years are so important and we desire your prayers that we would discipline ourselves to know and walk in God’s design for training our children. Loretta is due with baby #8 at the end of this month! We have a friend coming up to be with us for a bit to help with the extra responsibilities.

During the summer, there are always many projects that need to be done. With the warm weather being so brief, summer is an important time to get as much outdoor work accomplished as possible. Yearly maintenance on the house, vehicle maintenance and repairs, and a number of remaining projects on the church property keep us very busy. We also received our yearly sealift order of dry goods and other materials; it is always a process to get all those things organized in the house, as many of the items must be kept from freezing and heated space in the arctic is always hard to come by.

This past week we received word that Paul’s Grandmother died and entered her rest with the LORD. She was bedridden for a number of years and we are happy for her. It is moments like these that are great reminders of the brevity of life and the necessity to “seek those things which are above.” (Colossians 3:1) Thank you for your prayers for our family at this time.

Christ’s for the Arctic,

Paul J., Loretta,

Paul Jon, Kenny, Micah, Josiah, Julia, MaryBeth, Elaina, and Baby Hitz

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Isaiah 42:4 “The isles shall wait for His law.”

### Praises:

1. Nathan’s good internship
2. Loretta’s and baby’s good health
3. Grandma’s Entry to Heaven
4. Hannah’s coming to Iqaluit to help

### Prayer Requests:

1. God’s Wisdom in our lives
2. Salvation of souls
3. Nathan’s senior year of Bible College
4. Loretta and the delivery of Baby Girl