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Dear Friends, *Fall 2020*



What a year this has been so far. I do not know if Linda and I have experienced this much challenge since the days when we arrived in Alaska fifty-one years ago. The past seven months have included for us - as we know it has for many of you - enormous difficulties. Because of COVID-19, nearly everything in the City of Anchorage was shut down for four months only to open for one month and then shut down again for another 30 days. We are currently allowed to open the church building for services again, but only to 50 percent capacity. People are slowly venturing out. Many businesses simply closed permanently, while others are barely hanging on. Our entire summer 2020 outreach on the Yukon Delta had to be canceled because of COVID-19. Alaska's villages do not all have medical services nearby, and as a result, some are still closed to outsiders because of concerns over the virus.



However, God has kept His Church! Not everyone has returned to "in-house" settings, but through new avenues via the internet, our church body has remained strong - even finding additional ways to evangelize. Now with the re-opening of church facilities and the onset of winter, we have **finally** received our last permit from the Municipality of Anchorage to begin repair on the earthquake damage from November 2018. With so much damage in the region, we simply had to get in line for repair work with those engineers and contractors qualified to do it.

We had foundation damage; however, it was not to the extent of threatening the failure of our structure. In so many words the engineer said, "it is safe to occupy the building now, but another earthquake while in this shape would be devastating to the building." They will be using Helical Pile foundation lifts and stabilizers to restore the safety and integrity of the building. This is late in the construction season to begin. Winter is approaching fast, but God has miraculously provided the finances needed for this. Now we're asking Him to give us a smooth and speedy process. Even though our multi-ethnic church which we pastor is open, we are continuing with online services as well for those still uncomfortable venturing out.



We are already making plans for the Camp Agaiutim Nune 2021. Pray with us that Covid does not interfere with summer 2021. We are looking for workers for the camp and for a second cook and maintenance person. If God is speaking to you about a missions outreach in any capacity, we would love to have you come next summer and be a part of a great outreach among the youth of the Yupik Eskimo areas on the Yukon Delta.

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With all this happening at once, we are confident that our God is able, and He is leading. Your faithful prayers and support have enabled us to continue to move forward through all that has and is happening.

Yours for Souls in Alaska,

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