



# Baffin Island

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Hitz Family  
January 2019

Dear Supporting Churches and Friends,

Whenever the weather is extremely cold and especially when it is windy, we can tell the difference in our house. I woke up this morning and could feel that the house was a bit cooler than normal. After checking the weather app on my phone, I knew why. For those unfamiliar with Celsius and not sure of the comparison to Fahrenheit, let me assure you, it was very cold!

We had a good Christmas holiday season with several extra activities plus some added time to spend together as a family. Our annual church Christmas dinner was well-attended and a blessing to all. There was plenty of food, good fellowship, and some visitors. For the second year in a row, our church gathered together Christmas gift bags for the men at one of our local prison facilities. This year we expanded the effort to include the women's prison facility. Both the men and the women were very thankful and appreciative for the gifts given. We included some Scripture material in each bag and we pray for the Good Seed of the Word to grow in hearts. Another blessing this year was the invitation I received to attend a Christmas gathering sponsored by the prison. After more than two years of consistently holding Bible studies in the prison facility, we are seeing increasing opportunities to influence.

Our church group over the past year has continued to grow in spiritual strength and maturity and we have added a couple new consistent attenders. We have had many visitors, and most happily, our local people are increasingly making an impact in their families' and friends' lives. This is the long-term growth, the "fruit that remains" that we have been working toward from the very beginning. There is still much to be accomplished, but we praise the LORD for what He is doing and we are seeking to be faithful to Him in all our ways.

Our family is excited to announce that, LORD willing, in May we will grow by another precious soul! **Loretta is due with baby #9**; we would appreciate your prayers for her and the child. This little one will be a tie breaker between the four boys and the four girls, so we are waiting to be surprised at what God has chosen for us. Now for the hard part..... deciding on a name!

With the continued growth of the church group and the growth of our family, we sense more and more the need to either move out of the church to our own home or to have the church move into its own space. When we moved into the shared church/house, we had five young children six years old and under; but now with baby #9 soon to arrive, we are feeling the squeeze of the tight quarters. These conditions have been a difficulty, to be honest, but we are more thankful for God's refining of our hearts (our attitudes) toward our situation than we are about the prospect of God relieving our situation. We have spent over a year praying and searching for either option; the greatest physical obstacles (nothing is impossible with God!) are the immense cost and the lack of real-estate options in our capital city. **Would you pray specifically for us that God would open the door for us to take this next vital step?** There is a foreclosed house that has recently come on the market. It will need some significant repairs, but it is in much better condition than the church building was when we bought it. If we are to get this building, we will need the bank to accept an offer within our affordability, and we will need some help to do the repairs. **Please pray with us that God would open this particular door if that is His will.**

Christ's for the Arctic,  
Paul J., Loretta, Paul Jon, Kenny, Micah, Josiah, Julia, MaryBeth, Elaina, Eden, and Baby Hitz

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

### Praises:

1. Church growth
2. Ministry opportunities in the local prisons

### Prayer Requests:

1. God's wisdom in our lives
2. Spiritual growth of believers
3. Plans to buy a home

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### BAFFIN BITS:

#### ARCTIC ATMOSPHERE

Iqaluit: Jan. 10, '19  
-26 F (-32 C)  
Wind chill -54 F (-48 C)  
Sunrise: 9:07 a.m.  
Sunset: 2:17 p.m.

▼ Current Conditions	
 Ice Crystals	<b>-32°C</b> °C   °F
Wind: NNW 32 km/h	Wind Chill: -48
▼ More details	
Temperature: -31.8°C	Pressure: 102.5 kPa↓
Dew point: -36.2°C	Visibility: 16 km
Humidity: 66%	
Date: 7:24 AM EST Thursday 10 January 2019	
Observed at: Iqaluit Airport	