



# ALYESKAN

NEWS & VIEWS

FOR ALASKA'S SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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## Project Polaris Chosen For 13th Sabbath Offering

Laurie Hosey, Youth Director

Camp Polaris, locally known as Junior Camp, has been chosen to receive one-third of the 13th Sabbath Offering in the first quarter of 2015. We are excited and grateful for this blessing. Camp Polaris is located on Lake Aleknagik, near Dillingham, Alaska. It has been operating for 60+ years and was a mission project of the local people who were concerned for the youth in their area. It has blessed many lives and challenged youth to live for Jesus.

The buildings are the target of the 13th Sabbath Offering. A new bath house is in the plans, complete with a steam room for each side; a lodge and cabins are

also on the list and if the offering swells to great proportions, the camp will be able to service children better. We presently have no place for showers, no place to get warm and dry, and two of our older cabins were blown into the lake last winter. The current lodge has holes in the floor, holes in the roof, and birds come and go with the seasons to roost inside. The campers are sleeping on cardboard on old rusted frames, and while they don't complain, we feel that they would be more receptive to the Gospel if they could get a better night's sleep.

If you would like to be a part of this outreach to the children of Dillingham and surrounding areas, please feel free to swell the 13th Sabbath Offering in January 2015 or return funds directly to the Alaska Conference marked "Project Polaris."

We would like to thank you in advance for making it possible for us to reach the children of Bristol Bay with the good news of Jesus' coming and His great love for them. As a young camper touched my heart with her prayer, "Dear God, thank you for sending these people to teach us about Jesus." I would also like to thank you for helping us have the opportunity to do so.



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## Conference Offers Master Plan Training

*Melvin Santos, Pastor-Nashville First Seventh-day Adventist Church*

Alaska Conference leadership invited Dr. Melvin Santos for a General Discipleship training last January for pastors and elders. Then in July, Dr. Santos was invited again to conduct the Advance Pilot Pastors Discipleship in-depth training in Palmer, Alaska.

Almost all of the pastors and lay ministers received additional advanced training and education so they could begin to transform their congregations into "disciple-making churches." The goal of the Conference is to help their members know Jesus more intimately and to teach

them how to partner with God so others too can have the joy, peace of mind, and assurance of salvation.

For those who completed the General and Advanced Discipleship Training, the pastors meet monthly for a Webex internet Discipleship Coaching and Mentoring with Dr. Santos. Pastors are able to receive additional presentations, peer networking, support and accountability through these events. This is vital for those serious about implementing a discipleship platform and making the church a training center for discipleship.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Alaska Executive Committee  
December 7

GYC  
Phoenix, AZ  
Dec 31-Jan 4, 2015

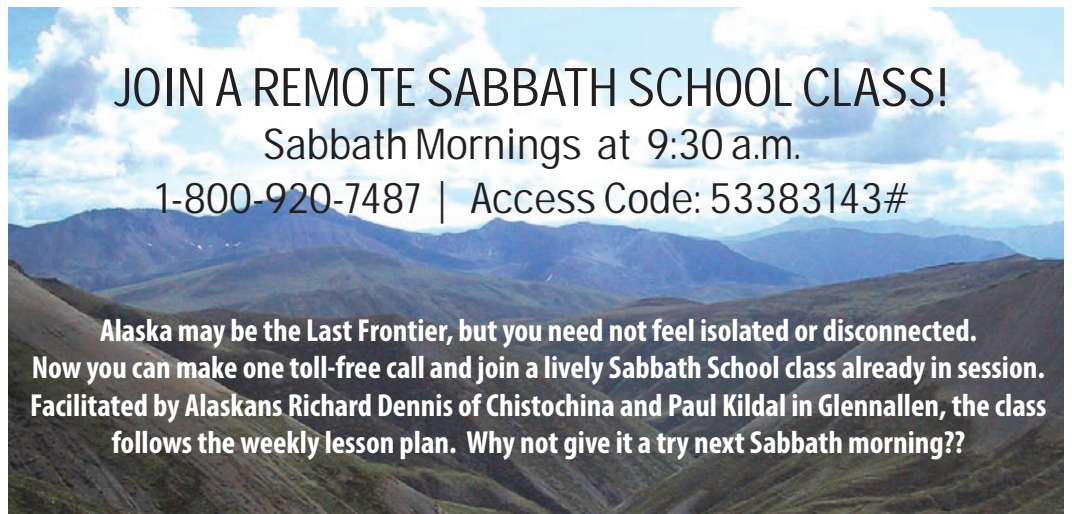
Alaska Conference Leadership Team Retreat  
January 12-14

