

# Kingdom Expansion Ministries



## Fun Snow Day



Hello Everyone,

February and March have been interesting months with lots of snow and wind. It seems to have snowed just about every day. Kevin and I have shoveled snow off the drive way and even the roof. We have moved snow so many times we have lost count. Even with all the work of removing the snow, I still enjoy seeing the snow coming down and feeling the warmth from the fire burning in the wood stove. We certainly have had those March winds around Harstad. One day it was so windy that walking next to the harbor we had to hold on to our hats so they wouldn't be blown out to sea. The waves were splashing up through the openings in the dock and just missed Kevin as he crossed the opening!

The pictures you see were taken on Harstad's first Fun Snow Day for the children here. We saw many children from the schools enjoying the day. It sure was fun to see them go down the hill of snow. The screams of delight coming from them made me laugh. You can see more pictures from that day on Kingdom Expansion Ministries International Facebook page.

We get a visitor that enters through the window. The neighbor's cat has learned my weakness and shows up on the roof out our window to knock on the window for some special attention. I am glad she only comes for short visits and someone else cares for her since we travel so much.

We have been getting ready for our trip to Finland in April. We are looking forward to seeing all our beloved friends and enjoying some God time with them.

I have been studying about fasting and prayer. It is so amazing how powerful these tools are. Jesus talked about them in Matthew 17:14-21. This is the story of a demon possessed boy that the disciples had prayed for but the child was not changed.

**Matthew 17:18-21**

**And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

Here we see the disciples who had been with Jesus, had seen the miracles he did and were even used to do the miracles themselves. But they could not set the boy free. Jesus tells them it was because of their unbelief the demons were not cast out. What gets rid of unbelief? Answer: Prayer and Fasting. Fasting causes us to place our flesh under control for a time in order to spend that time in prayer with our Heavenly Father. Faith arises in us through our time spent with God. Here is the wonderful thing about fasting; it can be any type of fast for a short or long time. The thing to remember is that God sees your heart not the kind of fast or how long you do it. He just wants you to do it because you will grow in God.

**Matthew 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

So think about setting time aside to pray and fast with God and then just do it. You will see a change in your walk with God.

Praise God for each of you!

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