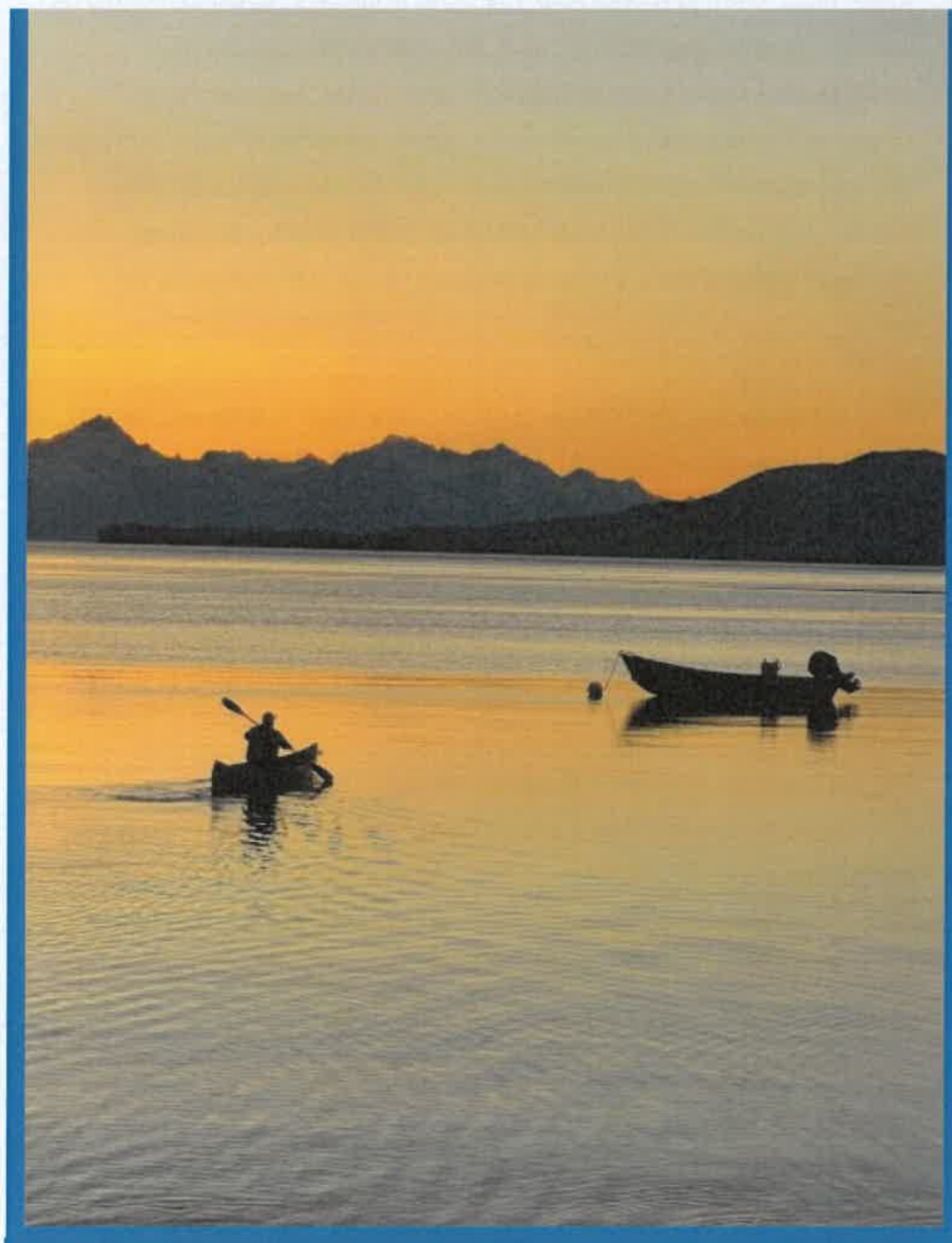


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Alderfer's In Alaska September update!

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Hello to our family and friends!

As I write this, I am gazing out the windows over the Chilkat inlet from the dining hall windows, and the sun is shining, reflecting off the water. Allyson and I, along with Hannah and Andrew, are at the Haines facility, wrapping up our last 3 weeks of our retreat ministry here at the Haines camp.

