

Covenant Youth of Alaska

*A relational outreach, discipleship and leadership ministry
for Alaska youth and young adults*

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Discipleship Across Borders

The Acts 29-Alaska Discipleship School has been a blessing to participants and communities across the state alike.

Acts 29-Alaska, a three-month cross cultural, multi-ethnic discipleship school for young adults is nearing completion, and it has been wonderful and inspiring to see! Focused on intentional discipleship and service, the school has hosted 22 students from six countries over the course of the past several months. CYAK Staffer, former Acts 29 participant, and current Acts 29 - Alaska leader Brenda Dock shares about her experience with Acts 29 in Sweden and now as a leader in Alaska.

"Fresh off the plane I felt very nervous, excited, tired, hungry and confused about the metric system— when I landed in Sweden two years ago to participate in a three month discipleship school known as Acts 29. I didn't know much about the history or really what to expect. I had just heard a testimony of someone that had gone before and her life was transformed; that stirred my soul. The time I spent in Sweden was incredibly awesome and challenging, it was a great time of healing and transformation.

I learned so much about who I am in Christ, as we learned about discipleship and what that means. We came from many different nations across the globe, I heard prayer and worship daily in different languages and I was constantly amazed that all of us gathered in one part of the world because we knew the Lord. I knew time would go fast, so I soaked it all in – the prayer, devotions, healing, outreach times and of course the fika (coffee and treats) as well.

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Now two years later, we are hosting a school here in Alaska, the first one ever in the U.S. We are based in Palmer, just under an hour north of Anchorage. It's been a vision and a hope of several leaders for a number of years to see an Acts 29 take place in Alaska, so it is incredible to see it happening. Here we are gathered, people from Alaska, Sweden, Thailand, Chile, Ecuador and Canada. I know that they felt similar to me when I got off the plane in Sweden, except this time they were confused as to why we don't use the

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Ministry Highlights



Youth Group Fun

Youth group fun and snacks in Scammon Bay! We're excited to see these kids at camp!



Annual Meeting

Several CYAK Staff attended the Alaska Conference's Annual meeting in Nome. Our very own Tricia Ivanoff was one of the speakers!



Passing the Baton

Several staffing transitions are taking place. Here, Jamie Rose passes the Aarigaa Anchorage baton to Meritha Capelle - who hopes serve along with others to fill this role. Join us in prayer for these transitions!

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metric system! "What's that in Celsius?" they'd ask. We would use our phones to convert temperatures, but we don't use phones or Internet during the week, only on Mondays. Early on in this school, there was much laughter and joy shared in the midst of culture shock and learning together what it means to be followers of Jesus. We are a close knit community, living in dorms, having class, and traveling together to the local churches that we serve in each weekend. The classes are taught by our school leaders, and guest teachers from Sweden, Ecuador, Alaska and Minnesota. It's a rich time of learning, and being able to practice what we are learning with the guidance and leadership of the churches that we serve in. It is a great blessing to build relationships with the local churches in Alaska.

We have been able to fly to rural communities for extended time to learn from and serve in villages. We have gone to Mekoryuk, Hooper Bay, Bethel and Mountain Village. It has been so amazing to see the way that God is moving in those places, and it is awesome that we could be a part of encouraging and praying for them. We are a movement, and the story of Acts and the early church continues in each one of our lives as it did before we gathered, is now while we are together, and will continue when we leave here. There is no doubt our lives have changed because of this time here in Alaska."

CYAK Staff Retreat

In April, CYAK Staff gathered for a retreat at Chickaloon Retreat Center. It is always good to be together! We are grateful for team!



PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit www.cyak.org.

Praise: For a wonderful staff retreat at Chickaloon Retreat Center.

Praise: For God's provision in times of transition.

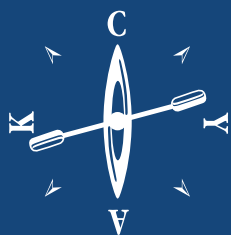
Praise: For the ways God has worked through Acts 29-Alaska!

Prayer Request: Please pray for camp - for all the campers and staff.

Prayer Request: Pray for continued healthy transitions and 'baton passing'.

Prayer Request: Please pray for all students as they wrap up the semester.

Thank you for your faithful support of CYAK's ministry through prayer.



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COVENANT BIBLE CAMP

Camp is just around the corner!

Bible Camp is less than a month away. Each year, we look forward to the way that God will use this place to meet kids and share his love! Join with us in prayer for this camp season and for all those who will be there. Visit www.covenantbiblecamp.org to learn more.



CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Bible Camp Scholarships: Bible Camp is less than a month away!

Every year, kids experience the deep love of Christ at camp. Though we've worked to keep the cost of camp as low as possible, it still can be more than some families can afford. Make camp a reality for a kid this summer!

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