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NEWS & VIEWS

FOR ALASKA'S SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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AI "YES" Kan (All! Yes! Can!) (Can all? YES!) (Yes, all can!)

Laurie Hosey, Director of Education

Good news Alaskan Adventists! Our schools are on an upswing in their evangelistic thrust. God has been sending students to our schools so they can connect with God-fearing teachers that share the gospel in simple terms, so the children in Alaska can have a clear understanding of how much God loves them. The good news is that AL-YES-KAN! have a part in the kingdom that will be here shortly.

You too can have a part in the exciting things that are happening. Prayer is the number one starting position everyone can be in. Then there is the financial aspect: you can support this outreach through the Youth-Evangelism-Schools (YES) fund.

There seems to be some confusion over the YES funds offering collected on the fourth Sabbath of every month. The confusion comes sometimes from a misunderstanding about how those funds are used, how much you can put in that fund, or how often you can contribute to that fund.

Well, be in the dark no longer! You can contribute to the YES fund anytime you want and there is NO LIMIT on how much you can give. The funds will go

to assist in operating our schools, which currently need three more teachers, and it will help our summer camp program and youth activities. You can also get a tax receipt. Don't delay, get in on the action today.

YES-al-kan have a part of the action! YES!

Don't Miss Out On **ALASKA CAMPS!**

Camp Tukuskoya

Juniors June 22-29 | Teens June 29-July 6

Camp Polaris

July 13-19

Camp Lorraine

August 3-10



To get the application, visit
www.alaskacamps.org

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What Are You Teaching?

Laurie Hosey, Director of Education

It has been said that, “Everyone teaches something.” This saying causes me to ponder and question to myself, “What am I teaching?”

It is easier to discover what others around me are teaching. As I visit Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) schools in Alaska, I have been challenged and impressed with what is being taught formally and what is being taught just because, “Everyone teaches something.”

Often it is not what is being taught through our written curriculum, but through our unwritten actions that makes the biggest impact and has the loudest voice.

I think that is one reason I firmly believe in Adventist education and it is a reason I love the teachers in the Alaska Conference. It is not what they are teaching, it is rather what they are TEACHING that is making a difference in their communities. If you are not a part of one of these schools, don’t hesitate to join a school community, if only through prayer, because YOU ARE TEACHING SOMETHING, whether through action or inaction. GO ye therefore and TEACH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's
Ministries Retreat
May 2-4

K-10 Board of Ed
June 5

Executive
Committee
June 8

Interior Camp
Meeting
June 20-22

Alaska Camps:
Tuk Jrs
June 22-29

Tuk Teens
June 29-July 6

Camp Polaris
July 13-20

Camp Lorraine
August 3-10

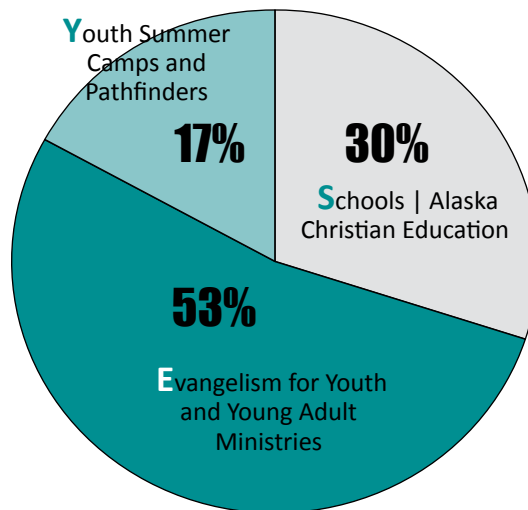
Men's Retreat
July 18-20

Above And Beyond 100%

James Jensen, Vice President Treasury

As you have read, many of our schools are growing and overflowing. There is a need for additional teachers and your Alaska Conference Executive Committee wants to put renewed focus on our YES offering funds. In a special February meeting, it was decided that any additional funds that are raised over the original budget will go toward helping each of the three most overcrowded schools hire an additional teacher. That’s right—100% of all dollars above that will be used to help hire teachers. Will you help make space for the next child to learn about Jesus in a Christian school?

