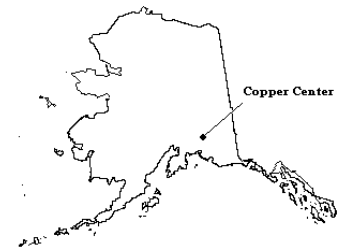


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It wasn't long after Christmas, that we had a young teen girl come and stay with us. Her mother was in Anchorage having some medical procedures done. We thoroughly enjoyed her month long stay.

As she got ready to go back home, a couple of friends asked us if we would be willing to take their two girls. It is a complicated situation, but the parents are trying to better their lives and would like their kids in a "Christian" home. We prayed about it and the next thing we knew we were foster parents and our family had grown from four girls to six.

Then yesterday we got a call that the mother of the girl that had stayed with us last month had a family emergency. She would have to leave the state. They cannot afford to take all three of their children with them so two of them are going to stay with us. So for



Kim cuddles with Amani and Ally. Kyle is reading in the background.

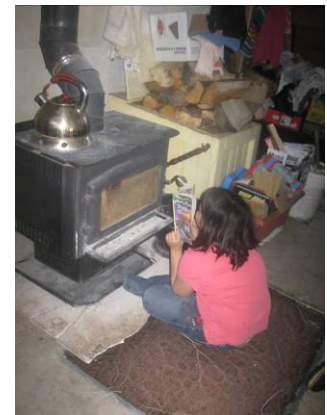
the next week our family will include seven girls and a boy.

You might think we are crazy. I think we are crazy. I think the people that entrust their kids to us are crazy. We are a normal family with struggles and stresses. I get impatient. I get tired and stressed. We sometimes have conflicts.

It is not always fun to try to incorporate others into our life and family.

So why do we do it? I can think of two reasons. First, it is because Jesus said to, "Do onto others as you would have them do onto you." Secondly, God gave us a house. God always blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. Since we have the room to welcome others, when the need arises, we do it.

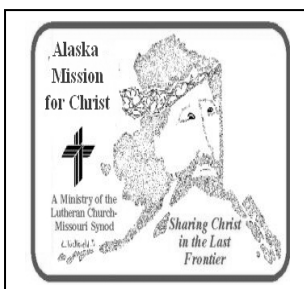
That being said, we would really appreciate your prayers as we adjust to our new family situation. Pray that we will have the energy to hold our family together, as well as, continue our work in reaching out with the Gospel. Pray that we will have patience and pray that we can have lots of fun as we learn and grow together.



Jayna reads by the fire.

Blessings,

*Todd, Kim,
Audrie, Kalae, Karis, Amani, Jayna, and Ally*



Did ya' Know??

...we have two foster children living with us. Ally is almost three and her sister, Jayna is ten years old. Ally will be here for at least a month and Jayna will probably be with us for the next six months.

Todd, Kim, Audrie, Kalae, Karis and Amani Roeske are serving with the Alaska Mission for Christ - a non-profit corporation organized and directed by the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Alaska. Our goal is to facilitate a bold proclamation of Christ in every community in Alaska.

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Audrie Update (19 years old)

Audrie is writing a new story. You can tell how she is feeling by how many people get killed or put into foster care in her story. When she is down, the graveyards and foster homes are full.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all of my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel..."

Join us as we pray...

- ❖ For resolution to our problem with the Day Care Lease agreement. We had to close Mt. Drum Child Care and Development Center because half of our enrolled children moved out of the area. Now we owe on a lease for the next 14 months. Pray that God will provide someone to rent the building or a soft heart to the landlord so we can buy our way out of the lease.
- ❖ For my next trip to the Philippines and China from March 9-March 31. Pray for safe travel and God's blessing as I try to be a blessing to the people I visit. Especially, pray for Kim as she takes care of six kids in my absence.
- ❖ For the Tagakaulo Income Generation and Stewardship project. Rev. Antonio Reyes from the Lutheran Church in the Philippines has started the training for the project. I am looking forward to visiting and seeing the status of the project.
- ❖ For those caught in the web of addiction. Pray that we will be able to show Christ to those who need the hope he offers.

Join us as we give thanks...

- ❖ For God's incredible provision. After we closed the Day Care, our church finances looked pretty bleak. Then we received two large unexpected donations. One was from Ahtna Incorporated, an Alaska native corporation. Thank the Lord for his provision!!!
- ❖ For Sam and Trudi Olivo, and their three daughters, who are praying about coming to work with us in the Copper Valley. Sam will work with me and train to be a Licensed Deacon.
- ❖ For our house and all that we have that God has given us to serve others.

Jesus Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved!

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Kalae Korner (14 years old)

Kalae asked me, "Do you mind when old people drive slow?" "No," I said. "Do you?" "Yes," Kalae explained. "They should drive fast because they only have a little time left."

Karis Kronicle (8 years old)

Kalae was teasing Karis about getting her own eyebrows and other facial parts pierced. Karis said, "You're going to make your face ugly." Kalae responded, "My face already is ugly." "Well," Karis retorted. "You're going to make it uglier!"

Amani Activities (5 years old)

Amani is my exercise bar. She loves to have me bench press her but it is getting more challenging as she grows.

Jayna Journeys (10 years old)

Jayna watches the temperature in the mornings. If it is below zero she gets a ride to the bus stop. If it is 50 below there is no school!

About Ally (2 years old)

Ally loves our puppy. She hugs her, lays on her, and generally tortures her. The puppy doesn't seem to mind though.

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