

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time

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Leadership Development

As a ministry, CYAK places a high value on leadership development. Our vision is to see emerging leaders developed in the Alaska church. We know this can only happen through providing students with opportunities to realize and embrace their individual talents, grow in their gifting, and practice them by going out into their communities to serve as leaders. Leadership/Vision Camp is coming up soon at Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet. This camp, staffed and directed by CYAK in partnership with CBC, is a time where young adults from across the state gather together for a week of camp where they can explore their leadership potential. Other opportunities include ministry internships where students are able to grow in service and leadership in a ministry setting, as well as the Arigaa Anchorage Leadership Team where young adults serve one another in leadership roles throughout the year. Jamie Rose, Director of Arigaa Anchorage, shares more about the Arigaa Anchorage Leadership Team below.

We are blessed to see God work in the lives of youth and young adults in Alaska and are encouraged by their growing leadership and service to others!

'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.' – 1 Timothy 4:12



Ministry in the Eyes of: Jamie Rose Arigaa Anchorage Director

Hello, my wife Erica and I are glad to be in Anchorage, where I serve on CYAK Staff as the director of Arigaa Young Adult ministries. One of our joys in serving now is that we have an awesome core group of Arigaa-ers that are committed to serving God and growing in their walk with Jesus.

Who makes up the Arigaa Leadership Team?

There is a group of a dozen students that make up the leadership team. The "A-Team" is open to all students that have been committed to walking with God over the past six months or more.

What are some opportunities these young adults have to develop as leaders through Arigaa?

Arigaa is largely led by these students: all of our worship is student led, this semester we have had a student lead in teaching time each week, and students are always helping pick people up, praying for one another, cleaning up after events, and planning for retreats. We are hoping to have one or two Arigaa-ers enter into a CYAK ministry internship for the next twelve months.

What is the theme for Arigaa Anchorage this semester?

Our theme for this semester is "Intimacy: Knowing God and being known by God"



Mountain Village Trip

Charis Erhardt is on the Arigaa Leadership Team, and had the opportunity to travel to Mountain Village with several other students and community members from First Covenant Church over Spring Break. We are grateful for

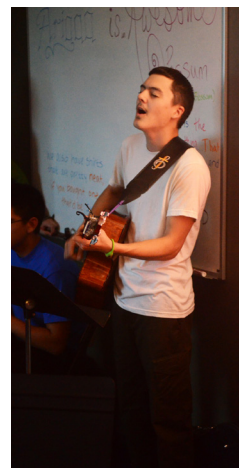
her openness to share with others about her experience during her week in Mountain Village. She shares, "I left for Mountain Village not knowing what to expect, but confident God will open doors for the group and I to share the message and His love. I was overwhelmed with the hospitality and love the people in Mountain Village showed to the group and I. The village had gone through a lot in this past year, so much heart ache and loss. But at the services you could sense people were hungry for God and encouragement. God's hand was on every house visit and prayer time spent with people. Everyone on the missions team connected with someone and by the end of the trip, we were told by several people that we are part of their family, we are a part of Mt. Village. (continued on page 2)

How does this theme manifest itself in the life of the Leadership Team?

We are a close group, and we encourage one another as we walk by faith. Sharing with one another the dark and light times of life we grow together in intimacy with one another, spurring one another on in pursuit of God.

How can supporters be praying for Arigaa ANC?

Please pray for us! There is always the temptation lurking to become content and complacent when you have a good thing going. Pray for our sensitivity to hearing God's leading and our fire for following Jesus' example.



Prayer Praises & Requests

Praise – CYAK Young Adult Retreat: The CYAK Young Adult Retreat took place in late February, and was an awesome time for all! Over 70 students and staff gathered together from Arigaa Fairbanks, Arigaa Anchorage, the MatSu Valley, Alaska Christian College and Amundsen Educational Center in Soldotna. We are grateful for the way God worked!

Prayer – ECCAK Annual Meeting and CYAK Training: In early April, pastors and leaders from across the state will gather together in Fairbanks for the Covenant Church of Alaska's Annual Meeting. CYAK Staff will stay afterward for a time of training. Please be in prayer for this time together as a community of believers in Alaska!

Prayer – New CYAK Staff: Please be in prayer for those who are in the process of coming on Staff with CYAK. Pray for discernment in placement, encouragement in support raising, and hope for what is to come!

We depend on the prayers of so many people across the state, country, and even world to carry out our mission.

Join with us in praying for the youth of Alaska! Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates by visiting our website at www.cyak.org.

(continued from page 1) How amazing is that! God provided for us on this trip, I left uncertain and came back filled and encouraged at Gods faithfulness. My prayer for the trip was to be a light for God, be an encouragement and hopefully plant a seed, but while God was at work in the village he had also done a good work in me through the people of Mt. Village. I praise God for what He has shown me through this trip and through His children.



CYAK Young Adult Retreat in late Feb!



“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” – Galatians 6:2



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