



**ALASKA CONFERENCE
OF SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTISTS**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

JUNE/ JULY 2008

CONFERENCE NEWS

Camp Meetings

Interior Camp Meeting: June 20-22—Harding Lake, 50 miles east of Fairbanks



Pastor Hal Thompson, Vice President of the North American Division, was the guest speaker at our Interior Camp Meeting. His wife Judy works for the *Review and Herald* and accompanied him. Delta Junction, Tok, Fairbanks, North Pole and Valdez were all represented. It was an excellent camp meeting. I really enjoyed the tag-team approach to special music and sharing on Sabbath afternoon.

South Central Camp Meeting: July 15-20—Palmer Campground

This is my fifth camp meeting and they just keep adding blessings. Pastor Jose' Rojas was our featured evening speaker for this camp meeting. Record crowds attended each session and the seminars seemed to be greatly appreciated. Marvin Moore's seminar on end-time events and the health emphasis in the afternoon by Dr. Elvin Adams were both well-attended. Some of the most gratifying results were from a seminar on prayer by Donna Kutzner.

One member wrote: "I wanted to thank you and all your staff for such a wonderful camp meeting and for the books on prayer you handed out Saturday night (I'm almost through the one on "Power of Prayer"). The whole camp meeting was such a blessing to us and we know how much work goes into planning such an event."

Constituency at Camp Meeting 2008

The 2008 Constituency followed on the Sunday after camp meeting and was finished with the election of all officers and conference business by noon. Our constituency video was welcomed and received high praise. It will be available in a partial format on NW Mission spotlight and in a full format to all churches in Alaska.

A thank you to all the churches who sent delegates and to the conference secretaries who untiringly helped with this event. The next one will be 2012.

Southeast Camp Meeting: August 1-3 —Vank Island, Camp Lorraine

The weather cooperated by blessing our camp meeting in Southeast with several beautiful days. Guests arrived from a number of churches in Southeast Alaska. Most of the camp meeting participants were transported to the Island on the newly donated boat, the "Horizon Light"



New Bathhouse:

Dr. Rebecca Cody from Georgia organized and planned for a group of over 30 people to come to Vank Island and build a new bathhouse at Camp Lorraine. The finished facility is very nice. A heartfelt thanks to James and Dan for their tireless organization and continued work. The first Friday was spent in scrambling to get toilets, showers and sinks working in the brand new bathhouse. The construction of the bathhouse was accomplished in about 10 days by a volunteer group from North Carolina with volunteer teams of about 35 people.

Our camp meeting speaker was Leon Anderson of Kettle Falls in Washington.



**Pastor Ken Crawford
Conference President**

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Around the Alaska Conference

Suicide Prevention Pilot Project

We had chosen Savoonga as our target for our Suicide Prevention Pilot Project and we have a couple from North Carolina coming to the village in September to look at the potential of relocating there. Bill and Eloise Hawkes are both retired nurses. Bill's specialty is working with depression recovery in Vietnam vets. We solicit your prayers for this endeavor.

Togiak Completion

The church/parsonage combination at Togiak took a major step toward completion with a donation at camp meeting of over \$15,000 in one offering. This should complete the exterior and go toward preparing the parsonage for its first occupants.

Transitions

Pastor Rick Binford will be moving from the Nome district to northern Wisconsin. He has served for over six years in the Nome, Gambell/Savoonga district and has been a wonderful contributor to the work there. He will be leaving in September. Pastor Mel Matthews has accepted an invitation to pastor there. He has a number of years of experience living in Nome and servicing the villages. He will be arriving in October.

Pastor Dave Crockett has accepted an invitation to pastor the Sandy church in the Oregon Conference, The Palmer church will miss his leadership. We are currently gathering names for a list to replace Pastor Dave in the Palmer church.

Evangelism and Upcoming Events

September is Stewardship Emphasis Month

The Alaska Conference pastors have agreed to highlight every Sabbath in September with an emphasis in each church on the need of faithfulness to God with our material blessings.

Your pastor will probably be presenting sermons next month in this vital area of God's leading. Please contact us if we can help you with resources if you are preaching any of those Sabbaths.