Board of Education  
January 22

Alaska Executive Committee  
January 25

Alaska Teachers' Meetings  
February 5-8

Faith In Focus (Fairbanks)  
Feb 20-21

**JOIN A REMOTE SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS!**  
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**Alaska may be the Last Frontier, but you need not feel isolated or disconnected. Now you can make one toll-free call and join a lively Sabbath School class already in session. Facilitated by Alaskans Richard Dennis of Chistochina and Paul Kildal in Glennallen, the class follows the weekly lesson plan. Why not give it a try next Sabbath morning??**

# Disruption, Incremental Change or Stability?

Jim Jensen, Vice President-Treasury

What would you think if you saw your company's business drop 65% in one year? This is exactly what has happened to the taxi business in San Francisco, California. Organizations called "ride-sharing companies" have used the new technology of cell phone applications to allow individuals to go through limited training and then make themselves and their vehicles available by app to those needing rides for a fee or suggested donation also processed through the app. There seem to be three main competitors for the taxi business in San Francisco: Uber, Side-car, and Lyft. The disruption that has taken place in San Francisco is happening all over the country. Uber is now operating in Anchorage and over 200 other cities. The app is rather interesting in that it will show that your request for a ride has been accepted and then a map showing where the car is as it moves toward you. Many of the riders say that the new service is less expensive, quicker and user friendly.

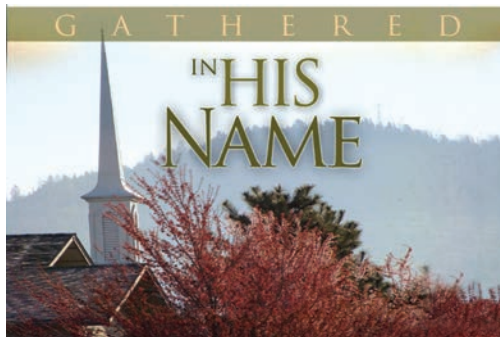
I have a friend who used to attend church with me. He has not been to church in many years, but claims that he can tell you exactly everything that will occur in his former church in the same order that it always has occurred. He also claims he can tell you who will be sitting in which row.

A former pastor of the Forest Lake Church in Florida talks about the needs of a Bible study class of retired adults. He says that the first few years of retirement are an exciting and relaxing time for most of them. But as time goes on, more medical and other problems arise. Often times the body no longer does what it used to or at least not at the same speed. The retirees feel like they are losing control. They end up moving to be near children or into assisted living and they love being able to come to church and see familiar faces. It gives great comfort to be able to repeat Bible stories and lessons that have not changed in thousands of years.

Change is coming, ready or not. Recently one of my high school teachers

passed away. He became an Adventist by listening to the radio. He was listening to a quartet sing that had really good harmony and when the speaker said that they would close with another song in about twenty minutes, he decided to wait through the short talk. Radio was new technology then and he continued to listen to the King's Heralds and the Voice of Prophecy program they were part of. Today the church will have to find new ways to break through the clutter and introduce people to the greatest story ever told.

Does it feel like too much change? Try adding just one thing about every three months. An artistic banner, LED lights, something to surprise my friend who thinks he can predict the whole church experience. But at the same time, let us make sure we have a place in church for those who need the stability of an unchanging God.



Does your financial commitment to God and His Church need Incremental Change, Stability or Disruption?

