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REACHING SOUTHEAST ALASKA

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Dear Pastor and Friends,
New Year, New Opportunities

We were so blessed to have both of our girls home for Christmas! We are at that stage in life when we do not get to see them very much with the distance between us. We cherish the time we do get! They were a blessing while they were here by serving in our Eagle's Nest children's ministry, participating in our Evergreen Project at the elementary school, and serving in our church services. So far, the weeks of 2019 are passing just as quickly as they did last year! **We are thankful for a new year with new opportunities to serve our God and partner with you in Southeast Alaska.**

A Glance at the Months Ahead

For the last several months, Missy has been operating Hannah's Place, the pregnancy center here in Wrangell. She has had some new clients come in the last couple of weeks. She is looking for new ways to reach out to the parents of our community in this specific ministry beyond the normal classes we offer through Heartbeat International. There are so many young, single parents here who are not spiritually or emotionally prepared for parenthood. If any of you are quilters, we try to place a new baby quilt in our Celebrate Life gift bags for new babies/parents. Among several other baby supplies, we give a child's New Testament as well.

This summer we are so excited to host a group from Florida to help us with a Kidz Blitz! This will be 5 days of Bible teaching, music, crafts, and games for our K-5th grade students. **We are getting great feedback from the community on our Eagle's Nest after school program—praise God! Our high has been 24 so far and we are averaging 20 per week.** We continue to love these children and plant and water the seed of the Word each time we meet. They are learning so much! **We have also had a few coming to our Sunday services and their parents from time to time!**

Our goal of hosting the teen camp this summer has not worked out as we had hoped. The availability of the camp is very difficult as well as the very high cost here. Everything from supplies to campers must go by boat. **We are praying for a way to do something for this age group locally to make an impact this summer.**

Substance Abuse Affects Everything

We have never served in a place that the effects of substance abuse are so obvious. It is evident in the children's abilities, the broken relationships, and lack of commitment in adults. In our Evergreen Project, children often randomly start sharing about not knowing where their parents are because of this. They talk about being removed from their homes like it is a normal way of life. **Please pray as we are seeking ways to target this specific need in a spiritual way. Jesus is the only cure for addictions and the only answer for relationships.**

We thank God for our partnership with you for Southeast Alaska! May He abundantly bless your ministries in an amazing way in 2019!

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