



Gage & Aleah GILBERT MISSIONARIES TO Greenland

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for praying for Carole Shull. Back in March, she had a pulmonary embolism, but in the process of taking care of that, it was discovered that the cause of the blood clots was a tumor in her leg. She was sent to Nuuk and then to Denmark for further testing. The tumor was found to be cancerous, but praise the Lord, the doctors were able to successfully remove it! Carole is currently undergoing seven weeks of radiation treatment in Copenhagen to kill any more possible cancer cells. Please continue to pray that these treatments would work and that she would be completely cancer free. Lord willing, they plan to return to Greenland in August. We are very excited and looking forward to having them back again!

PASSPORT PROBLEMS

Last fall, Gage had his passport renewed since it was close to expiration, and we hoped to avoid issues with reapplying for our visas. In February, we reapplied for our visas. Towards the end of April, we received an email telling us that our applications were on hold because the birth date on Gage's passport did not match with other records. We were told we had 30 days to get them a passport with the correct information or else our whole applications could potentially be terminated, and we would have to start all over again. We checked his new passport and sure enough none of us (the US embassy in Denmark, Gage, or I) caught that his birth year was incorrect. So, we immediately reached out to the embassy, and they told us they would expedite the processing of a new corrected

passport. However, we still ended up not being able to email in a copy of his fixed passport until a couple days after the 30 days were up. We explained our situation and are currently waiting to hear back from the government. We were told it could take an additional 3 months before we receive an answer. Please pray with us that our applications are still in process and will soon be approved!

Summer is upon us and believe it or not we have been getting out the fan! Temperatures have been in the mid-40's to low 50's Fahrenheit, but since we don't have A/C (although you can buy and install wall units), our apartment can get warm and stuffy particularly on the days with no breeze coming through the windows.

LANGUAGE STUDY

We continue our Greenlandic study, and our understanding of the language is coming little by little. We are very thankful that currently two of the levels of the language courses taught in Nuuk are available to us online for free! There are videos to watch, documents to read, and hundreds of exercises to do. The first course begins by teaching particular sounds in Greenlandic that are unique to itself and must be mastered. Because it is a polysynthetic language, there are hundreds of morphemes and many sound rules that one must learn to begin to make words in Greenlandic. These morphemes are little

chunks of meaning that are pieced together to form words and sentences. It is not uncommon to see words in Greenlandic that consist of over 20 and even 30 letters! Here is an example: teeqarusunngilangalu.

MINISTRY

During the school year, the midweek children's program, Kunngip Klubbia, is held on Wednesday nights. The first few weeks that the Shulls were gone, we did not have any kids show up. We continued to pray that the Lord would bring some kids out and we are praising him that two weeks before we were to break for the summer, He answered that prayer! It was about 30 minutes past when we normally start, and Gage was getting ready to lock the door thinking that again no one was coming and then... 5 young people walked through the door! With our limited communication, we were only able to play some games, sing some songs, and teach a Bible verse. We are looking forward to the day that we can teach the Bible to the Greenlanders in their heart language! Gage also continues to minister every other Thursday in the prison.

In Christ,
Gage & Aleah Gilbert

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Praise:** Successful **removal** of Carole's tumor
- **Praise:** A couple weeks of **attendance** in King's Club
- **Pray** for Carole's **radiation** treatments.
- **Pray** for **approved** visas.
- **Pray** for **growth** in Greenlandic studies.

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