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and said, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me "Teacher" and "Lord" and you are right, because it is true. And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. How true it is that a servant is not greater than the master. Nor are messengers more important than the one who sends them. You know these things-now go do them!" John 13-12-17  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Arctic Native  
Camp Meeting  
(Nome)  
Feb 27-Mar 1

Bristol Bay  
Camp Meeting  
(Dillingham)  
Mar 13-15

Bethel Camp  
Meeting  
Mar 27-29

Board of Education  
May 14

Alaska Executive  
Committee  
May 17

Alaska Camps  
Tuk Juniors  
Jun 21-29

Alaska Camps  
Tuk Teens  
Jun 28-Jul 5

## Greater Works!

Steven Steenmeyer, Alaska Correctional Ministry Coordinator

In March of this year, I attended the North Pacific Union's biennial Prison Ministry conference in Gladstone, Oregon. I had been invited to teach a seminar on utilizing correspondence Bible studies with inmates who attend our services. In the last two years, laborers in Alaska have enrolled over 1,000 students into Discover



Craig Hamilton (c), Resident Manager, with Greater Works Christian Living Center's "First Fruits"

Bible School courses in the institutions. Each week we continue to enroll 10 to 15 new students. In a typical week, over 100 lessons are reviewed and processed to those who continue with the lesson studies.

As a result, relationships are built with these serious disciples, which in turn leads to an ever growing number of private visits. And once that relationship deepens, we come to understand that we need to do more.



Greater Works Christian Living Center

A number of us became convicted of a need for an ongoing discipleship program available for those that were being released from custody.

Most inmates who are released have nothing, are full of fear, and desperately desire to avoid the likelihood that they will return to their former life. And they will if there is not a "shelter in a time of storm."



Approaching the Greater Works Center

Think about it! In the institutions they have church, shelter, food, clothing, social contact, and institutional work opportunities. When they get out what do we offer them? Church! But too often before they

take advantage of the fellowship with us, they have already been immersed in their former unhealthy environment which contributed to their original fall. Now there are certainly those who follow through with their conviction to avoid the past snares. One such disciple was released last November and his desire to avoid all of his prior associations was so strong that he spent all winter living in his car. Can you imagine how we, on the one hand, were full of awe at the depth of his devotion to his new faith, but on the other hand, were full of despair as we came to realize that we had fallen short of what God has put on our hearts?

So when I attended the conference, my main goal was to attend any seminars that pertained to transitional living programs. God led mightily and swiftly. This month (September) we formed Greater Works Christian Living Center in a 4,700 square foot house here in Anchorage. Two weeks later, we accepted our first resident. Our projections are (based on those disciples who are getting out) that we will be full by November.

On August 16th, I was given the opportunity to preach at the Hillside O'Malley Church. It was a Prison Ministry Sabbath. Two disciples who now attend our church joined me on the platform. It was a moving time as we witnessed the testimony of two formerly hardened souls who have totally given their lives over to the God of love. Both of these fellows now go into the halfway houses sharing weekly what God's power can mean for a submitted child of His. Understandably, an appeal for financial support was made. The response from the Hillside members has been overwhelming, not only financially, but also in furnishing and equipping the Center.

And the word is spreading throughout the Adventist community. Eagle River church members have been responsive, and last Sabbath when I preached at the Talkeetna Church, before church even started, a member came up and handed me a folded up piece of paper saying it

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# Education Update

Laurie Hosey, Education Superintendent



Our education system is experiencing growing pains—what a wonderful blessing, but blessings always come with challenges. The conference was not able to budget additional monies for extra teachers for the 2014-2015 school year, so Palmer, Anchorage and Dillingham decided to move ahead with locally funded positions. The conference is trying to assist them through the YES offering.

Our six schools have opened strong with a total enrollment of 212 students:

Amazing Grace Academy	98
Anchorage Junior Academy	56
Dillingham Adventist School	26
Golden Heart Christian School	14
Juneau Adventist Christian School	10
Sitka Adventist School	8

Several transitions have occurred in our schools this year:

**Anchorage Junior Academy:** AJA welcomes two new teachers: Micah Smith, grades 3-4 and Bethany Reising, grades 5-6.

**Amazing Grace Academy:** AGA has expanded to include 12th grade this year. To accommodate the expansion, Nic Owens has joined the upper grade teaching team.

