

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time



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2013 snapshots of ministry



Rafting Trips led by CYAK Interns this summer



Fishing for salmon in late summer



Danielle sharing at the Young Adult Retreat



SUBSIST! Sled building and hunting this fall



High School Fall Blast took place in the village of Golovin this year!



Leadership Week at Covenant Bible Camp



Arigaars and Pastors worship together at First Covenant in Anchorage during the ECCAK Pastor Leader Retreat



Local youth ministry in Scammon Bay and Anchorage



CYAK Staff, Board, and Team Strategic Planning and Team Building time together in Unalakleet



Ministry in the Eyes of: **Don Cross, Mountain Village Covenant Church Pastor**

My name is Don Cross, and I'm pastoring the church in Mountain Village. Since I've been working with the Covenant Church of Alaska, I've also come to know and appreciate the CYAK ministry.

How long have you been serving in Mountain Village? Where were you serving before?

My wife and children and I have been in Mountain Village since January 3rd 2013. We were pastoring in my hometown village of Elim in the Norton Sound Region previous to our time here.

What is the current youth ministry in the village?

We have two teachers, Amanda, who ministers to the Jr. High kids, and Courtney who ministers to the Sr. High group on Sunday evenings. My wife Fei and 'Becca' have been ministering to the children through the Sunday School ministry on Sunday afternoon.

What are some of the greatest challenges in ministering to youth in your community?

One of the greatest challenges in the community is that there has been an obvious disconnect between the church and the youth.

What has been encouraging recently in ministry?

We have been greatly encouraged to see young adults (18-25) start attending Sunday and Wednesday services. We have acknowledged their presence and look forward to 'building the gap'.

Why do you choose to partner with CYAK?

In the short time I've worked with CYAK, it's obvious that they have gained a lot of experience in reaching and working with youth. They have managed to find and recruit able ministers with hearts that care for the young people of our state.

How can supporters be praying for your ministry, as well as the broader youth ministry in Mountain Village?

We ask for prayer especially for Courtney and her ministry to the Sr. High group. Amanda has worked with the youth for a while and has a solid attendance. But Courtney is attempting to 'start' from scratch.

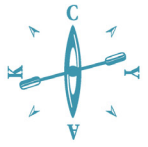


[Read ministry highlights from other areas around the state on the CYAK website! Visit www.cyak.org]

CYAK IS GROWING!!!

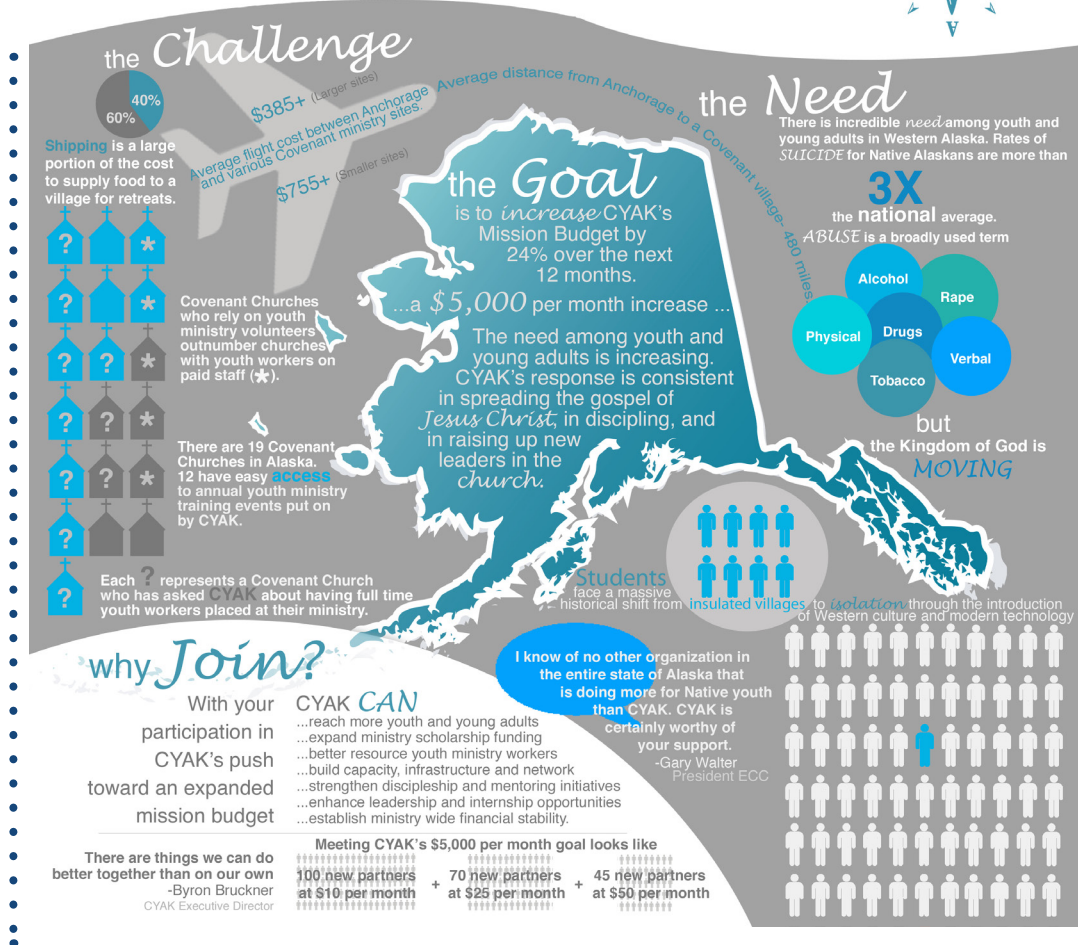
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**Give a little
Christmas cheer,
make a pledge for
the new year!**

- >> CYAK's ministry is **experiencing growth!**
- >> Because of this, there is a need to **increase monthly giving** to the Mission Fund.
- >> With these funds, we can continue to **reach more youth** and young adults across the state.
- >> **Join with us!**
- >> **WWW.CYAK.ORG**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Finals & Christmas Break: It's a full and busy time for students as finals are fast approaching! Please be in prayer for students as the mounting pressure of the end of the semester builds, and they prepare to head home for Christmas break.

Healthy Relationships: Many students have a distorted view of what healthy relationships look like. Please pray for renewed vision for the role of relationship in life, and for guidance for those leading.

Winter Travel: Please pray for safety in travel this winter as students fly all over the state for sports, school events, and Christmas!

Rest and Peace: Please pray for a rest-filled Christmas for all of the CYAK Staff and volunteers, where the peace of Christ is felt.

We are so grateful for your commitment to support CYAK in prayer!

Sign up to receive **monthly prayer requests** at www.cyak.org

In Honor Of

A gift was recently made in honor of Bible Camp Stewards Dennis and Mary Carlson expressing, "Their work (in Alaska) to bring others to Jesus Christ and to grow their understanding of the Word is a true blessing." We are so grateful for their service!

