

On The Road

July 2014

I knew I had made a mistake. I pulled my truck off to the side of the road to pick up a hitchhiker. That was not the mistake. I always pick up hitchhikers. I figure the Lord has given us a vehicle to be able to share; so if I see someone needing a ride and I have the space, I usually stop. The one exception is that I usually do not pick up single women when I am alone. That was my mistake. The hitchhiker had her head down looking in her pack and I misjudged her gender. So for the next three hours I was in the truck with a very talkative woman. She chatted about her life, values, family and plans for the future.

"I'm a Buddhist," she confided in me.
 "So you think the whole world is suffering and that we must deny our desires in order to find peace? That is what the Buddha taught."
 "I never heard that before," she responded. "I like yoga and meditation."

This led into a conversation about Christian meditation. My traveling partner had grown up in a Catholic home, but had never heard that Christians meditate. I explained that for thousands of years Christians have been meditating on God's Word or on Christ and what he has done for us. It is a great source of peace and joy.

The conversation trailed off into other topics. I mostly listened. It seems she was very happy that I had picked her up rather than someone that might have been less "safe". I said, "Goodbye" as she got out of the truck and prayed for God to bless her on her way.

On the next evening, after visiting friends in 4 jails and shopping, I was headed home. There were no hitchhikers, but late at night I stopped at a little grocery store to buy something to drink.

"Do you take debit cards," I asked.
 "She's got a twenty dollar limit on them," the man answered.

I assumed the man must be talking about his wife. I started to put my juice back and the man stopped me. "Just pay me when you come back through," he explained.

This opened a long conversation about Jesus, the state of our world, and the situation of this man's life. He had an incredibly positive attitude even though his wife is wheelchair bound and he is facing the possible amputation of his leg. This led me to say a prayer for Chris and his wife, Marie, as I left to continue my drive home.

I suppose my stories are not very dynamic, but they do illustrate how a lot of the ministry the Lord has given me happens. God brings people into my life as I travel around and in some way I try to touch them with the love of Jesus. Sometimes they even touch me back. Please keep us in your prayers

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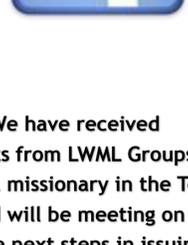
VBS Season is in full swing. Copper Center averaged almost 50 kids a day. Here they are learning about Jesus from the puppets.

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Update!

✝ **Praise God! We have received \$27,500 in grants from LWML Groups toward putting a missionary in the Tok area. The Board will be meeting on July 8 to consider the next steps in issuing a call. If you would like to be involved in this project please visit: [Jeremy Faga Memorial](#)**

Volunteer Needed: We are looking for a volunteer to scan and organize two suitcases full of old AMC pictures. If interested, contact Ruth Zellar. 907-232-3823 ruthzellar@alaskamissionforchrist.org

PRAY FOR US

- ✝ Pray for all of the volunteer teams that are serving in Alaska this July. May the Lord touch many people with His love.
- ✝ Pray for the volunteer who is serving Cooper Landing and Sterling this month with Word and Sacrament.
- ✝ Pray for those struggling with addictions and depression.
- ✝ Thank the Lord for the volunteers he provided for Ninilchik's VBS on July 7 to 11.
- ✝ Pray for our partnership with Faith Lutheran Church in Juneau as we start the process of trying to call a worker who will serve that congregation as pastor and AMC as a missionary to Southeast Alaska.



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