The first \$51,000 of YES funds received are distributed as follows:



YES funds over \$51,000 are dedicated

100%
to teacher hiring!



Dillingham Adventist School

Sueal Cunningham, Teacher

At the head of Nushagak Bay and at the mouth of the Wood and Nushagak Rivers in Bristol Bay, is the city of Dillingham which borders the largest remaining wild salmon fishery in the world. It is here you will find the SDA school in southwest Alaska.

Dillingham Adventist School is a three-teacher school currently servicing 32 students; only three are Adventist and 11 Alaska Natives. This school year we were pleased to welcome (all the way from Spain) the new 1st-6th Grade teacher and his wife and also our returning Pre-School and Kindergarten teacher from the Island of Jamaica making us truly 'international'.

Through the continuing help and protection of the Master Teacher and various well wishing friends, the school will end the year with a rebuilt teacherage, which suffered severe fire damage,

and a new gymnasium. Despite recent challenges, delays, and troubles with both building projects, we can truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". 1 Sam 7:12

We believe education is "... the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come..." Education, pg 13

May God grant us the continuous zeal, strength, and knowledge we need to prepare His children.

Come visit us sometime!



Dillingham School



Dillingham School's New Gym

The Academy Whole Foods Market

Boyde Hosey, Anchorage Junior Academy Principal

What is The Academy Whole Foods Market all about? Anchorage Junior Academy (AJA) was looking at a way to start a work-study program that would help out the community as well. The program had to be one that the staff was experienced in and could be organized without a lot of extra work. Natural foods topped the list as a way to provide customers with an outlet to buy quality foods at prices that would be the best in Anchorage. With that in mind, AJA has started a small store with plans to grow larger as demands are met.

The market sells Worthington, Loma Linda and other brand name products at lower 48 Adventist Book Center prices; we are able to offer competitive pricing because of low overhead expenses, but only your support will help us keep the prices down. We have committed to buy certain quantities which helps reduce costs. Now all that is needed is to sell the products to **you** at prices that can't beat. If you have a specific product that you

would like us to carry, feel free to ask and, if possible, we will carry it in the store. Some of the items we carry are pictured below. Please help us make this store a success!



Fishless Tuna \$1.65



Big Franks \$6.59



Dinner Roast \$14.99



Vege-Burger \$6.25



Meatless Smoked Turkey \$25.00



Linkettes \$6.59



Wham Dinner Roll \$25.00



Fried Chik'n \$4.95

The Academy Whole Foods Market
at Anchorage Junior Academy
5511 O'Malley Road
Hours: Monday - Thursday 3:15-4:15

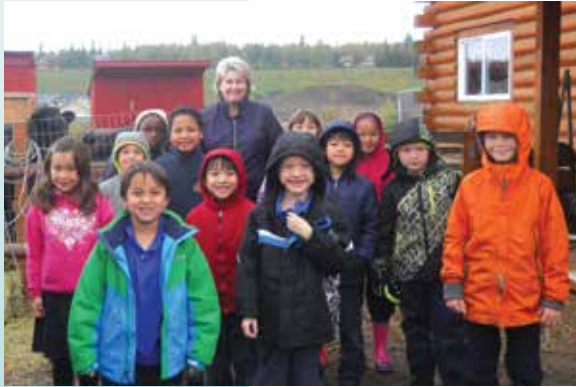
"Really God"... "Yes, Really!"

Kim Purvis, Anchorage Junior Academy Teacher

Greetings to the beautiful people of Alaska!

My name is Kim Purvis and I teach the first and second grades at AJA. This is my story (so far!).