**Dillingham Adventist School:** Volunteer Laura Leeson is assisting teachers Sueal Cunningham and Rod Rau.

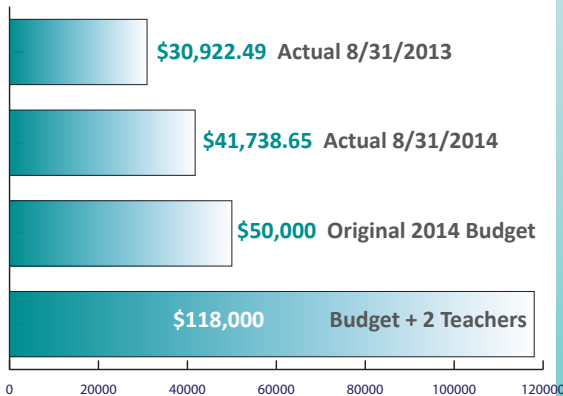
**Golden Heart Christian School:** Diana Knapp has taken over teaching duties at Golden Heart teaming up with her daughter Melinda Ranville who has assisted at GHCS for several years.

Please keep our schools, teachers and students lifted in prayers.

## YES and Thank You!

Jim Jensen, Vice President Treasury

The YES fund has received \$41,738.65 in the first eight months of 2014. This is an increase of 35% or \$10,816.16. Two out of the three schools that requested an additional teacher were able to hire them for the 2014-15 school year. Remember every dollar after the first \$50,000 goes to support these two additional teachers.



## Alaska Youth Prayer Conference

Laurie Hosey, Youth Director

The Alaska Youth Prayer Conference held in Anchorage, Alaska was well attended. The speaker, Greg Taylor, Youth Director for the Wisconsin Conference, challenged those who attended to spend time with God and trust Him in all their needs. Youth from around the conference including Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Palmer united in singing, praying, worshiping and fellowship. We were blessed by the praise worship group led by Matthew Sanvik and the Samoan Choir.

The theme for next September will be “Mission Lifeguard,” how to identify and help people who are spiritually drowning around us. Keep your calendars open, we are praying you can come.



Greg Taylor speaking at Canadian University College

## Life In Savoonga

*Elouise Hawkes, Arctic Mission Adventure Volunteer*

I love the cool crisp mornings of the spring and fall, the mild mornings (40° F) of summer in this arctic village. I love walking along the shoreline by the graveyard or listening to the ocean as



*Elouise Hawkes (L)*

the waves rumble and crash. I love the simple life and the unity within the village. I enjoy trudging along in the snow as the sun glistens like diamonds across the unmarked snow.

Most of all, I love the PEOPLE. Everyone helps each other; they take care of each other and they help take care of us. Daily life in Savoonga can be difficult so you always plan ahead. Winter brings special challenges with



*Winter Whiteout*

blizzard days when you can't go outside because of the STRONG winds and "whiteouts." One time, my husband attempted to go the ten feet from the house door to the door of the church,

but the wind blew him down. I tied a rope to something in the entry way and threw it to him so he could get back into the house!

Savoonga has an air strip, post office, store and a beautiful new school. The



*Savoonga School Gym*

school staff come from the Lower 48, but they only stay one-two years. Some teachers see it as their mission and stay longer; two have been here 12 years.

Daily life is about survival; you must plan ahead for

not just tomorrow, but for next month by making sure you do not run out of supplies/resources. Savoonga has just one store that is outrageously expensive, but

going to the store is where I always see friends.

On a typical day, we may get a phone call early in the morning to come to someone's house because there is a crisis. That usually means a suicide or suicide attempt. I receive many calls like this because I am a registered nurse. I never go to bed at night without having appropriate clothing laid out to put on quickly.

