

COVENANT YOUTH OF ALASKA

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Let The Children Come

How much influence happens in our lives when we are young? Through our younger years, an array of experiences and influences impact our lives.

In Mark 10:13-15, it says: "People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

Jesus uses kids as strong examples of being humble and available to the voice of God. **Christ encourages us to welcome and create a special place for young people.**

This year a high school girl posted to Facebook expressing family hardship and suicidal ideation. Local mentors, identified and contacted through the CYAK network, reached out to her. She spent time in the country with these people who spoke words of

encouragement over her - words about who God made her to be. **Hungry for God's truth, she found the hope of Christ, giving her reason to choose life.**

You create unique opportunities for kids to be impacted by Christ and grow in Him through your contributions to CYAK's ministry. **We are empowered to do ministry because of your choice to partner with us in this Kingdom work.** Youth receive positive influences and the warm embrace of Christ through the many ways that you participate.

So many young people are open to Christ and desire his hope and life here in Alaska. **Thank you so much** for being available to the work of God by investing your finances and prayers in these young lives.



**Byron Bruckner**  
Executive Director



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# Mission

CYAK serves Alaska youth and young adults through Christ-centered ministry, partnership and discipleship, to raise mature believers who will lead the church for generations to come.

# Vision

Vibrant and healthy communities reflecting the gospel of Christ and led by people God has transformed.

# Values

Native Leadership Development  
Cross Cultural Ministry  
Local Church Collaboration/Synergy  
Healthy Relationships in Community  
Discipleship & Evangelism  
Fun!





# Discipleship Ministry

*Walking with students along the day to day journey of life through relationship and discipleship.*

We were encouraged TO SEE:

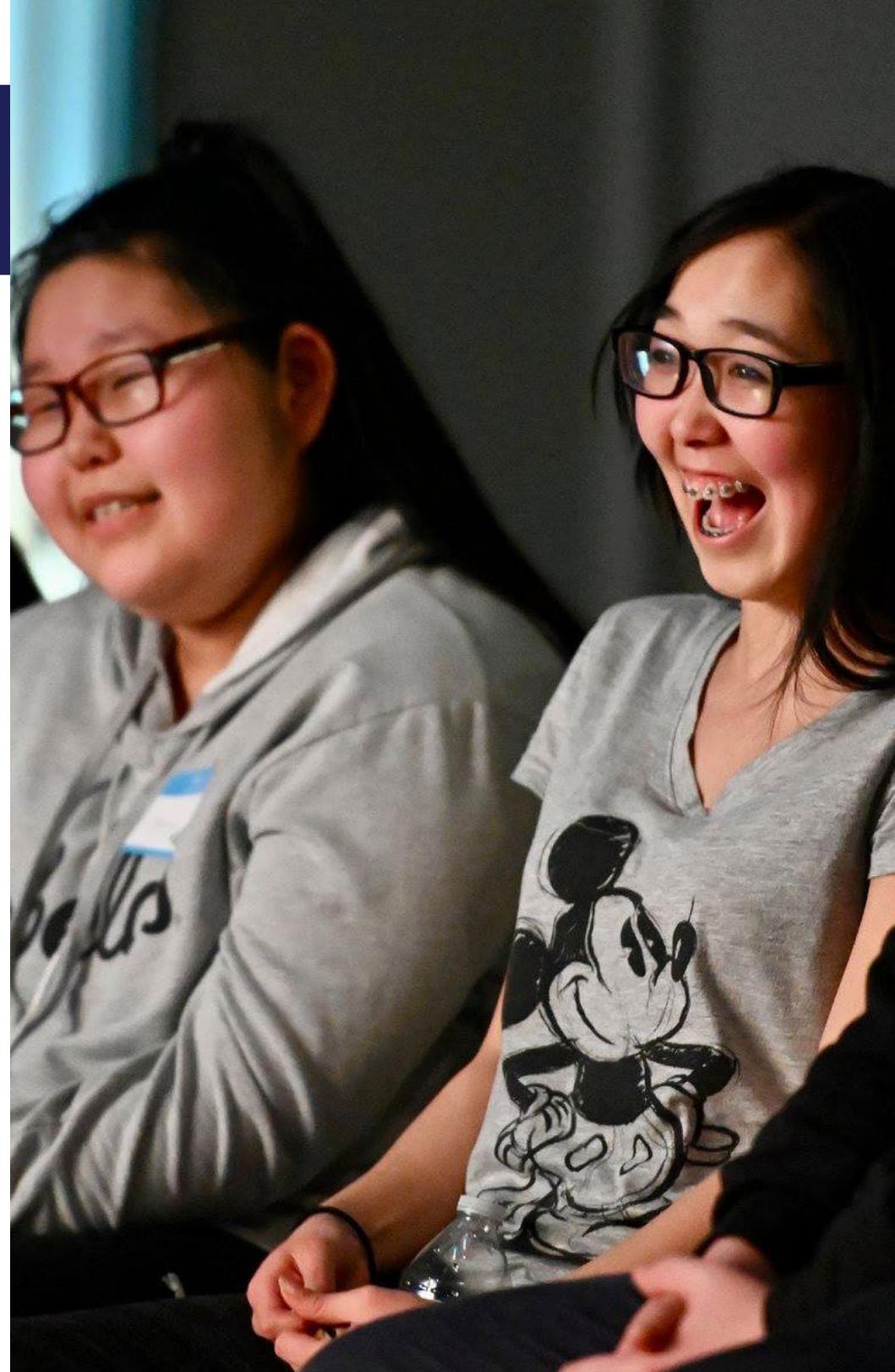
- 206** youth and young adults involved in weekly discipleship.
- 42** youth and young adults across the state **serve in leadership roles** in their faith community.
- 34** Alaskan young adults **servicing in roles at Covenant Bible Camp** in Unalakleet.
- 12** young adults **complete CYAK internships** at Bible Camp and in the local communities of Bethel and Eagle River.
- 8** young men involved in **intentional discipleship at the Nome bike shop**.
- 6** youth **send themselves to camp and regional retreats** through the Scammon Bay work shop.
- 1** youth enter into **intentional discipleship and employment** through the Bethel food truck.

