I like winter, and this past month we have had a lot of it! So we spent a lot of time getting wood in, and hauling water to the horses, and playing in the snow. Building a big snow-man and sliding down the hill. What fun!

We had a real North-Eastern Blizzard for two days, that froze the water pipes to our shower. Then there were the times of getting the tractor stuck in the drifts, and of having to put chains on the van to get out the drive-way when it was so icy.

One Sabbath we had gone to Gitanyow and picked up six Native friends, then stopped in Gitwangak for three more and went onto Gitsegukla to get two more. Sam’s driveway is very steep and solid ice. We made it up to his house, but when backing down the van slid off sideways into a deep snowbank. It took the five men a half hour shoveling and pushing to get it back onto the street. We were a little late to Sabbath School.

Lemuel’s wife, Alta was here for three weeks, and she wanted a snow-party for her Birthday! So we arranged to have one at a friends place near Kispiox. They have a snow-cat so she got to ride on it! What fun! We had a camp-fire supper including corn on the cob, and stick bread, baked over the fire. How yummy! What a happy occasion!

Alta and Lemuel spent a lot of hours cleaning the big white house, the cafeteria, and chapel in preparation for the upcoming SULADS Convention here in March. We moved beds, furniture and appliances too.

A lot of our evenings were spent wood-carving. I cut several Aspen saplings and cut them in length for walking sticks and spoons. Lemuel’s foster-boy came over and wanted to learn to carve too. He carved a nice-looking handle for a knife while I was carving on a walking stick.

Amid all these winter adventures we have still been helping with “Story Hour” each week and visiting the villages with Native New Day Bible studies. Four new homes signed up, and 15 homes received certificates of completion.

One evening we took our Native friends to the Kitamat evangelistic meetings being held there. It is a three-hour drive, and snowing most of the way. The snow piles along the streets were 10-15 ft high. The street signs were buried, and you could only see the roofs of the houses above the snow piles. Everyone really enjoyed the meeting, wishing we could attend more of them. When we started for home at 9:30 p.m. there was six inches of new snow and it was coming down thick! We got home about 1:00 a.m.

The most exciting happening this month was when the pastor called asking if the Canadian SDA Union office could use our Radiant Native Health magazine as a template for Native programming for VOAR radio. Yes! What a Golden opportunity!! So we have been meeting with the Terrace VOAR committee, formating Native programs. We covet your prayers for this exciting, ground-breaking venture.

We thank the Lord for keeping us safe on the wintry highways, and for a cozy warm home. Leif & Zanna Ove

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