In March of 2010, I received the most devastating news! The president of the Alaska Conference was coming to my home in Michigan. He was going to interview my husband for an open position in his office. I reminded my husband



that when we were married, I clearly stated that "I would visit Alaska-but never live there!" However, my plans did not match God's plans. So, at the end of July 2010, I found myself

riding along the Al-Can Highway looking anxiously for a Taco Bell or Olive Garden, only, after many hours, to find "Buck-Eye Bettie's!" I cried, "Oh God, where in the world are you taking me?" Well, I found out soon enough.

President Ken Crawford told me about the school "down the road" and thought I would be the perfect person to teach there! Well now, I hadn't taught school in 16 years and I had other ideas for my new life in Alaska. But again, God let me know that my plans didn't match His plans. I agreed. In August, I found myself cleaning, hauling off loads of trash, and painting a classroom (lime pop!) and within two weeks, I was standing before a class of first through fourth grade students. Oh my! What had I gotten myself into? To make a very long story, very short, I will let you know that God and I had many spirited conversations during the first several years here in Alaska. I will be the first to admit, it has been a very real learning experience for me.

Teaching, in the 21st century, is very different from 25 years ago. I

was in for a real awakening! I believe Satan is fast at work and is doing all he can to destroy the church. By wrecking the family unit and then in turn, trying to destroy each child for whom Jesus died. Some of the stories I hear from my students today are precious and some make me sad. They see and hear so much evil; it is shocking to me, but becoming normal for many of them. I praise the Lord for giving me patience, kindness, and love in my heart for the people of Alaska, especially the children. I must say how blessed and grateful I am for all the love, care, and support that I have been given in this church and community.

I am all about academic excellence; however, true education is so much more than reading and math. Although, they are very important, knowing Jesus is what makes all the education in the world worthwhile. It's because Jesus lives, that we can face each tomorrow. Every day begins with singing praises to God. Oh, for the children to keep a spiritual song in their heart will do more good than any medication. I love to sing with my students. In fact, we may break out into song at any time! I love the fact that we can just openly talk about God during any subject area throughout the day. And, we can pray. We pray at different times especially when the need arises between students.

I am blessed to have a great group of students. Learning with all our senses has always been integrated in my classroom. It's wonderful when we all learn new and

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News from Golden Heart Christian School



Getting Physical!

Sam Ranville, Golden Heart Christian School Student

One thing our school does for exercise on Tuesday and Thursday is cross-country skiing. Some students have their own equipment and the rest borrow equipment. Our school is right next to a golf course. In the winter they have a ski trail that goes around the course. We only ski on the golf course when there aren't enough adult chaperones, otherwise we ski on the well-groomed University of Alaska Fairbanks ski trails across the street from the school.

Rumors

Laurie Bartlett Golden Heart Christian School Student

Rumors have a bad way of spreading.
Whether it be from you to me or me to you,
When you hear it, your mood may turn blue.

You may whisper it to someone else,
Until it goes from person to friend,
But remember, rumors never will be able to bend.

They're mighty scary, from one story to another,
And some of them may be about your friend's brother!

They'll spread like weeds,
Never able to be tamed.
They're nasty little deeds,
Oh boy, you must be ashamed!

So stay out of this rumor business, for I can tell
That you'll be happier and you'll feel swell!

Jesus

Patricia Marsh, Golden Heart Christian School Student

Since He is the Son of Man
Working for the Lord
He has a plan
To have us all on board
Working for the Lord
Something to look toward
To have us all on board
To be restored
Something to look toward
Jesus will help us
To be restored
Don't worry about the fuss
Jesus will help us
He has a plan
Don't worry about the fuss
Since He is the Son of Man.

JOIN A REMOTE SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS!

Sabbath Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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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??

"Amazing" Community Outreach

Rick Jordan, Amazing Grace Academy Teacher

On Friday morning, December 13, the 90 students enrolled at Amazing Grace Academy loaded up in cars to go on a field trip. They were headed for the Target store in Wasilla to go Christmas shopping! This might sound like an unusual field trip and it was. For the second consecutive



school year, the students were going to buy presents for other kids. It was part of the school's annual Spirit Week activities.

