

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time



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Snapshots of Ministry 2015



Arigaa Anchorage student leaders at the Chickaloon Retreat Center this fall.



Tutoring Nights at Checkpoint Youth Center in Nome.



Arigaa Fairbanks! We began a third Arigaa community this fall in Soldotna!



Kids at the carnival during CYAK Cares weekend in Hooper Bay.



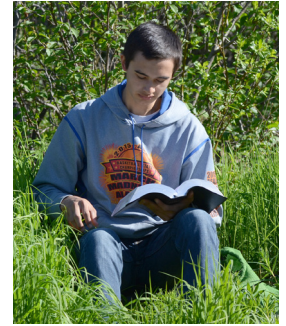
Curtis Ivanoff shares at the Young Adult Retreat!



1st Annual Spring Camp at Chickaloon Retreat Center.



Western Alaska High Schoolers heading to the Covenant denomination's CHIC Conference in Tennessee this July.



Kadyn spending time in the Word at Leadership Camp.



Back to the Future... **Byron Bruckner, CYAK Director**

This week I ran into two students that were involved with our young adult ministry about 15 years ago. They shared with me how important our campus ministry was for them in their transition from living in a village in rural Alaska to living on the road system in a city and attending college. Both students' stories and affirmations were similar. I ran into both of them in churches and they both shared that they are continuing in their spiritual growth and walk as Christians. One of them has completed a masters in Christian Ministry. We are so thankful for fruitfulness.

This year we have also seen more and more local youth who are now adults desire to come on staff to reach out to the next generation. We are embarking on developing a Christian discipleship house for both young adult men and women who are living in the city of Anchorage. We are also launching the CYAK "Vision Partnership" so people like you can commit to investing over the next five years in helping us strengthen and expand our mission.

While all of this is very exciting and a wonderful time of fruit and growth for CYAK, this fall we traveled to the village of Hooper Bay to respond to four young adult suicides that took place in a two-week

period of time – clearly our mission is not yet done. Please pray for the community of Hooper Bay.

The reality is we cannot do this without partners. We are very thankful that God continues to provide through you and others to help us reach out. May we continue to fulfill the Great Commission together. Matthew 9:36-38, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"



Those who had come to Hooper Bay for the CYAK Cares weekend gathered around the youth to pray for them. It was a hope-filled time.

PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

*We are so grateful for all of those who faithfully lift up CYAK's ministry in prayer.
To receive monthly prayer updates, please visit cyak.org and click the 'Pray' button.*

- **We praise God** for the opportunity to send a team to minister to those grieving the loss of loved ones in the village of Hooper Bay.
- **We praise God** for the new Arigaa House in Anchorage - for the opportunity to utilize a better space and for potential expansion.
- **We praise God** for a growing staff who continue to fill needs across the state, and for more local leaders coming on staff.
- **We praise God** for the peace of Christ that we are reminded of during this Christmas season.
- **We praise God** for supporters like you who make this ministry possible. Thank you for your partnership!

- **We ask for prayer** for those who have lost loved ones this past year, as Christmas can be a difficult time.
- **We ask for prayer** for those working with young people in the villages - that they will be encouraged in their work and filled with God's light.
- **We ask for prayer** for the Arigaa House, that the transition to a new location will prove wise, and that we will be able to open a women's house this coming January.
- **We ask for prayer** that all will experience rest in Christ this Christmas season.

CYAK HIGHLIGHTS

- **Norton Sound Fall Blast:** The Norton Sound High School Fall Blast was a great time at Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet!
- **CYAK Cares in Hooper Bay:** CYAK gathered an intergenerational team to spend a weekend at Hooper Bay in late October to encourage those experiencing loss.
- **Arigaa House Move!** The Arigaa Discipleship House has moved to a bigger space close to the UAA campus - sweet!
- **Tutoring at Checkpoint in Nome** Thanks to a generous gift, Checkpoint Youth Center now offers tutoring!
- **Road System High School Retreat** High Schoolers from all of the road system churches retreated in mid Nov!

AROUND THE STATE



Face painting and fun times at the Carnival in Hooper Bay during the CYAK Cares weekend.



Norton Sound Fall Blast in Unalakleet.



Group picture at the Road System Retreat.



Arigaa Anchorage Thanksgiving Celebration!



The New Arigaa House.



Scammon Bay Youth Group Song!

CONNECT AND PARTNER!



Consider taking part in the CYAK story with your end of year giving. Click on the banner at cyak.org for more info on how you can make a difference in the lives of young people in Alaska this Christmas.



The Vision Partnership is a chance to join in growing and sustaining CYAK's mission. Learn more at: www.cyak.org.



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