I receive phone calls every day from someone wanting special prayer. Most here believe in God, but many also believe in spirits and dreams. Several times we've prayed to get rid of "evil spirits." I spend time in the church every day, reading, studying, and preparing for the next thing—whether it is Sabbath School, organizing the cabinets, etc. Kids LOVE to come by after school and help me with whatever I am doing. I pray that years from now, those kids will have good memories of things in the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church; that they remember that each one is a child of God and that He loves them, no matter what they could ever do.

Food preparation takes planning. Do I make bread today? Do I cook beans today or is there enough left from yesterday? Do I mix milk today? There is always someone coming by for a meal in our house or asking for food to take home and prepare for their family. I rarely say no to anyone for I feel that you cannot feed the soul until you feed the stomach. Because we represent the church, we frequently have people ask for food and/or clothing items. I give to them out of our personal food supply because our friends and family members often send boxes of food for us to give away. There are always kids coming by at supper time. I know they will come so I plan for it by cooking more than we need for ourselves.

I try to attend as many village functions as possible and I do these things to be a part of the community. I like to attend the high school basketball games with my husband. Sometimes we go to the

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# Shungnak Mission

Anthony Sherman, Arctic Mission Adventure Volunteer



*And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*

To be fair and honest, there has been a church in Shungnak since the late 60's, but like many other villages in Alaska where we had a mission post, many of our facilities had been abandoned and have become run down. My wife Airen and I have been in Shungnak for four years now and have been longing for our old church to have life breathed back into it again. Much like how King Jehoshaphat and Jehoiada the priest set it upon their hearts to "repair the breaches" in the sanctuary, so Airen and I, with the great support and encouragement of our conference, have taken it upon ourselves to repair the Shungnak Church.

We started the process of reinforcing the insulative properties of the church in July 2014 with the help of the Helmuth family from Spokane, Washington, which was a great blessing. We completed nearly all the walls and even were able to apply stucco as well, but still have a bit left to finish. Chet Miller and his wife, Benateta, came to help us in early September and will be finishing up the roof by the time they leave. We also have the Parker family coming to help us during the winter this year and will be joining us in November. With their help, we hope to finish with the underside of the church as

well as the many cosmetic upgrades to the interior that we hope to accomplish. We also had Stan Musgrove build the steps of the church and installed the new windows and door.

There is still much left to do, but God has put it on us and we praise Him for also encouraging our brothers and sisters far and near who have joined themselves to the cause of Shungnak. We want to personally thank each and every one of you who has prayed, helped, and sacrificed time or money to the Shungnak Church. You have helped encourage us and given us hope. We are confident that this church will become an active center for the worship of our Creator. Thank you and God bless you.

If you would like to keep updated on the mission in Shungnak, please email us at [asherman212000@yahoo.com](mailto:asherman212000@yahoo.com) with your full mailing address and we will put you on our monthly Adventist World Aviation Newsletter mailing list.



Shungnak Church Exterior



Volunteer Chet Miller

**COMING SOON!**

# ***THE APPOINTMENT***

**WITH YOUR CHURCH!**

Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
**EVANGELISM DIVISION**



Volunteer Oliver Solomon

# Vacation Bible School Around The State

Laurie Hosey, Youth Director

**BETHEL:** Brooke Reynolds, Wrangell Church



It was a year in the making for the Wrangell SDA Church mission team from planning to implementing a Vacation Bible School (VBS) trip to Bethel. Bake sales, candy bar sales, calendars, car washes, and rummage sales made the funds possible for the trip. A group of seven individuals were blessed to be able to take a creation inspired VBS to Bethel, Alaska. The program ran for five days starting Tuesday night with two kids and finishing Friday night and Sabbath morning with 17 kids, as we talked about the seventh day when God rested. One group member stated, “We went to serve, but instead we were overwhelmingly blessed by the Bethel Church family’s response to us. They gave and gave to us in so many ways until we were just in awe of God’s workings.” Another member shared, “Every night at 6 pm, God provided manna. Whether that was children or food or both!” Wrangell SDA Church mission team was inspired and hopes to make a return trip next year to this loving church family in Bethel.