Here's how it works: Each day during Spirit Week, each student is asked to bring one dollar

to school. This money is collected daily and by the end of the week hundreds of dollars have come in to be used to buy Christmas presents for others. Many families and other interested individuals also donated to this project, so that by the end of the week over \$800.00 had been collected. This money would be spent on gifts for children who have been recently placed in foster care or moved to a new foster family. Often these children face holidays away from their families; by getting a special gift they will feel that they are still cared about and loved.

On the day of the shopping trip, students were divided up into groups

of about six, with an upper grade student assigned as group leader and the keeper of the \$55.00 they were given to spend. Believing that kids know best what other kids would like, student groups could shop anywhere in the store and could spend the money on anything they wished without adult input. At the checkout counters, they unloaded carts filled with toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals and other things designed to delight children.

When the students returned to school, everyone met together in the church to present them to Mrs. Betsy Woodin, the director of the Alaska Center for Resource/Families for the Mat-Su valley. She expressed her gratitude to them for their act of unselfish kindness and thanked them on behalf of all the children who would benefit from it.

Students are already looking forward to doing this again next year, building on a tradition of showing loving kindness for others.



Secondary Students "Feed the Need"

Rick Jordan, Amazing Grace Academy Teacher

"How can we get our older students to become more involved and interested in community service? That is a question which challenges many teachers every year. Seeking an innovative solution to this dilemma, Kasey Thomason, an upper grade teacher at Amazing Grace Academy in Palmer, challenged his 9th and 10th graders to



come up with a project to help others. They decided to do something about hunger in the Mat-Su valley. Called "Feed the Need", the plan they came up with was to provide food boxes for 20 families in the area. Dividing into smaller work groups, the class made plans for publicity, solicitation of food and money, identification of families in need and distribution of boxes.

Working diligently, they approached local businesses for food donations and

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Palmer's Vision is Good for All of Alaska

Aaron Payne, Palmer Church Pastor



Alaskans have been praying for a twelve-grade academy in our own state for over fifty years. Long ago, Adventists Alaskans understood the need to educate our youth at home instead of sending them away to the lower 48. Today fewer and fewer families are willing, or able to send their teenage children to boarding schools out of state. This leads to either having our families move out of state looking for Adventist education or turning to the public school system.

The Palmer SDA Church is still dreaming and fervently praying for a twelve-grade academy and we are closer than ever to achieving this dream.

Once again God has proven Himself faithful by blessing "exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think". In the last five years our school, Amazing Grace Academy, has grown from 21 to 95 students! Also, one year at a time, we have been adding grades 9, 10, and 11. Our goal is to offer 12th grade next year! With added grades comes the need for additional teachers. We need another teacher for next year, but it's unclear where the extra funding will come from for that position.

But that's not all that God has been doing. Realizing the necessity of having a gymnasium for our students to run and play during inclement weather, our church

stepped out in faith and began fundraising for a gym. We knew we couldn't raise \$1.5 million on our own so we prayed that God would help us to find others who believed in our vision for Adventist education. Remembering what Paul said in Romans, "if God is for us who can be against us" we began to pray. In less than two years God has blessed us with \$775,000! About half of that amount has come from outside of our church. We have received monetary gifts from 17 states and Canada.

Our plan is to build as we have the money. At this point we have the gym walls and roof up. God is amazing.

Would you be willing to join us in praying that Alaska's dream of having our own 12 grade academy would soon be realized? Would you join us in asking that God would continue providing the needed money to finish our gym? My desire is that all Seventh-day Adventists in Alaska join us in prayer so that when the dream comes to fruition we can all celebrate!

For additional information please go to www.ouralaskandream.com.



Secondary Students "Feed the Need" (cont. from Page 6)

put on skits in several local SDA and non-SDA churches which highlighted the needs of hungry families. Throughout the month of November, food was collected and boxes made up. Each box contained enough food for a complete traditional Thanksgiving meal tailored for the size of the family. A copy of Steps to Christ and a letter explaining who provided the food and offering information about the local school and church families was also included.

