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## Alaska Mission for Christ August 2011 E-mail Update!

# Would you carry the honey bucket?

By David Grosz, Missionary to Southwest Alaska

The rain was beating against the windows of the small church as the summer storms rolled off of the Bearing Sea. The church was packed with over one-hundred lively children attending the Vacation Bible School. It was a great place to sing, tell stories about Jesus, and work on crafts. The AMC summer ministry team was grateful for this warm dry place to hold its program. The church had all of the necessities except for running water. When staff and children needed to answer the *call of nature*, the answer was in the form of a five gallon bucket. The pastor of the church, without a word, took it upon himself to empty the honey bucket several times each day. This man who was one of the most educated and capable men in the community had taken it upon himself to silently perform this most unsavory chore.



Please join with us in praising God for the many volunteers who travelled to SW Alaska this summer and for all of them who provided their support. Humbly presenting Jesus to children and youth who are surrounded by broken homes, addiction, and early exposure to false pleasures of this world is not easy.

Now that our many summer ministry programs have been completed; join with us in prayer for opportunities to meet with the congregations that support AMC, and for our Lords direction for additional ministry in SW Alaska.

***Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:5-7***

# I LOVE SUMMER

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By Ruth Zellar

Volunteer Coordinator



*Volunteer “Hammer and Nail” team preparing for a 3 hour boat trip.*

What a blessing this summer has been with so many volunteers! There were 437 volunteers that ministered to 4648 children and adults here in Alaska. What a great commitment these people have to take time out of their busy schedules to come to Alaska and share the love of Jesus here.

We were in 52 different villages and communities doing Bible School, Sports Camps and Hammer and Nail projects. I had one team that I assigned to 3 different communities before we found a place where God wanted them. They ended up being a great blessing for that community as there was a great need for some repair on an elders home. The team got real energized as they shared Jesus with the people in that community. The team said that they never knew what a blessing this trip would be. They told me that, “God really is at work in Alaska.” They will be back next year!

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## **Wanted: Long term Volunteer Missionaries.**

Alaska Mission for Christ seeks to make a bold witness for Jesus Christ in every community in Alaska. In order to accomplish that goal, we are looking for long term missionary volunteers to live and serve in small Alaska communities for a year or more. A Volunteer Missionary either raises their own support, finds “tentmaking” employment while doing mission on the side, or has retirement/other income to support their mission. For more information please contact: [toddroske@ilovealaska.net](mailto:toddroske@ilovealaska.net) (907)259-5115

## Would you do a VBS if there were only 10 kids in the village?

“We understand,” the Chitina volunteer team leader agreed. “It is about a lot more than the numbers.” The volunteers who serve in Alaska see the need. They understand that they are needed to share the Gospel with children and adults in small communities. But when they return home, their churches do not always see it the same way.

Congregations ask, “Why should we send a team to Alaska to do a VBS for 15 kids when we can send a team to some country in Asia for less money and do a program for 400 kids?”

A volunteer in Tanacross answered that question this way, “I have been on trips with lots of kids and I have been here to serve just a few. The difference is that in the big groups most of what you do is crowd control. Here you work with kids one on one. You really get to know them and can have an impact with the Gospel.”

With all of the hurting people in rural Alaska, we are very thankful that there are those who recognize God’s call to touch each and every child with the love of Jesus through one on one relationships.

### Please pray with us

✝ Todd had a wonderful opportunity to travel with Rick and Tori Hanson on their boat, “Living Water” as they looked for new opportunities for Alaska Mission for Christ to share the Gospel in Southeast Alaska. Give **thanks** for the Hanson’s wonderful ministry and **pray** that they will be able to continue for many years to come.

✝ Alaska Mission for Christ is looking into the possibility of hiring a volunteer coordinator based in Fairbanks to serve the Northern part of Alaska. **Pray** that the Lord would guide us and provide the financial resources we need to make our hope a reality.

✝ Give **thanks** for the 432 volunteers that served with us to touch over 4000 Alaskans this year. **Pray** that the Lord would take the seeds he has planted and make them bear good fruit!



## **Alaska Mission for Christ Seeks to Make a Bold Witness for Christ in Every Community in Alaska!**