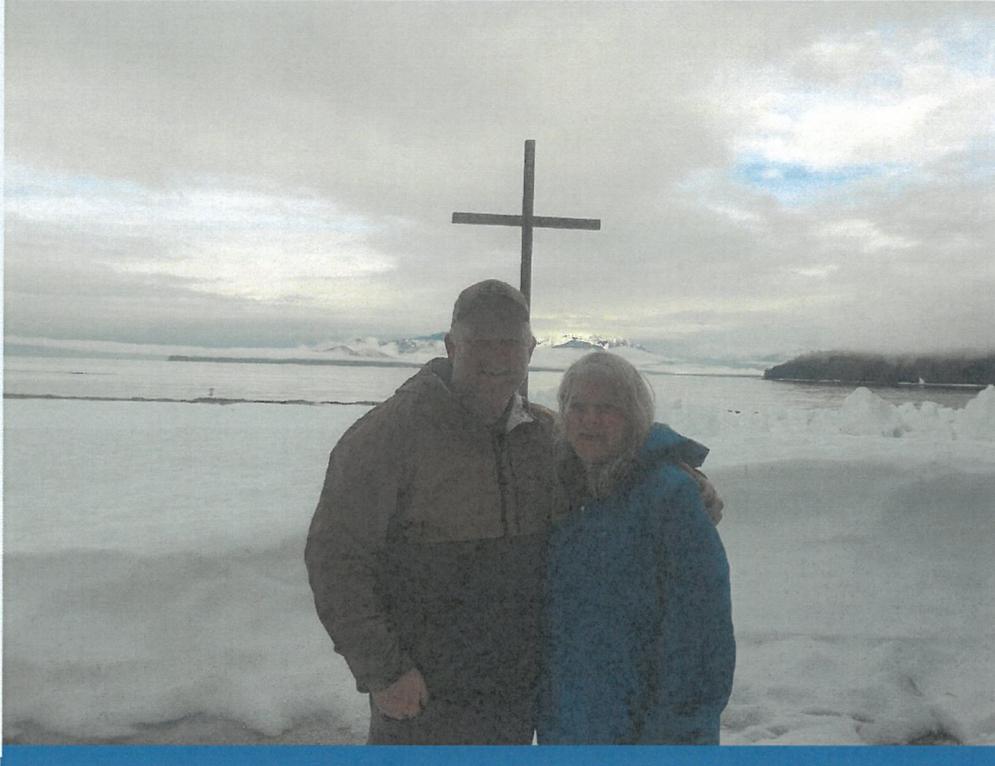


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Alderfer's In Alaska February Update!

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Hello Friends, and greetings from the far north! Last month I wrote about blessings, and snowflakes, and the goodness of God! Guess what? God is still so good, His blessings of last month continue to flow, now more than ever! First of all, a blessing that is off the charts is that the last 35 years of our lives have been lived together! We celebrated our 35th anniversary on February 2nd, and are so blessed to look back on how God has used us in ways we never anticipated! Who knew when we said "I do" what we were getting ourselves into! First each other, soon 4 sons, a business, a call to ministry, now daughters (we adore our daughter in-laws) and now the grandchildren, all blessings from the goodness of God! And the most exciting part? Philippians 1 verse 6 says that " He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it ! " He is not done

with us yet! This evening we write this in a remote bible camp in South East Alaska, just fed 17 horses their dinner, and soon will turn the generator off for 18 hours or so. Tomorrow we will skiff 3 miles to the end of the road to pick up some friends who will be with serving our ministry as caretakers for several weeks, and boat back to camp, likely in the snow, so we can get back to town next week to take care of camp and personal items that await! Who knew what God had in store when He brought us together? We sure did not, but God surely did!



We mentioned record snowfall for SE Alaska, and this is our dining hall, cold and lonely, but in a short 2.5 months, will be bustling with guests and campers!



These 3 gentlemen from Ohio, Paul, Mark and Conrad, gave several weeks of their time to serve us as winter caretakers. It was an act of God, literally, that brought them and their respective skillsets for "such a time as this"!