At the main camp in Berner Bay, our team is moving the kitchen today to the large staff house, shutting down the dining hall, cleaning and scrubbing the kitchen and dining room after all the food has been removed. Our team is in full go mode, led by our facilities guys, building by building winterizing and preparing each one for the long winter ahead. Canoes and kayaks have been picked up, trash cans tucked away, and a 1000 and 1 little details are being address as our staff button up the camp.

Here in Haines, we are hosting 17 pastors this week, a time of connection, teaching, resting and fishing! Each morning and evening, they are worshiping and being challenged with Gods word, sharing their life experiences and struggles as shepherds of Gods people. As we serve and share this week with them, we also get to share our stories, and the vision of both Echo Ranch and Avant Ministries, with the pastors who come from all corners of the country!

We will wrap up our season the first week of October with a group of ministry leaders from White Horse, Yukon Territory, CA. They too are coming for a time of rest, connection and team building. We have one of Avants leaders coming to share the word and the vision of Avant and Echo Ranch, and we will be joined each evening by local ministry leaders and pastors, who have come to know and love their brothers and sisters in the Yukon!

We will winterize this camp before heading out of the Haines community. Allyson and Hannah will head south to Juneau as our sons and I head north about 12 hours for a quick couple days on a moose adventure. Andrew drew a moose tag for an area just south of Fairbanks,

so we will see if we can get some Moose meat in the freezer before returning to Juneau!

We will be home in time to fly south, first to a missions conference in Knoxville, then on to PA where we will be speaking at a different church each Sunday until Thanksgiving. The 2nd week of December will find us at our annual team meetings at Avant's home office in Kansas City, where we will wrap up our fall travels.

God has been so faithful to our ministry this summer, its truly been a summer of incredible challenges on one hand, and even bigger blessings on the other. From January till now, we have been stretched and pommeled time and again, from collapsed gyms to electricidal systems to challenging government decisions to dealing with hurting, angry and sometimes tired people, and yet Gods goodness through Gods people has shown through the challenges every time! God is so good! And we know He is not done yet!



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Would you continue to pray for us?

Pray for rest and energy for Allyson and I as we regroup and refocus for what lies ahead. The blessings and wins of this summer propel us into the next year of ministry, trusting in the goodness of Gods faithfulness. Interestingly, while we see Gods continued faithfulness, one of the unknowns for Allyson and I are our finances. We have lost a number of our elderly ministry partners, and our support numbers reflect that. Please pray for us, and prayerfully consider if there is opportunity to share our ministry in Alaska with someone you know and who may be seeking an opportunity to serve financially, we love to talk to them!

Please continue to pray for our staff, who work beside us in the daily work of the ministry. We have some big decisions and visions in front of us as a ministry. Pray for wisdom and Gods will to be done in the opportunities that look like challenges! We have a major

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and we will be happy to help you do that!



Our new temporary Gym!

With the January collapse of our gym of 38 years, here stands our temporary replacement! It's a longer story than we can share here, but know that the end of the story will conclude with " God is so good!"! we'd love to share it, just Ask!

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infrastructure project beginning with our internal electrical grid, and this will take an act of God to accomplish, but we have already seen Gods people do what only he can do. This is just the beginning,, and we know He will finish what he starts, but if you'd like to be a part of Gods plan, there is opportunity! Please call if you'd like to hear more!

Pray for the youth who came and heard about Jesus, that the seeds planted would grow into the family of God!

Thank you for your partnership as we together share the awesomeness of who He is! Gods got this!!!!



Eagle eyes

Many times this summer as we enter around the point at the entrance into camp, this eagle is sitting in the top of last tree on the point of the cliff, seemingly watching who goes in and out of camp,

The first part of 2nd Chronicles 16:9 says this " For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

If you want to hear about the 2nd half of this verse, I'd love to share about that as well! Not enough space here!



**Hauling firewood,
Spring is coming!**



Fall Meetings!

At the end of each summer of ministry, we spend so dedicated time reviewing and celebrating what God has done through our team. While God's goodness is constant, our team health is always a focus and a concern as we as "cracked vessels" who live and serve together. This time spent together around these two realities is huge as we aspire to reach our vision statement, "Through Christian camping we will evangelize, disciple and train people for the ministry, impacting the communities of SE Alaska and beyond"! I am always amazed at the team God has allowed us to be a part of!!!



Andrew on the mic!

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We wanted to give our family & friends a chance to keep up with our ministry in Alaska.

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