**ANCHORAGE NORTHSIDE:** Teresa Jensen, VBS Director



Close your eyes and imagine what it would be like to journey with Moses and the Israelites as they took everything they owned with them into the desert. In July, the Northside Church transformed its basement into a desert scene with tents and sand everywhere. Each day the children became part of history as they saw, heard, touched, and tasted what it was like to live in the wilderness! We visited with Moses and discovered some of the hardships he faced, after leaving Egypt. As participants heard Moses stand up for his faith in God, they explored how they can do the same by trusting God in everyday life.

When I think back to my childhood, I remember summers where I got a chance to go to VBS, but I didn’t realize the impact it can have on children until I was grown. As an adult, I started my children’s ministry being a leader of a teen group for VBS. It was fun, but a lot of work and I sometimes wondered if it was worth all the hard work. I got my answer years later when one of the boys from that first VBS stopped me and said, “I know you. You are my VBS teacher. I had so much fun. Remember when ...” I smiled and realized then that VBS does touch children's lives for God and all the hard work was well worth it. Let us always work hard to let our children know how important they are to God and us.

**SAVOONGA:** Elouise Hawkes, VBS Director



VBS in Savoonga was wonderful !!! Attendance was 34 kids on the first day, then 48 to 52 on the next three days with 60 plus kids on Friday. The theme for the week was Giving Gifts. A focal point each day: sharing, caring, grace, forgiveness and the ultimate gift of sacrifice, with love mixed in with each one. We invited parents to attend on Friday and did a little review for them of the week including pledges to the Bible, the Christian flag and the U.S. flag, said memory verses and sang action songs for them. Some of the kids wrote down the name of a gift they could give away. They placed them together in a gift box and read some of them to parents on Friday. Their gifts varied from respect, forgiveness, and washing dishes to helping take care of young siblings. Staff members were Audrey Kulowiya, Wanda Iya, Elouise Hawkes; teen helpers were Ayla Reynolds, Jenny Reynolds, and Jojo. A couple parents stayed with their young children each day. Audrey wrapped a "gift box" with an easy open top. Kids were told that what they would see in that box was VERY, VERY SPECIAL, that nothing else was more special. Each child opened the box individually and saw themselves. Several kids came back the next Monday and wanted to "go to church".



# Be Disaster Aware, Take Action To Prepare

Adventist Risk Management



September was the National Preparedness Month in the United States. Therefore, Adventist Risk Management presents five steps to get prepared before the unexpected happens.

1. **Be Informed** | Learn what protective measures to take before, during and after an emergency.

2. **Make a Plan** | Prepare, plan and stay informed for emergencies.

3. **Build a Kit** | Build a kit for disasters to be prepared.

4. **Get Involved** | Find opportunities to support community preparedness.

5. **Business** | Plan for and protect your business.

To get started with your plan, visit the government disaster preparation webpage at: [www.ready.gov/be-informed](http://www.ready.gov/be-informed). You will find the resources you need to create and implement a plan from the experts.

You can also make use of the resources and checklists at: <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster-safety-library>. Here you will find fact sheets, preparedness checklists, recovery guides and other helpful information to keep you informed and safe.

The Red Cross also has a series of apps. Red Cross Natural Disaster apps provide expert, emergency information when and where you need it.

Source: <http://www.adventistrisk.org/prevention-resources/solutions-newsletter/september/be-disaster-aware,-take-action-to-prepare%E2%80%9D>

## Life In Savoonga (cont. from Page 6)

gym during "open gym". A lot of adults go there and play basketball or volleyball for the exercise and fellowship.

Frequently, young ladies come to talk with me, mostly just to have a neutral person to listen to them. Sometimes, they come to the house or catch up to me on my walks simply to talk. At times it would be about spousal abuse. Often, it was about having to give their newborn baby away. It breaks the mother's heart and they cry and mourn almost as if the baby had died. Their cultural practice of giving their baby away to an older person in the village is not adhered to as much as it used to be.