# Regional Events

*Gathering youth regionally, focusing on outreach and furthering growth in Christ.*

We were encouraged TO SEE:

- 121** people attended the bi-annual CYAK Young Adult Retreats in the fall and spring.
- 100** Alaskan youth attend the **Covenant High in Christ Conference (CHIC)** in Knoxville, TN.
- 24** youth from 6 communities met in **Shaktoolik for Fall Blast** for a time centered on "Talking to God".
- 17** students from Scammon Bay and Hooper Bay met in Hooper Bay for the **first annual Spring Jam**.
- 284** campers from 24 villages and communities, and **35 first-time commitments to Jesus** at Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet.
- 35** high school students on the road system gather for the **annual Road System Retreat** in Big Lake.
- 9** Fairbanks college students attend **Aarigaa Fairbanks retreats**.



CYAK relies on many consistent volunteers who provide weekly support and make it possible to reach more youth effectively.

# Local Youth Support

*Supporting youth through a network of committed volunteers of every skillset.*

We were encouraged TO SEE:

**5** work teams, totaling over 60 people from across the country, travel to Alaska to help develop our facilities.

**2** CYAK staff/team retreats - gathering together for training and casting a unified vision.

**50** volunteers help host the Native Youth Olympics Celebration Event at the Alaska Airlines Center.

**284** youth join for games, food and prizes at the first annual NYO Celebration Event held in partnership with Baxter Road Bible Church.