Prayer Conference (with Bible Worker Training)

We are planning a weekend training event for our emphasis on "getting into the Bible" and the power of prayer in our lives and our work. The event will start at **7:00 pm, Friday evening September 19th at the conference office and finish Sunday at 5:30 pm.** The conference is open to all who are willing to take on the commission of prayer over the next four years. We hope to send forth many prayer warriors when we are done. All elders are especially invited and encouraged to attend, as well as Bible Workers. It will be a blessing to your leadership.

ShareHim Mission Trip to Tanzania

ShareHim leaders are busy organizing an overseas mission trip to Africa. They will participate in a seven site evangelistic series. For more information contact Cheryl Dunn at email: eaglechick7@gmail.com

Palmer Evangelism

Palmer Church is launching an innovative approach to evangelism. Starting the weekend of January 9th and 10th, there will be three consecutive weekends with emphasis on vital subjects that will be of interest to the public. The weekend subjects will be on Evolution/Creation with Dr. Chadwick, Archeology with Dr. Herr, "Left Behind Series" with speaker Pastor Lynn Bryson and "Modern Spiritualism" with Pastor Steve Wohlberg. These weekends will be followed by a full Bible series for the next month. Please keep them in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

26 NPUC President's Council

SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day Holiday-office closed

19-21 Prayer Conference/Bible Worker Training

OCTOBER

16-18 Executive Comm. Retreat
23-26 NPUC Academy Bible Conf.

NOVEMBER

9-15 Week of Prayer & Fasting
27-28 Thanksgiving-office closed

For a complete listing of events, visit www.alaskaconference.org

OFFERING SCHEDULE

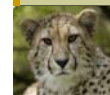
AUGUST

02 Church Budget
09 Andrews U., Loma Linda/
Oakwood/ World Budget
16 Church Budget
23 YES
30 Alaska Mission

SEPTEMBER

06 Church Budget
13 Fall Mission Appeal/
World Budget
20 Church Budget
27 YES
31 Church Budget

Alaska Sponsored Mission Trip



Have you always wanted to experience AFRICA— a place you've read about?

Would you like to share the gospel? Then

join the Alaska Conference on a short-term mission trip to: TANZANIA, AFRICA Nov. 19-Dec. 6, 2008

Needed: 7 speakers/with teams of 1 or more to help with children's stories, health talks and family talks.

Medical work may also be available. **Expenses:** Group Evangelist amt. is \$1200 per site divided by the number of people at each site. Airfare: est. \$2,000 per person; Food, Lodging & Transportation: \$600; Total estimated cost per person: \$2600. You may be eligible for a \$500 subsidy. Contact Cheryl for information. e-mail: eaglechick@clearwire.net Phone: 970-830-9273

If enough are interested, a safari is planned after meetings in Tanzania and Zanzibar.



CONFERENCE NEWS CONT.**Conference on Prayer and Outreach***Alaska Conference office, Anchorage Alaska**Sept. 19-21, 2008***FRIDAY**

7:15 p.m.	Songs & Sharing
8:00 p.m.	Pastor Dick Hanson
9:00 p.m.	Prayer
SABBATH	
7:15 a.m.	Walk & Talk
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Songs & Sharing
9:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Pastor Dick Hanson
11:00 - 12:15 p.m.	Pastor Dick Hanson
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Walk & Talk
2:00 p.m.	Songs & Sharing
2:15 - 4:15 p.m.	Bible Worker Conference with Pastor Kack
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Bible Worker Groups
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Walk & Talk
7:00 p.m.	Songs & Sharing
7:15 p.m.	Pastor Dick Hanson
8:15 p.m.	Groups

SUNDAY

7:15	Walk & Talk
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Songs & Sharing
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Pastor Dick Hanson
10:00 a.m.	Brunch
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End of Seminar**AROUND THE NPUC**

To get current updates on the progress of President, Jere Patzer, visit www.npuc.org to view the most current postings.

If you missed the Arctic Mission Adventure videos that were shown nightly at the Palmer camp meeting, visit the NPUC website at www.npuc.org under the Missions menu to view a portion of the video.

AROUND THE NAD

2009 NAD Year of Evangelism Appeal begins with a goal of 100,000 souls redeemed from the grasp of the deceiver.

Only you can help this happen! Devote one hour a day to gather together with others on the phone and pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Visit NAD website at www.nadadventist.org for more info.

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