



A Driving Lesson

January 2015

As I saw the long row of stopped cars on the highway, my heart sank. A recent snowstorm had made driving a challenge. There had been an accident. My daughter Esther and I were trying to make it home. We had driven almost 300 miles to lead a Sunday service. The church is very small, and only a few people had been in attendance. In my frustration I selfishly thought, "Could this really be worth it? Are we being too extravagant in our efforts to serve small groups of believers? And, just look at this icy road. Think of the risk of winter driving in Alaska!"

Eventually, the accident was cleared and we were able to cautiously continue our drive home. I started to think about my reaction to the relatively small inconvenience in my life (especially in relation to those involved in the accident). Was God really asking too much of me, or any of the others who also travel long distances to provide the Word of God to small groups of worshippers? Moreover, isn't our Lord and Savior extravagant in His generosity toward us? If we serve a God who *gave His only Son*, how can we follow him unless we are also generous? It is so easy to fall into worldly thinking. We calculate costs and assess risks. We judge the worthiness of those we give to. However, we should be striving to be God's humble servants, and do what he lays before us. Our Lord only asks us to imitate what he has already done for us. He asks us to love by being generous.

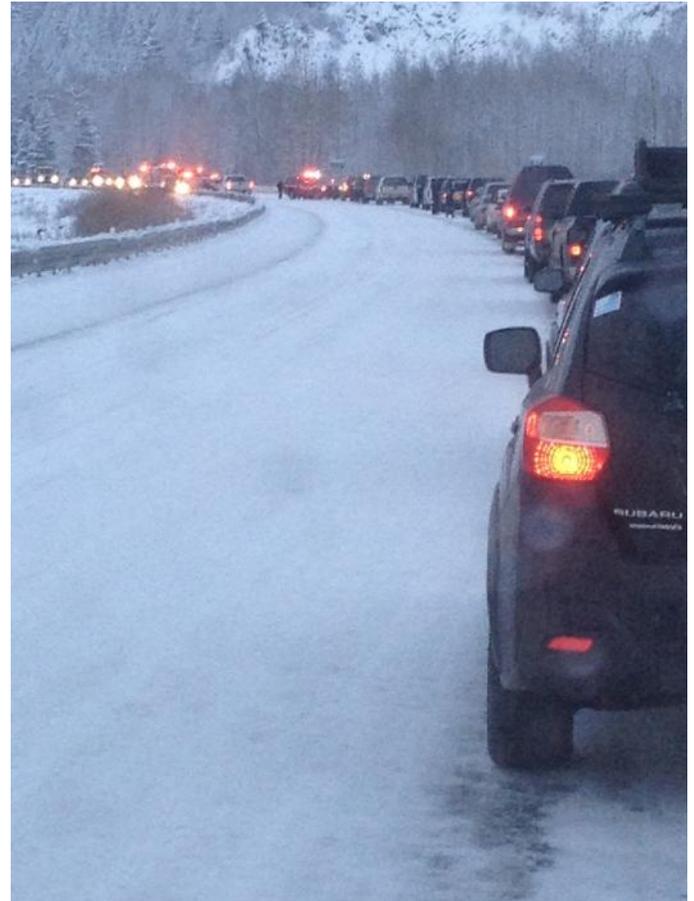
Mary, the mother of Jesus, provides us with a wonderful example of generosity at this time of year. She humbly and obediently consented to becoming the mother of our Savior. Mary risked her future and accepted great hardships in doing so. As you think of the Christmas story, remember how the humble generosity of a young small town girl was critical to our salvation.

What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What can I do for Christ?

-St. Ignatius

David Grosz, Missionary to Southwest Alaska

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Hmong Training Update: We had a training for Hmong leaders in Chugiak in November. We are looking for a way to do the next training

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and looking for a way to do the next training
this Spring. Please pray that the Lord will
supply our needs to bring our Hmong trainor
back to Alaska. If you have questions contact:
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PRAY FOR US

Thank the Lord for the safe arrival of Keith Aschenbeck and family in Alaska! Pray for the family as they adjust to Alaska and begin their mission and ministry in the Tanana River Valley. Praise God for his Installation Service in Anchorage on January 4, 2015.

Pray for our partnership with Faith Lutheran Church in Juneau. We are hoping to call a Pastor that would serve the congregation and serve as AMC missionary to Southeast Alaska.

Pray for the teams that are making plans to do servant events in Alaska next Summer. We also are praying for the Lord to open doors for us to minister in some new communities next summer.

Pray for the communities of Kwethluk and Akiachak who recently experienced tragic ATV deaths. May the Lord comfort them in their sorrow and give them the hope of Jesus!

Pray for those struggling under the grip of addictions. May Jesus free them in this world and the next.

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