**115** volunteers serve Covenant Bible Camp in staff positions or in crucial support roles.



# Ministry Highlight:

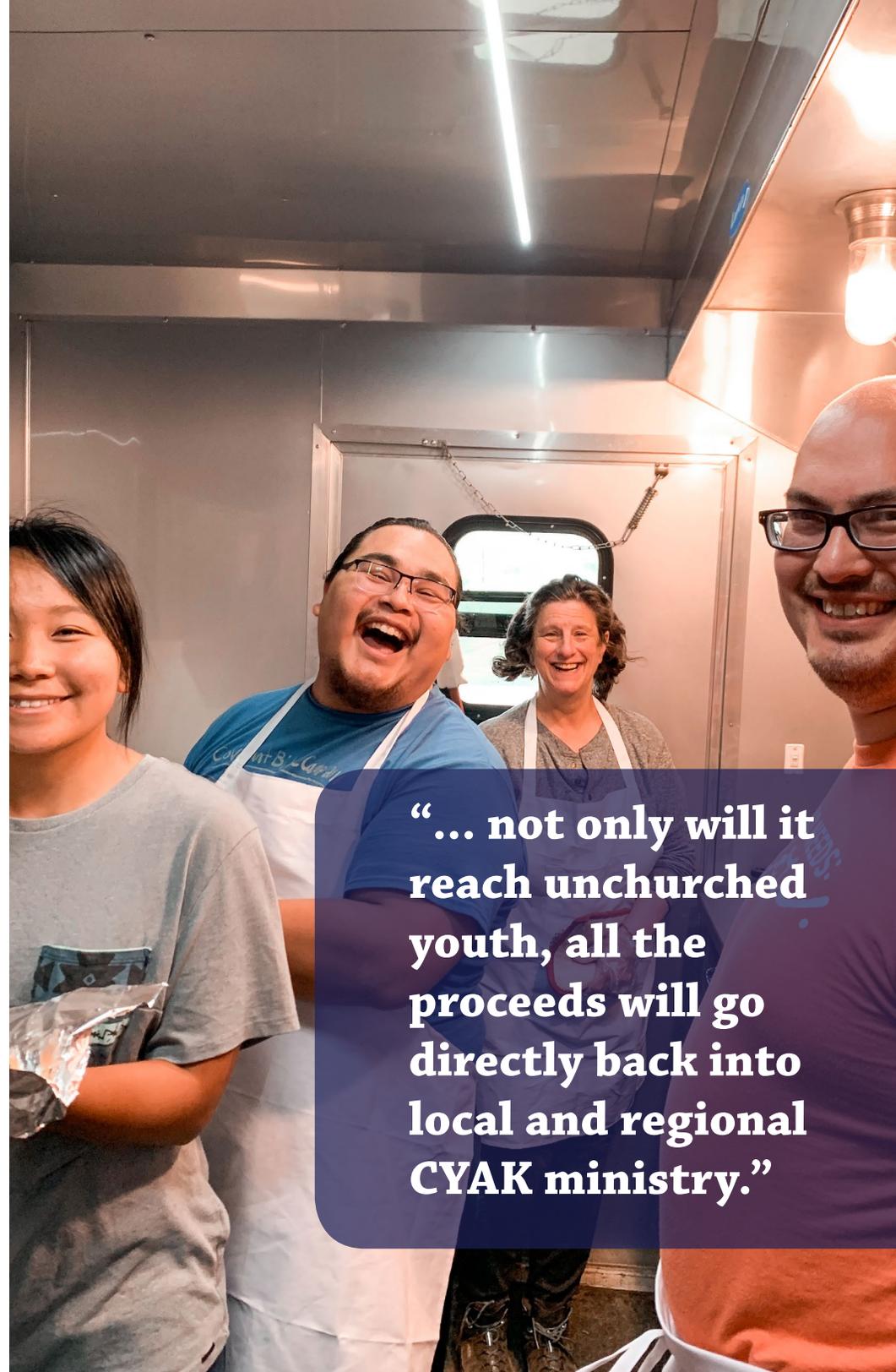
## Bethel Food Truck



This year, CYAK was invited into a partnership with Bethel Covenant Church in the purchasing of a fully outfitted food truck. Pastor Adam London led the charge as he presented a vision that was born out of what the church is already doing in two areas of ministry: outreach to the homeless population and outreach to unchurched youth.

Pastor Adam recalls, "I immediately thought of how perfect a partnership this would be between the local church and CYAK – not only will it reach unchurched youth, all the proceeds will go directly back into local and regional CYAK ministry."

This summer, CYAK interns have been working to start up the food truck, in addition to creating a space in the church for youth to come, feel safe and be engaged. This is an exciting partnership opportunity to reach more youth in Western Alaska! By connecting them to the body of Christ and bringing them into the Continuum of Care, more lives will be transformed by God's love.



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# Financials

## Income Statement

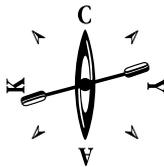
Revenues and other income	
General income	978,940
Capital income	675,317
Total income	<u>1,653,257</u>
Costs and other deductions	
General expenses	1,811,312
Capital expenses	71,224
Total expenses	<u>1,252,536</u>





# Quyana, thank you!

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