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Local Church Collaboration and Partnership

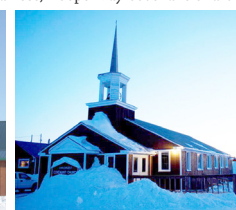
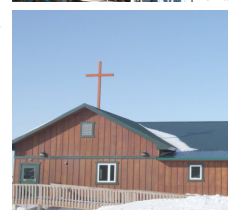
Started through the Covenant Church of Alaska, CYAK has held its value of local church collaboration and partnership since its beginning over 20 years ago. Today, the ministry continues to appreciate and encourage healthy partnerships with local church communities. And we have had the blessing to witness the fruit of those relationships!

It is because of our close relationship with many church bodies that we are able to reach youth in communities where we otherwise could not. Whether its creating opportunities for local people to disciple youth, pairing a youth worker with a church that would not otherwise be able to support one, or encouraging students to become involved in their church communities, our work is dependant on healthy collaboration and partnership with the local church.

Because of these partnerships, we are able to reach and disciple more youth and young adults in Alaska - and we couldn't be more grateful. As the body of believers, we are called to this work together, and we look forward to continuing our work in partnership with the local church for years to come.



Clockwise from top left: Elim, Mekoryuk, Unalakleet, Hooper Bay Covenant Church



Ministry in the Eyes of:

Amy Kimble, Youth Leader, Anchorage

Amy has served as the youth leader of jr. and sr. high students for the past two years at First Covenant Church in Anchorage. She moved to Alaska in July 2011 with her husband Jordan who is in the Air Force Band. Amy has a degree in teaching music, but upon news of moving to Alaska, God put strongly on her heart to serve youth. She has had a blast with her work, and we are so thankful for her! Amy and Jordan will be moving out of state this summer with the Air Force. They will be greatly missed by all!

What is a benefit of the partnership between CYAK and First Covenant?

One of the greatest benefits to the partnership between First Covenant and CYAK is the communication made between village pastors and myself about students moving to the city and needing to be plugged in. This year proved this partnership to be vital in the life of one student in particular.

What is most encouraging about serving in this role?

The most encouraging part about the work I do is the privilege to make kids smile, love on them, and see them grow in their relationship with God. Weekly, I see students making decisions based on the work God is doing in their life and the impact their youth group has had on them. It is so rewarding!

Tell us about the 30 hour famine.

In late February, an opportunity arose for our youth to participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. This event encourages students to raise money to feed hungry children (our funds went to Covenant Kids Congo), and fast for 30 hours in recognition of the many who starve every day. The number 30 comes from the \$30 it costs to feed a child for one month in most African communities. I was very hesitant at first to commit, knowing the students would not be crazy about fasting for 30 hours, or raising money to do so. However, the students lit on fire for what God could do with them. Our initial goal was to raise \$1,800 to feed 5 children for a year, but we well-

exceeded that goal, raising \$2,700! On April 26th, 16 students began fasting at 8am, joined us at the church for games and slept in cardboard houses, passed out 120 lunch sacks to people around town, and served communion to each other Saturday afternoon. It was a powerful event!

Who are your young adult volunteers?

I have two young adult volunteers: Matt Blair and Hunter Dill. Both are UAA students greatly involved with CYAK's Arigaa ministry in Anchorage. They have been such a blessing. They teach lessons, lead worship, plan games and activities, and are all-around wonderful!

How can we be praying for the youth at First Covenant Church?

There is always a huge need to cover today's youth in prayer, as they are faced with so many challenges many of us didn't have to deal with even 15 years ago. For our students specifically, they need prayer for healing from tragic experiences like sexual abuse, divorce, and living with alcoholic parents. They need prayer for stability and health, and most of all to have hearts after God and not the world. Many of our students know who Jesus is, and believe He is their Savior, but are working on making Him the Lord of their life.

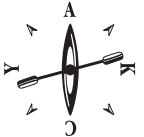




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Prayer Requests

- Please pray for all of those involved in **Bible Camp** this June! Campers, staff, volunteers, and all others!
- Please pray for this summer's **CYAK Interns**, Katiya and Donald Erickson, who will be serving in various ways throughout the summer!
- Please pray for all of the **Arigaa**-ers who have gone home for the summer, as well as for **David Rurik**, as he comes on staff to lead the **Men's Arigaa House**.



Scan the QR code, and join our monthly prayer list! Or join on the CYAK website!

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Visit our website: Visit www.cyak.org to learn more about CYAK's ministry to youth and young adults in Alaska!

Covenant Bible Camp Update

- The month of June is the month of camp! We are excited for another wonderful season of camp under the leadership of the new Bible Camp Director, Nick Bruckner.
- While Covenant Youth of Alaska and Covenant Bible Camp are their own separate entities, they work closely together, and have a partnership that gives life to both ministries. We are grateful for this vital partnership and the way that we can work together to reach youth and young adults in Alaska with the Hope of Christ!

Bible Camp 2013

- CYAK Leadership Camp: 5/29-6/3
- Sr. High School Camp: 6/3-10
- Jr. High School Camp: 6/11-17
- Trailblazers Camp: 6/18-22
- Pathfinders Camp: 6/22-26
- Vision Camp (young adults): 8/6-11



Current Ministry Needs

- **Sports Camps:** Our summer sports camps are a great way to connect with local kids and show them the love of Christ. This summer, the camps will be planned and run by our CYAK interns. Please consider giving to make these camps a reality!

Ways to Give:

- **Online Giving:** Visit www.cyak.org to set up monthly, yearly, or one-time gifts using your credit/debit card or checking account.
- **Check:** Made payable to: Covenant Youth of Alaska
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