



Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time



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Snapshots of Ministry 2014



2014 Annual Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska Pastor Leader Retreat - a great time of connection!



ACC stundet Blaze jammin' on the guitar.



The Williams arrive in Scammon Bay to teach and serve youth!



Arigaa Fairbanks campfire to enjoy the last days of summer.



1st Cov. and Arigaa Mountain Village Trip!



Arigaa Discipleship House guys; excited about potential expansion



September 2014 Young Adult Rertreat in Big Lake. Awesome to see young adults from across the state attend!



Helping with dishes at Fall Blast in Shaktoolik!



A Word from the Director

Byron Bruckner

Do you want to make a real difference in the world? As we partner together with our resources, our hearts, our minds and our hands, we can see lives changed.

We are committed to seeing youth in Alaska come to KNOW CHRIST, GROW in CHRIST and GO out in CHRIST. We can only accomplish this if the body of Christ works together. We have many problems: child abuse, suicide, drug addiction and sexual abuse. We can't change everything, but together we can change some things.

We are seeing students who had no hope find hope in Christ. Christ said to go to the ends of the earth and preach the Good News – Alaska is as far away from Jerusalem as you can get, so he must have been thinking of the people living in even the most remote parts of this state. Jesus wants us to bring hope and light to this end of the world, and because of your help we are making a difference.

We are seeing students say yes to their identity and way of life in Jesus. We are seeing students like Hunter, Matt, Doug, Rebecca, Erica, John, Tricia, Chris, and Charis not only know and grow in Christ, but we are now seeing them go in the name of Christ to serve others.

How? How is this happening? Alaska youth leaders and volunteers are investing time – they are sharing the Gospel, making disciples of Jesus and developing students as spiritual leaders. The frequency of

this happening is directly related to the amount of resources you invest in this task. For some reason, God's plan was to involve us as believers in bringing about his Great Commission to go and Make Disciples.

We are incredibly grateful for your help. Your investment will be multiplied as the loaves and fish with a spiritual return on investment that is eternal.

>>>> WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT <<<<



"Through my junior high and high school years, CYAK offered me the spaces and the times to not only grow in my relationship with Christ through the different events that they offer; they have also allowed me to foster fruitful and encouraging relationships with other youth and their own staff that have been immensely life-giving. These relationships

continue to this day and I am encouraged through the dedication to Christ that all CYAK staff have regularly. They have also given me the opportunity to come alongside the ministry and grow into an active participant and leader in my post-high school years, of which I am distinctly grateful. These opportunities fostered a place where my gifts were encouraged and pointed to encourage others." Donald Erickson grew up in Unalakleet involved with CYAK and Bible Camp. He now attends North Park University and is studying Biblical and Theological Studies.

Pray With Us!

Praise: This season of **Advent** - preparing for our coming King.

Prayer: Students of all ages as they prepare for **final exams**. This is also the time that many young adult students make decisions about whether to continue on with school or go back home to their village.

Praise: Our newest staff member, **Lindsey Clise!** Lift her up in prayer as she raises support for her role with CYAK.

Prayer: Please pray for two CYAK Staff families who are **expecting new babies** in the next two months! Keep the Londons and the Roses in your prayers - for safe deliveries and healthy babies!

Prayer: Please pray for young people across the state who are dealing with **anxiety and depression**, as this can be a difficult time of year.

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.

New Mailing Address!!

The CYAK mailing address for incoming gifts has changed!

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Beautiful winter sun in Unalakleet

Merry Christmas!



*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will
be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6



High School Road System Retreat in Willow

Partner with us!

Current Ministry Needs:

CYAK Mission Monthly Giving:

As CYAK's ministry is expanding, there is a need to boost CYAK Mission giving.

CYAK Retreat Scholarships:

Help someone attend one of our retreats throughout the year by giving to the Chris Lockwood Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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:
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P.O. Box 203356
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