



Mission ALASKA

Everything We Need

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.” - 2 Peter 1:3

Christmas is just around the corner! That wonderful time where we celebrate the birth of Jesus, spend extra time with family, and get a bunch of stuff we've been wanting... right? Unfortunately, the reality of the Christmas season for many people is more about the earthly gifts and less about the one gift that matters, the gift of Jesus Christ.

As adults, maybe it's about making sure our kids have plenty of gifts, or getting that one big thing we've been wanting. No matter how many years I spend on this earth, I'm always challenged to check my heart around Christmas and make sure that God's gift of salvation is what is stirring my excitement.



We love the people of Fort Yukon! It's a joy to put the new church building to work.

As for the gifts, while it's totally Biblical and right to give and receive gifts, God's Word reminds us that we have everything we need to live a life that pleases Him. So, let's make sure the gifts we get enhance our ability to please God with our life, instead of detract from it.



RECAP

MISSION ALASKA CONFERENCE



In August, we hosted our first conference for Mission Alaska staff and Missions Associates. It was a great time of refreshing the vision God has given us and going over logistical details. We were blessed to have our AGUSM Intercultural

Missions Director, **JR Rodriguez**, along with Alaska Home Missions Director, **Terry Hull** join us!



GOD'S PROVISION

Every year, we head out to the woods, up and down the Yukon and Porcupine Rivers, looking to fill the freezer with moose meat. Some years, we get skunked, but not this year! We are so thankful for a freezer FULL of moose and great stories to tell. God is so good.



ALASKA MINISTRY NETWORK

We flew into Fairbanks to attend the Northern Region Minister's Refresh. This was a great time of connection with fellow pastors and church leaders. It was good to hear about what God is doing in our region and share ideas for future Kingdom growth.



"Missionaries are very human folks, just doing what they are asked. Simply a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody."

Jim Elliot
Missionary & Martyr



GRATEFULNESS

Getting ready for winter above the arctic circle can often prove to be a challenge. We try to think through what will or will not be needed for the next 7-8 months, how we will heat certain facilities, and make sure all our vehicles are ready for the harsh temperatures. During this process, it's easy to see how far we've come in the past 18 years.

Everywhere we look, we are reminded of the hard work, supplies, and finances that have been poured into the ministry here in Fort Yukon. From the new church building (wonderfully efficient in the winter) to the staff housing, which has been renovated to be much warmer and comfortable, so much has been done to improve life and ministry in this harsh environment.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for all of your support. Many of you give monthly, some give towards special needs and projects, and some of you have come up and given time and energy to see the Kingdom of God push forward into the Arctic!

SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

As we finalize our AGUSM renewal for the next 4 years, we are also reevaluating the budget. Ministry growth, as well as staffing needs and new opportunities, may require us to increase the budget. We will keep you in the loop as we assess the financial needs for continued ministry advancement.



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