

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time

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CYAK Rural Alaska Network

As a ministry working across the state, we recognize the importance of being connected. Many of our staff and volunteers who help make CYAK's ministry happen live far from each other in remote villages. Though ministry in the village is wonderful in many ways, it can also be very challenging - largely because it is easy to feel alone! John Hege, CYAK's Associate Director, served in the church in Shaktoolik over twenty years ago. He remembers, 'I would have left if it wasn't for the communication, resources, and encouragement I received from Byron Bruckner, and Paul Johnson over the phone during that time.'

Today, John works for CYAK, and leads monthly conference calls geared toward those doing ministry in rural Alaska. The purpose of the calls is to encourage, equip, resource, and walk alongside people who have a desire to see students in rural Alaska grow in Christ. We know that if we care for and resource volunteers that are in kids' lives daily, we will see good fruit produced, and kids will experience hope.

We are incredibly grateful for the network of people across the state who are sharing the love of Christ with youth and young adults. These people help make CYAK's ministry possible - we're so thankful!

"The conference calls are a part of the fellowship that I need, I am able to experience the light of Christ and see how the light is reaching Alaskans. It is refreshing to be in this community." Ashley Barton, teacher in Akiachak

COMING UP!

The CYAK Young Adult Retreat in Big Lake is just around the corner! Please join with us in prayer for the retreat - the preparation, the retreat itself, and the follow-up afterwards. The retreat will take place February 21-23 in Big Lake, AK.



Ministry in the Eyes of: Nathan and Christina Carrick, Youth Volunteers, Golovin, AK

Nathan and Christina and their six year old daughter, Gracie, have lived in Golovin, AK for about a year and a half. Christina is a teacher at the school and Nathan fills in where needed. Before moving to Golovin, the

Carricks spent two years in the Northern Marianas Islands and before that lived in Oregon.

How are you connected with CYAK?

We are connected with CYAK through the local church and through events such as Fall Blast. We have met people who are involved in CYAK through our travel to Unalakleet for sports events and school events.

In what ways are you working with youth in Golovin?

We work with the local Middle/High School youth group. We also have built relationships with many of the students in Golovin through working at the school and of course through our daughter. Our home is always open for visitors and God often uses this as a way to connect with the youth in Golovin. They come over to bake, watch movies, do crafts and just hang out.

Where is God at work in the lives of youth there?

We see God at work in the lives of the youth in Golovin in many ways. He is encouraging many of the older youth to deepen their relationship with Him through coming to youth group, reading their Bible, and going to activities such as Fall Blast and Bible Camp. He is also drawing some of the youth to him through

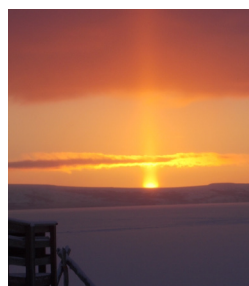
friendships with believers. The younger kids in Golovin often go to Sunday school and get involved with things such as the Christmas play and other church activities.

What is beneficial about the CYAK Rural AK Calls?

The calls are beneficial because they are a way to connect with other believers who have a desire to reach youth for Christ in rural Alaska. It is encouraging to hear how Christ is using believers in other villages and it is also encouraging to get prayer and encouragement from others. We can relate with many of the stories that we hear from others, which helps us know that we are not alone. The calls also give us helpful ideas on how to reach more youth.

How can supporters be praying for your ministry?

Please pray for Nathan to connect even more with the young men in Golovin. There are currently no young men that go to youth group. Please pray that the youth might find time to join in activities that will encourage them to grow in a relationship with Christ. We are starting a new curriculum as well. Please pray that God will use it in a powerful way in the lives of the youth. Please also pray that believers in Golovin might see God at work here.



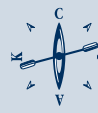
PRAYER REQUESTS

Young Adult Retreat: The CYAK Young Adult Retreat will be taking place from February 21-23 in Big Lake. We are excited to have young adults from Arigaa UAF & UAA, Alaska Christian College, and Amundsen Educational Center join! Please join us in prayer as we prepare for a wonderful weekend together!

Jr High Spring Blast: We are hoping to have a Jr High Spring Blast Retreat in the Norton Sound Region this spring. Please pray that the necessary details will come together to make it a reality!

CYAK Board Meeting: The CYAK Board will be meeting together in late February. Pray for discernment in decision making for our board.

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CYAK online!**



Visit our website to learn more about what we do and where we work as a ministry.



Like us on Facebook to see more of the daily life of the ministry.

We depend on the prayers of so many people to carry out our mission.

Join with us in praying for the youth of Alaska!

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Thank You!!!

From the CYAK Team. We are so grateful for all of your prayers and support in 2013!!!



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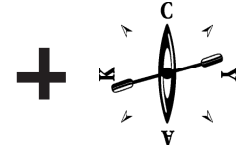
Brad Olson, Golovin Covenant Church Pastor

"The most recent resource that CYAK has been for us is by providing staff, advertising, flight arrangements, registration, food, entertainment and Biblical teaching to our youth for the first ever Senior High Fall Blast hosted in Golovin. Having that kind of support made being a host enjoyable. We are blessed to have so many gifted people in CYAK."

CYAK Young Adult Retreat! February 21-23!!



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