I have been called on many occasions to come help out in the clinic when it is very busy, after normal business hours. One particular frigid, blizzardy night around 6 p.m., a man accidentally shot himself while putting away his gun and blew his left arm almost off at the ball/socket joint at the shoulder. There were two other emergency situations going on at the same time so I was asked to come help. I did patient assessments, put in IV's, etc. Medevac was coming from Nome to pick up the patient, but due to weather, they could not land. I prayed: *Dear God, it is in Your hands.* This patient was in VERY CRITICAL condition. As an Intensive

Care Unit nurse, I knew if we did not do something quickly, he would die right in front of us. So, in communication with Emergency Medical Services in Nome, we put in a chest tube. The health aide was young in age and experience, but did a wonderful job helping take care of this patient. We finished the chest tube just before the Medevac arrived two hours later from their initial attempt to land. This man is doing well today with one arm and I did only what I would always have done, but to his family it was exceptional. They continued to thank me for a long time afterwards. Their appreciation made me feel GREAT!

Even though life can be a challenge, I love Savoonga. I love the simple life. I love the people. I wish I was younger so I could give my whole life to work in the arctic.



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## Vacation Bible School Around The State (cont. from Page 8)

**FAIRBANKS:** *Ruth Prato, Assistant VBS Director*

“The world is waiting for you. Good luck. Travel safe,” says host Phil Keoghan at the start of every Amazing Race on CBS.

During July, kids ages 6 to 12 faced off in Amazing Race-style contests as part of the annual VBS at the Fairbanks Church. This year’s theme, “Team Jesus’ Amazing Race,” explored the concepts of dedication, discipline, determination, dependence and decoration through a myriad of competitive tasks that challenged participants to strategize, work together and depend on each other to succeed.

Just as the athlete trains his body to the task, focuses his mind on the goal, and dedicates his time and effort to the purpose at hand, this year’s participants discovered the attributes necessary to prepare for and complete the exciting challenges translated to every aspect of the daily Christian race with Jesus.

“We wanted to create a program that would engage younger children as well as older tweens,” says Leola Gillette, VBS director. “I think we accomplished this with the help of the Holy Spirit. The most amazing thing was seeing God’s hand in the details of planning and executing this year’s VBS — great faith-building experience for me personally.”

“VBS is important because children are important to God,” says Ruth Prato, assistant VBS director. “Our goal is to build a relationship with the participants and present an accurate picture of our amazing God, so that they can accept Him into their hearts as their personal Lord and Savior.”

As such, many hours went into planning a VBS that would be challenging, fun and memorable while grounded on biblical principles. Many volunteers generously contributed their time and talents to make this year’s Amazing Race VBS a smashing success. “If every VBS were like this,” said one child, “I’d come every year.”

Have you considered leading VBS in your church? God will equip you with all the resources, tools and volunteers you need. Don’t hesitate! Jesus said, “You are to go to all the world and preach the Good News to every person.” (Mark 16:15)

The world is waiting for you.

# Alaska Camps: Guarding Lives For Another Season

Laurie Hosey, Alaska Camps Director



Mission Lifeguard was the theme for Alaska Camps this 2014 summer season. As the camp staff moved from Camp Tukuskoya near Big Lake, to Camp Polaris near Dillingham and then on to the Palmer Campmeeting grounds and finally Camp Lorraine near Wrangell, Alaska, they carried their mission to 163 campers, numerous adults and curious onlookers.

Mission Lifeguard is based on a book by the same name and authored by Steve Case. Our chaplain and pastor James Ellison the Great, inspired us to look at ourselves as lifeguards, alive at this moment, to rescue those around us that could be spiritually drowning.

We were blessed with the baptism of three youth at Camp Tukuskoya, performed in true airplane runway style, by Aaron Payne. All but three of the 163

campers responded positively to the call to follow Jesus.