The week before Thanksgiving the boxes were delivered . . . and delivered. . .

and delivered. When all the donations had been collected, 29 boxes of food had been delivered to grateful families, and extra money which came in later was given to another local family in need. Students had the privilege of delivering the food and offered to pray with each recipient. They were gratified to see the positive responses they received from so many hungry families. The students saw first-hand what a difference a small group of dedicated people can do to make a difference in their community.

Juneau School Small But Blessed

Nickie Romine, Head Teacher

Juneau students had a busy first semester! God has blessed our school and students in so many ways. Among the many things that they experienced were field trips to Coastal Helicopters, Glacier Gardens to study local plants, and the State ferry Aurora. Fish and Game representative Tennie Bentz came for wildlife presentations, and helped us sent up observation cameras in the woods to study local wildlife during the month of October. For mission outreach, the school, along with the church, sent 13 shoe boxes for the Mungulini Mission



School. They also baked cookies for and sang at Wildflower Court, one of our local care facilities.

But the most amazing miracle is that with just five students, the Lord continues to keep our school running. Through the great sacrifice of our church and the belief in this mission outreach, we continue in faith. Our Alaska conference has blessed us with a new TV, funds toward a badly needed new playground, and wonderful support. Our cup is full and overflowing with his goodness and love!

"Really God"... "Yes, Really" (cont. from Page 4)

exciting lessons together. In fact, we have so many questions to ask God about science and our solar system. Heaven is a very real place in my class and I am so grateful that

my students have been able to meet Jesus and get to know Him better at school. We have big plans to meet by the "golden gates" of heaven. The students have each made commitments to Jesus Christ and what a joy to know that I was able to see this evangelism fulfilled firsthand.

You wouldn't recognize our school today from four years ago. We have 65 students and growing. Every day is filled with learning, play, and happiness that can only be found with Jesus. This is truly God's school—a light to the Anchorage community. It is alive and well, marching forward to meet the King!

Now, my husband says, "I know why we had to move here, it wasn't because of me at all. You're the reason God brought us to Alaska!" Now, my new line is, "I'm never going to move to Hawaii!"

Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus

**Men's Retreat | July 18-20, 2014
with Speaker Tony Moore**

Elder Tony Moore was born in Orlando and has been a committed follower of Jesus Christ since 1972 when he was converted at a Rolling Stones concert in Charlotte, NC. He has served as a Bible Instructor, Church Planter,



Pastor, Pittsburgh Project Coordinator and Senior Pastor of the Shadyside Church, Senior Pastor of Norwalk Church in Southern California, and NAD Evangelism Ministries Director for It Is Written.

Discover Bible School Sows The Word of Knowledge

Tina Steenmeyer, Conference Discover Bible School Coordinator



The Alaska Conference is committed to educating our communities about the message of salvation. One of the tools we use is the Discover Bible School (DBS). In late January, a “Special Gift” enrollment card was mailed to the Anchorage area. In this mailing we included our online DBS enrollment information and by February 3rd we had over 25 enrollments online; by the end of February we had just under 200 and to date 383!

There are many who are interested in learning about the Bible truth and what the Scriptures teach by subject. We are very thankful to be able to offer them Bible studies using DBS. In fact, with this mailing, we are experiencing one out of every 300 as a response rate!

We are praying for people who have a heart for ministry, but perhaps don't know how the Lord can use them in evangelism. The Holy Spirit does the work THROUGH us. We merely say, ‘yes Lord, use me!’

I'll share with you a question I received on an answer sheet that was returned. The student asked, “Why does God take the Best and leave the Worst?”

This question did not pertain to the lesson at all and I struggled to know how to respond. After praying, I wrote the answer God placed on my heart and the next answer sheet came back with, “Thank you for your letter, I now have peace.” This student has asked to be baptized and is studying towards to that end.

Please pray to the Lord about serving Him and helping in this wonderful outreach He has given to us. Whether processing lessons, visitation, funding resource materials, or praying for souls there is a rewarding ministry opportunity awaiting the willing laborer.



