

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

So much has happened the last few weeks that it is hard to put it all together.

Scott, our pastor from Clark Fork, arrived here on the sixth and came up to Oseenvy Mees for our annual winter conference. We had a good time, about fifty people came to the conference. Rene and Scott both have returned safely to the US.

This morning at about 5:30 AM we were woken by our neighbor who warned us that our barn was on fire. We all went out to fight the fire but flames had already engulfed the roof of our barn/ storageunit/ garage building. We attempted to get the car out but when we opened the garage doors the flames came roaring in a fireball explosion. We then tried to break through the back wall to liberate the cow but, due to the fact that the building is made of logs and we had just finished insulating it this fall with a layer of siding and insulation, we could not get in to save the cow.

The wind was blowing towards the house and soon the hay barn was engulfed in flames but luckily a logger had shown up with his skidder and we were able to pull the hay barn and the fire wood shed down to stop the progress of the flames to the house.

We are all shaken by this unexpected event. The loss of the cow, who was supposed to calve soon, and our chickens and all our tools is very sad. The loss of our van will be acutely felt.

We are so thankful that the fire did not bridge over to the house. Please be in prayer as we talk to the different government officials these upcoming days, that this would be seen as a unfortunate situation and not taken as a reason to close the rehab center.

God Bless,  
INJ,  
Justus D. Walker