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And just when it seemed that the snow was coming to an end, our gym collapsed, unable to take the snow load, and unable to shed it. Inside the gym were most of camps vehicles, in "safe storage" for the winter. The good news? Somehow, by the grace of God, about half of our vehicles escaped, The rest? well, they did not fair so well. We lost most of our people movers, and several work pick up trucks. But the good news again? PSALMS 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills,
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
Almost just as fast as the roof
came down, Gods people
showed up, seeking how to serve
us in this moment! As only Gods
children can do, help has arrived,
some in the form of finances,
some in the form of vehicles, and
all in the form of prayer, that
Gods perfect will would be



Just getting to the horse barn
took many hours of work!



realized in the future! We were and are so blessed and grateful for each person who reached out and touched our lives in the last several weeks with their love and concern for Gods work!



Finger prints of God. This is the baler that was parked in the gym.



In the midst of the chaos, blessings abounded! Ask me sometime about this trailer and the baler! Gods fingerprints were everywhere!



(Hoonah airport)

But in spite of the craziness of the snow and the gym, our ministry focus remains intact! We had the privilege to fly to the community Kake on the 23rd of January and serve Pastor Joey Chang and his family who serve in the church there for the weekend, returning Monday afternoon. Pastor Chang brings a growing number of children to camp each summer from the village there, and we are seeing God change lives as we work together.

Then we traveled to Hoonah on Thursday, engaging both children and adults, sharing the ministry of Echo Ranch as God opened doors! Our team left both communities feeling blessed,

We helped serve this lunch on the Friday we were in Kake, AK.

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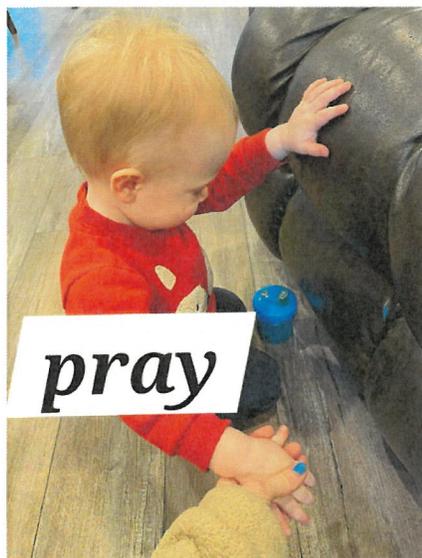
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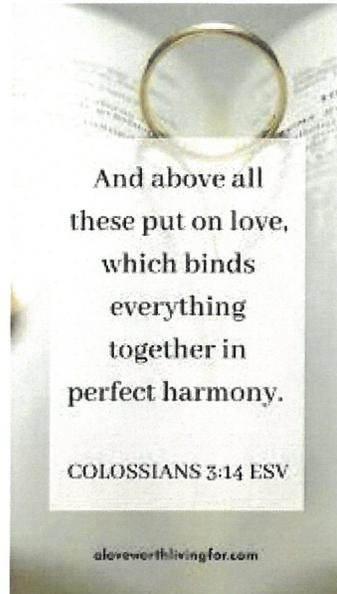
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amazed at the relationships we took back to Juneau with us!



February 14th!

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1. Pray for wisdom for our team as we simply follow what God has put into motion. Several challenges face us as we seek to rebuild the gym. The city of Juneau will not let us rebuild on the site of the old Gym. Codes have changed, and now the elevation of the old gym is considered a flood plane. Pray for Gods fingerprints on the planning and strategy in the days ahead, that we would simply step through the doors He opens into His perfect plans!

2. Pray for the communities of SE Alaska. Now more than ever, we need to be sharing the gospel in these communities. Pray for scholarship money to be given, Transportation often is twice as expensive as the week of camp, and many parents cannot afford the week of camp! The communities need hope, and we have the hope in the work of Jesus. Please pray for these children .

3. Pray for our summer staff, God knows who they are, pray that they would respond to His Spirits leading! Our enrollment in the first week was over 500 campers, 25% more than last year, meaning the field that is white unto the Harvest, (John 4:35) seems to be getting whiter! Do

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