

wrote to the Bishop: "My dear Johannes: thou knowest that I am an old Greenland traveller. I have also an amazing affection for these countries, Indians, and other barbarians, and it would be a source of the greatest joy if the Saviour would discover to me that He had chosen me and would make me fit for this service." A vessel was fitted out in 1752, and Erhardt chosen as interpreter and supercargo. Four other missionaries accompanied him. On July 31 they arrived on the Labrador coast, in what is now known as Fords bight, latitude 55° 10'. Here they landed and began the erection of a station. The Eskimo appeared friendly, being particularly pleased to meet a white man who could speak their own language, and a brisk barter trade was carried on. On September 5, the vessel, which was named the Hope, went north for further trade. Ten days later it returned with the sad news that Erhardt and a party which included the captain and five of the crew as well, had been murdered on the 13th on going ashore to trade with a strange tribe of Eskimo. Consequently the other missionaries decided to abandon the station.

The seed of the gospel had been sown in blood. It remained for a Labrador apostle to be raised up similar to the great missionary of Greenland, Egede. He was forthcoming in the person of Jens Haven. Jens Haven was a poor German carpenter, who knew nothing of Eskimo and little English. Yet, when he had once decided to take up this work, he set himself to accomplish it with a determination which overcame all difficulties. In 1758 he went to Greenland and learned the Eskimo language. In 1762, he declared his intention to the Moravian church, and, after much discussion, they permitted him to make the attempt, but could offer no aid. Haven made his way to London, where he met Palliser, the newly-elected Governor of Newfoundland, who gave him not only his hearty sympathy, but the necessary assistance.

Haven was assisted in getting to the Labrador shore on his first trip by the famous Captain Cook. He was greatly disappointed in not seeing the Eskimo at Chateau bay, as they had left the district. But at Carpunt, a few days later, one returned,