The camp staff faced some real challenges at Camp Polaris when they had to team together and get two staff and a camper off the mountain who had challenging medical conditions. They worked together and did what they were told even in exhausting times. They learned that as lifeguards, sometimes, “The life you save could be your own.”

The prayer I remember the most was offered by a small camper. “Dear God, thank you for sending these people to tell us about Jesus.”

Mission Lifeguard accomplished.



## Greater Works (cont. from Page 4)

was a donation for the Center. I put it in my case. As I was driving back to Anchorage to conduct a service at the jail, I thought I'd open it. I had to control the wheel as my eyes saw the figure of \$1,000. Oh, the time of praise was wonderful as I made calls to other laborers to share the news with them! We thank all who have, through God's leading, become co-laborers with us.

We would welcome the opportunity to bring a Prison Ministry Sabbath to your church. One elderly member at Hillside came up to me after and said, “This was the best Sabbath I have ever attended!” Folks, she has to be 80 years old! We know that what is occurring is nothing short of miraculous and is consistent with our Lord's commandment in Matthew 28:18-20.

In Acts 19, we find Paul, who has come to Corinth, and finding 12 weak disciples, explains the way of the Lord concerning the Holy Spirit and re-baptizes them. In verse 8, we see Paul teaching in the synagogue, but when the multitude turns against the believers, Paul takes a critical step (verse 9), “He departed from them and withdrew the disciples...” And in verse 10 we see how God used that: “And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia, heard the word of the Lord Jesus...” Do you see that it was not Paul who took the word throughout Asia? It was these Spirit-filled, formerly weak, disciples. And it was as a result of Paul, following the prompting of the Holy Spirit, in withdrawing the disciples from the world and those who would have taken them out of the faith.

That's what this is all about. We invite you to join us in this adventure. Prior to our organization as a non-profit corporation, all donations are being received by the Hillside O'Malley Seventh-day Adventist Church. Mark your contributions “prison ministry” whether they are sent by mail or online. If you'd like to communicate with us, you may email me at [stevens@gci.net](mailto:stevens@gci.net) or call me at 907-301-4377. If you'd like to listen to the presentation of August 16, you may do that at the Hillside O'Malley Church website or contact us and we will mail you a copy of the CD.

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## Help Us Say YES! To Youth In Alaska

*Ken Crawford, President*



On January 7, 2011, the Alaska Executive committee set up a new financial track for funding our priorities for the next five years. Their vote was to designate funds for the following: **Y**outh/young adult ministry in Alaska, **E**vangeli**S**m for children, Pathfinders and youth camps, and **S**chools in Alaska: Christian education programming that will enhance the spiritual growth of students in Alaska, thereby creating the **YES** fund.

This new giving track was designed to replace the old track of "Conference Advance" and was specifically designed to focus on our youth and education. These funds flow through the conference, but are not a part of our regular budget and therefore considered a "special offering." The conference does not use these funds. They are restricted for these specific areas in the following percentages: **Y**outh/young adult programming: 53%, **E**vangeli**S**m for children, Pathfinders and youth camps: 17% and **S**chools in Alaska: 30%. In 2013, youth/young adults ministry received \$27,000, six schools received \$15,000 and youth camps received \$8,500.

**Watch for the YES DVD coming to your church!**

### Our Current Challenge

We currently have our two largest growing schools (Palmer and Anchorage) that have stepped out in faith and hired an extra teacher without a funding source from the conference as we do not have funds in the budget. The cost for the conference portion of the subsidy would be an additional \$68,000. The Executive Committee has requested that any available **YES** funds for 2014 over our designated budget help fund these two additional positions.

We would like to appeal to the sisterhood of churches to help fund these growing schools. Please consider giving generously to the **YES** fund offering for the last quarter of 2014 making sure to mark your tithe envelopes appropriately. In addition, you can give online by visiting [www.alaskaconference.org](http://www.alaskaconference.org) and click on the "online giving" link or go direct to <https://www.adventistgiving.org/login/Login.aspx>. Please note you will need to establish a personal account to use this service.