



Missionaries in the Arctic
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Turn you Northward... Deuteronomy. 2:3

Dear Beloved Ones,

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Ezra 7:21—"And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily."

We are not comparing ourselves to Ezra, but we do feel like we have a feeling of how Ezra felt. Ezra 7:27—"Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart."

So many devoted people (kings & queens) have been generously giving of themselves to make Operation Saturation possible. They are truly tools in the Lord's hands—blessed be the LORD God of our fathers. It's all GOD. (Revelation 22:13)

Presently, we are in the plane flying to our 34th village. The terrain is awesome, with wilderness all around. As we have begun our three-hour journey to Hughes, we can see Mt. McKinley in the distance off to the left and the Tanana River on the right side. The team going with us is from Arizona, Michigan and North Carolina. Wow! God always sends the right ones for each village. This year, He touched a church's heart to send a crew up from Pennsylvania to help with the annual of the plane and the cleaning of the hangar. God's provisions overwhelm us. We heard Pastor Duffett, of Bible Baptist Church, Fairbanks, Alaska, preach how God is extravagant with His children that trust Him and we say, "Amen" to that. (Philippians 4:19)

This summer, our first villages were Allakaket (Indian) and Alatna (Eskimo). We landed in Allakaket and took a boat to the other side of the river to reach Alatna. That was a first. The people were very hospitable due to a dear lady from BBC having relatives in the village and making the arrangements for a place to stay. We stayed in the Native Building with the floor for our bed—which we greatly appreciated! We had to walk next door to use the restroom since there was no water in the village except for the "washateria" next door. A shower only cost \$3.00, so there was no excuse to stay dirty. (Philippians 22:13)

We took the high road (new town) and the rest of the team took the low road (old town). One reason we took the high road to New Town was because there was a bear spotted in the area, and we didn't want any other team members to face him. But to God's glory we never ran across the bear. (Psalm 91:11)

What happens as we visit? Well, the natives usually just holler "Come," so we just walk into their house and then by the look on their faces we can tell they just realized there are some strange talking White people in their house. We immediately take our shoes off, which is a custom and tell them we are the Starrs from Alaska and we have a gift for them: a free KJV Arctic Bible, a DVD, and some other things. As they reach out and accept the gift, we ask if we could share the story of the hearts, as we hold up a green strip of felt with a black, red, white and gold heart. They don't feel threatened and most of the time say, "yes," because they love stories. Then we explain the plan of salvation. God has allowed us to write a tract, with the hearts on the front along with the question, "May I tell you a story about the hearts?" And then inside the tract, we give the plan of salvation.

After we explain from memory the scriptures for Black, Red, White and Gold hearts, and Green strip, then we give them the tract with all the scriptures written down. We were able to lead 10 people to the Lord out of 80 in these two villages we visited. (Romans 10:9)

I will give you a few stories of the ones who said they trusted Christ as their Saviour: The Eskimo Chief, who actually picked us up in his boat and took us to his village; another was a young crying mother who thought God couldn't forgive her because she got mad at God when her first baby died; then the young man who had no idea he was headed to hell; the elder man who listened intently as he cut off the TV; and then there was Grumpy, who talked rudely but yet said, "Go ahead and tell your story--you are already here." These are just a few of the ones that opened their hearts' doors to Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

In a previous letter, we wrote about the miracle of having a hangar that we are buying with another missionary on the airport. A week ago my partner said, "Ronnie, there is no money left to pay the bills with." Yaks! I immediately prayed and said, "God we don't have the money for your hangar this month." I went to the post office and there were two letters sent from our mission board. One was a gift of \$5,000.00 and another special gift of \$500.00. I immediately gave this to Bro. Earl and said, "Here this goes on the bills." Also we received a dollar that a dear sweet lady had found while she was here on the first crew to help annual and clean the hangar. She said that God put it on her heart to send it and for us to apply it to the principal of the \$240,000.00 we owe. Then our home church called and said they voted to send us \$1,000.00 and were going to send an extra \$200.00 a month to put on the payment for the hangar. Wow, it is wonderful as we watch God open the window of blessing and pour them out. Blessed be the Lord. (Hebrews 11:1)

Better close we are fixing to land in Galena to fill up the plane. Can you believe it? Alaska Aerofuel put in a special tank here so we can get discounted gas. Showers of Blessings! (Ezekiel 34:26)

It is evident that prayers go before us as we fly into these villages. Thank you for loving us and others as you do! No doubt about it that the most awesome life is the one God gives when we surrender to His Will. Galatians 6:9—"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Looking Northward, Jeremiah 33:3

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If it is possible for us to email you the prayer letter instead of sending by USPS, please let us know by sending your response by email to: kathy.adams@biblebaptistfairbanks.com marked att: Starr Prayer Letter
WE SINCERELY THANK YOU!



The Hangar on the Airport were we keep planes



Taking Bible & Gospel to Alakaket & Alatna



Chief trusted Christ



Young mother trusted Christ

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