How would you like to have a Team go to an arctic village and put on a Vacation Bible School (VBS)?

Many adult Alaskans trace their conversion experience to their first exposure to Christ in VBS. We are looking for teams willing to travel to villages this summer.

WOULD YOUR CHURCH BE WILLING TO SPONSOR A VBS TEAM?

Email alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org



I Must Be About My Father's Business

SOUTHCENTRAL CAMP MEETING

JULY 22-26, 2014



Tony Moore
Host/Author
The Biblical World



Brenda Walsh
General Manager/Host
NEW 3ABN Kids Network



Emily Felts Jones
Musician



Melvin Santos
Pastor, Nashville
First SDA Church



Daniel R. Jackson
NAD President of
Seventh-day Adventists

Medical Staff Needed

If you plan to attend camp meeting and are willing to help provide medical coverage, please contact the conference office at 907-346-1004 or by email at alaskainfo@ac.npuc.org.

International Potluck is back at Camp Meeting!

Korean / Chinese Italian / Filipino

Mexican / Spanish Samoan / Island

All American

Pick a theme, make a dish and bring to camp meeting for the potluck on Sabbath, July 26th.

Meeting Schedule

Please note schedule is subject to change



Adults

All meetings occur in the main auditorium unless otherwise indicated

TIME	Tuesday July 22	Wednesday July 23	Thursday July 24	Friday July 25	Sabbath July 26	
7:00-7:45 a	CAMP PITCH	Morning Devotional	Morning Devotional	Morning Devotional	7:00-7:45 a	Morning Devotional
8:00-8:45 a		BREAKFAST			8:00-8:45 a	BREAKFAST*
9:00-10:15 a		Ken Crawford			9:15-10:40 a	Sabbath School
10:30-11:45 a		Dr. Melvin Santos			11:00-12:30 p	Divine Worship Elder Dan Jackson
12:00-1:00 p		NOON MEAL			1:00-2:30 p	INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL
1:15-2:15 p	GUEST CHECK-IN	Brenda Walsh			3:00-5:00 p	Musical Concert
2:30-3:30 p		Tony Moore				
3:45-5:00 p		Women's Ministry Brenda Walsh				
5:30-6:30 p	EVENING MEAL				5:30-6:30 p	EVENING MEAL*
7:00-9:00 p	Tony Moore			Dan Jackson	7:00-9:00 p	Dan Jackson

*Meal service begins Tuesday evening; there is no cafeteria service on Sabbath.

Children & Teens Meeting Schedule

DEPARTMENT	LOCATION	WEEKDAYS	SABBATH
Teens Ages 13-18	Teen Tent	10:00 a-12 p 2:30-5:00 p 7:00-9:00 p	9:15 a-12:30 p 7:00-9:00 p
Juniors Ages 10-12	Junior Tent	10:00 a-12 p 2:30-5:00 p 7:00-9:00 p	9:15 a-12:30 p 7:00-9:00 p
Primary Ages 7-9	Primary Tent	10:00 a-12 p 2:30-5:00 p 7:00-9:00 p	9:15 a-12:30 p 7:00-9:00 p
Kindergarten Ages 4-6	School	10:00 a-12 p 2:30-5:00 p 7:00-9:00 p	9:15 a-10:45 a 7:00-9:00 p
Beginners Ages 0-3	School	10:00 a-12 p	9:15 a-10:45 a

Teens, Juniors, Primary & Kindergarten begin Tuesday evening; Beginners start Wednesday morning. Please note there is no afternoon or evening session for Beginners. Beginner Parents, please remain with your child.

Young Adults

with Jake Wilkinson (Meets in School Gym)		
Tuesday-Friday 7:00-9:00 pm	Sabbath	9:15-10:45 am 11:00-12:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm

Kids! Don't Miss
Story Time with Miss Brenda
7:00-7:30 pm each evening
Beginners Classroom | Ages 0 - 9

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