Warming Up for Volunteers

March 2016

It is hard to believe that it is only the first part of March. Here in Wasilla, AK we have been having temperatures in the 40's (above zero) for many days. The little snow that we have had has now turned to ice. We are hoping that the trees don't start budding out this early because it could still get cold and snow. If we do get snow now, it won't last very long.

With the warmer weather and the new year comes the planning of servant events here in Alaska. This year is the year for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. That usually means that I will have less teams coming to Alaska. However, I already have enough teams to fill 45-50 villages and communities with servant events. Praise God!

One of the things that I request of the teams is that they plan on coming to the same village at least 3 years in a row. The team does not have to include all of the same people from year to year, but at least the team leader and some returning team members provide continuity. Teams can add new members to replace some that are not able to come. We feel this is really necessary to form relationships in villages and communities. The more communication the teams have with the children and adults in these villages, the more they trust the teams and form friendships. It is in these friendships that people come to know Jesus.

One of our teams had been going to the same village for 8 years and had formed good relationships with most of the kids. Every year, one dad brought his children to VBS. He always just dropped the kids off and picked them up when it was over. Last summer, at the end of VBS one day, the dad came in to talk to the team leader. He wanted to thank them for coming all these years and teaching his children. Each year, the kids came home and told him the stories they had learned. Now the dad is coming to church and has asked to be baptized. This would never have happened if there had been a new team there every year.

I would like to encourage you to keep all of our servant events for this summer in your prayers. Pray that all the places that need to hear about Jesus will have a team to teach them. May God Bless your Ministry!

Ruth Zellar, Servant Event Coordinator

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Opportunity to Partner

Alaska Mission for Christ is looking for a church to partner long term with the community of Seldovia. There has been a Lutheran Presence in Seldovia for many years, but we presently have the opportunity to go deeper into that community. A partnering church would send short term teams, support year round mission and ministry, help renovate an existing church building and more. This is a unique opportunity for a congregation to make a big impact in a small community. For more information contact Todd: toddroesk@alaskamissionforchrist.org

or call 907-259-5115.

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 Summer and Fall Projects throughout Alaska. The successful applicant will be directly supervised by the Local Mission, have excellent people skills, be able to cross cultural barriers, 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 the right person to replace Ruth as she retires this summer as Servant Event Coordinator.
- Pray that we will connect the right teams with the right communities this summer that there may be a bold witness for Jesus in many Alaskan communities this summer.
- 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 plans start to come together for new ministry in Southwest Alaska. May the Lord lead us to follow his plans as we reach out in this area of the State.
- Pray for Alaska families that the Lord will help those who are struggling with domestic violence and other family issues to come to him and find healing for the sins that destroy their families.
- Pray for Keith Aschenbeck and family as they continue to serve in the Tanana Valley of Interior Alaska.
- Pray for our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as we continue to discuss and pray about the vital ministry of Licensed Deacons. There is a proposal this summer to end Licensed Deacon ministry in the LCMS. May the Lord give our people wisdom as we seek his will in reaching the lost with the Good News of Jesus.

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