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Arctic Mission Adventure

(Note to the offering reader: Download the Arctic Mission Adventure 2024 video and the latest offering resources at <https://www.alaskaconference.org/resources/offering-schedule>.)

Imagine yourself living in a small indigenous village on the Arctic tundra. The village, governed by Elders, consists of a few dozen wooden homes, a school, and a store that meets basic needs. There is no access to hospitals or police, and winter brings up to six months of harsh weather. The only way in or out of the village is by a small, single-engine plane.

Now, imagine being taught that your way of life is “wrong” - the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the way your village hunts and fishes, the stories the Elders tell, the songs they sing, and the words spoken are inferior.

It's difficult for many to understand the hardships, pain, and challenges that define life in many parts of Alaska. The loss of cultural identity for some of our Alaska Native brothers and sisters results in self-harm, substance abuse, and low self-esteem, which in turn is passed down across generations.

Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) has workers living and working in eight communities at an annual cost of \$30,000 per village. These dedicated workers provide ministries tailored to each community, including day camps, Bible studies, food pantries, leadership development, and outreach programs. We are grateful for the significant growth of AMA, but there is still much work to be done as more than 200 villages lack AMA presence! Your offering today will go toward keeping workers in villages and ensuring that Adventist parsonages and churches remain open. We humbly ask that you pray for the continued progress of this vital work and that it may bear witness to the Bush Alaska Native communities in faith.

By Tandi Perkins