



Is There Any Place Too Small?

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There is a little community named Seldovia. It is across the bay from Homer on the Kenai Peninsula. The 2010 census says that the population is 255 people. It is a nice little community that swells in the summer with an influx of tourists. The Roman Catholic church in the community is closing its doors. Alaska Mission for Christ has been serving Seldovia through Vacation Bible Schools for many years. Faith Lutheran Church in Homer has been regularly sponsoring worship there for over 15 years. But lately, worship has dwindled to just a couple of people. People are starting to wonder if it is worth it to spend all the money and time it takes to serve this tiny little community.

That is a good question. From a human standpoint the answer is an obvious, "No." Why not use the resources we use in Seldovia elsewhere?

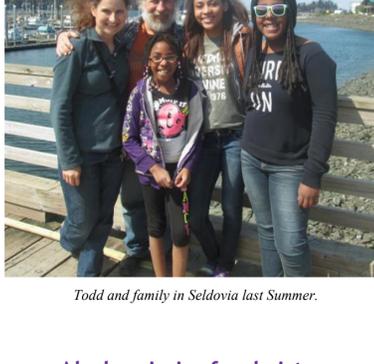
But then I wonder if some of the angels didn't ask God the same question when he decided to send Jesus to earth. We think that our "big" cities are really something; but if you travel just a few light years out in space, our little rock with its measly few billion people is not much more than a speck flying around a medium sized star. Why should the God that is bigger than the universe care what happens on this little rock? Why should he come here and live and die to guarantee that we will spend eternity with him? Why should he, through his Spirit, choose to live in the least of the sinners that inhabit this rock? The answer, of course, is love. God loves us enough that He is willing to do whatever it takes to make sure that each and every person in each and every far flung place has the opportunity to share in his amazing grace.

That is why we are still reaching out in Seldovia and several other little places in remote areas of Alaska. It may take creative approaches, but we are willing to do what it takes with the leadership of the Holy Spirit to make sure that there is a bold witness for Jesus in Seldovia.

The Roman Catholic Church has offered to let us have their building in Seldovia, if we are willing to continue ministering to the people of that community. We are praying about that offer. We are also looking for a congregation, either inside or outside of Alaska that would like to partner with us in reaching Seldovia with the Gospel. They could help us run VBS programs, visit people, renovate the church building, provide transportation for regular pastoral visits and much more. Please pray about whether your congregation might be willing to take up this challenge and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Todd Roeske is the Coordinator of Ministry of Alaska Mission for Christ. If you would like to know more about Seldovia or other opportunities for service in Alaska, please contact Todd at: 907-259-5115

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Todd and family in Seldovia last Summer.

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Alaska Mission for Christ and Faith Lutheran Church in are in the process of calling a missionary for Southeast Alaska. Please pray that the Lord will supply all of our financial and other needs to make this plan a reality. You can donate to this effort by going on the website at:

<http://www.alaskamissionforchrist.org/take-action>

Then press the make a donation link and choose Southeast Ministry/Juneau. Or you can send a donation to:
Alaska Mission for Christ,
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With Southeast/Juneau in the memo line.

Seeking a New Servant Event Coordinator

Alaska Mission for Christ is seeking a committed servant of Jesus Christ for the missionary position of Servant Event Coordinator. The Servant Event Coordinator recruits, vets, orients, and sends volunteers into Alaskan Communities to make a bold witness for Jesus. He or she will also develop relationships with local communities and discover needs which volunteers can meet. Alaska Mission for Christ sponsors Vacation Bible Schools, Sports Camps, Art Camps, and Hammer and Nail Projects throughout Alaska. The successful applicant will be deeply committed to the Lord's Mission, have excellent people skills, be able to work cross culturally and be very organized. Start date is May 1, 2016. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for this position, contact: Todd Roeske 907-259-5115 toddroeske@alaskamissionforchrist.org

Download the position description at: <http://www.alaskamissionforchrist.org/current-needs/>

PRAY FOR US

- ✝ Pray for the Lord to provide a new Servant Event Coordinator. This is an extremely important position. Please pray the Lord will send us the right person. Ruth is retiring in August. We are looking for someone to start alongside her in May.
- ✝ Pray that the Lord will lead our church body as we consider the ministry of Licensed Deacons. There is a recommendation that Licensed Deacon Ministry be phased out. We rely on the dedicated service of Licensed Deacons to serve remote areas of Alaska. Pray that the Lord will lead us with His wisdom in this matter.
- ✝ Thank the Lord for the wonderful gathering of Volunteers in Matteson, IL in January. It was a great encouragement to get volunteers together to share resources and vision for making a bold witness in every community in Alaska.
- ✝ Pray for the call process in Juneau. May the Lord lead Faith Lutheran Church and Alaska Mission for Christ to the right candidate to serve Southeast Alaska.
- ✝ Pray for Alaska Mission for Christ as we evaluate how best to reach out with the Gospel in Southwest Alaska.
- ✝ Pray for those who are contemplating suicide in Alaska. Rural Alaska has a suicide rate many times higher than that of the rest of the USA. The end of winter brings new energy for people to carry out the plans they made in the winter. Pray that Jesus may give people hope to free them from the chains of depression that lead them to suicide.

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