

Covenant Youth of Alaska

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



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A Message from the Director

CYAK Director Byron Bruckner celebrates God's work in Alaska

Dear partners,

Right now I am looking at mountains 10 miles away all covered in snow. It is 3:34pm and the sun is setting.

We have a lot of darkness and a pile of snow outside. While this may not seem surprising to you, we sure were surprised recently with a 7.0 earthquake! It is a weird and traumatic experience to have the lights go out and have your house start shaking violently. What shock, what surprise, what power!

If we ever thought we were in control this experience reminds us that we are actually at the mercy of great and awesome power at play beyond our control. Maybe this is why Christ came as an infant - he came in a way that was approachable and not terrifying. Maybe he did this so we could understand the nature of a God who desires intimacy with us. He came as a God of peace, the Prince of Peace. He

came as God who understands our sorrows and struggles. Into a dark and cold world he came for us. Thank you for helping us share the good news and message of Christ's loving peace with the next generation.

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The youth of Alaska often live in remote isolated villages, forgotten by the rest of the world, but God has not forgotten them. He created them and knows them by name. He desires us to be his hands and feet in this cold and remote part of the world. Thank you for helping make this happen. Thank you for your investment to help bring the kingdom of God here.

Like a great earthquake, no one will know the day or hour, but Christ will return in mighty power and I believe will say to you, "Well done good and faithful servant." - Byron

Ministry Highlights



High School Retreat

The High School Road System Retreat in November focused on identity in Christ.



Aarigaa Anchorage Thanksgiving

Students and staff gathered for a time of fellowship and good food - Aarigaa!



Scammon Bay

Sunday school and youth group continues to grow!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, and QUAYANA

Pictured here is the Aarigaa Fairbanks young adult group singing Silent Night, Holy Night at their last gathering of the year. We pray that as your year draws to a close, you are able to experience the peace and holiness of this season of Advent and Christmas. ***Thank you for your role in sharing Christ's hope, peace, joy and love with youth and young adults in Alaska. You are making an impact. Quayana, thank you.***



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Clockwise from top left: One of the Acts29 outreach groups in Mekoryuk, The entire Acts29 crew, Unalakleet youth groupers on a winter overnight at Bible Camp, Eagle River high schoolers at the Road System Retreat, Aarigaa Fairbanks at the Denali lookout enroute to the Young Adult Retreat, Youth workers from across the state at the Youth Worker Training in Bethel, Scammon Bay high schoolers beginning the long trek to CHIC 2018!

PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

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

Praise: For God's provision of new staff amidst a year of transition.

Praise: For a wonderful year of ministry across the state.

Praise: For each kid and young adult who grew closer in their walk with God!

Prayer Request: For peace, joy, hope and love in this season of Advent.

Prayer Request: For communities without pastors or youth leaders.

Prayer Request: For 2019 - that our hearts would be attuned to Christ.

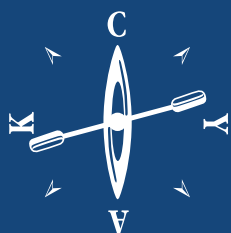
Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of CYAK's ministry.

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