



NORTH OF 60

During Christmas a few of our Nunavut communities sent our way so much joy and gratitude for the food and items we sent northward along with several photos of families gathering food to bring to their meal tables.

Father Helemba of Naujaat also sent photos of the home visits they made to families. He shared that the temperature was -30 that day, but it felt like -40 with the wind.



He said "The home pictured is a shack yet a family's home. The family apologized for the barred window; they said it helps block more cold. Their heat and light come from candles" - Father said the family was overjoyed with our Vincentian support.

The North of 60 project in Ontario sent multiple sea containers and crates of food to our families in 2024 and will continue this year supporting 9 communities. The project is blessed with partnership support from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) who generously shares the cost of the marine crossing costs for their communities.

Baker Lake in the Kivalliq region and Kugaaruk in the Kitikmeot region are 2 communities who still hope to be *adopted* by a Council or Conference. Currently they receive crated food through designated pass ups to the project. We could not do the work we do without such crucial support.

Inflation hit the project extremely hard. Transportation costs are alarming. The inflationary shock came from costs of getting sea cans and crates to the mission. The ships must anchor in deep water. A barge is then used to get everything to the shoreline followed by the ship's backhoe lifting the crates and containers to the mission. The hamlets do not own backhoes. These final steps are essential to our delivery of food to the families.

As we begin this new year, I am asking that you consider supporting this marvelous project. WE ARE making a huge difference in the lives of our Inuit families. They are so *very* grateful for our help. Please consider supporting North of 60 - any amount builds trust, generates joy and happiness. Transportation needs your designated support.

Should you want to learn more about our project I will eagerly join your meeting to share my knowledge, my photos, my travels in the north. This journey can only continue with your support

To the *many Vincentians* who have been the backbone for the success of North of 60, the words **thank you** simply do not equate to the sincere deep, deep gratitude I have for you. I am the conduit, but you are the electricity!

I will be sending news of our 2025 action plans routinely. Please stay tuned and reach out to me with any questions - I want to hear from you.

Until then, stay well and energized!

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