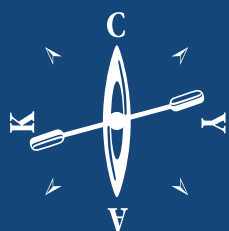




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Jesus, Emmanuel, God With Us

CYAK Director Byron Bruckner reflects on young people's desire to experience God.

Jesus, Emmanuel, light of the world, entered the darkness. Are people so consumed with entertainment and distractions that they don't have time for Jesus? Are we in such a season of excess that people don't "feel" the need for God? This may be something you experience or see around you but let me share some Good News.

We are working with many youth and young adults who are spiritually hungry. As we gather students ask to be prayed for, they desire to find peace in life through Christ, they seek to grow in Christ, and they desire to become leaders to make their villages and towns a place that reflects the Kingdom of God.

At our last young adult retreat, during the evening worship service, I invited these young adults to join me for a early Saturday meeting before breakfast so we

could talk about leadership. After I made the invitation, I thought – you are crazy – what college student is going to wake up early after a late Friday night hanging out with friends? I was hoping that someone would show up, I would have been thrilled if even one or two students would wake up and show up.

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In the morning when I got there 15-18 students were waiting for me at the table. While the ground may be frozen physically here in Alaska the spiritual soil is fertile and ready.

Your help in this work is vital and an excellent investment in the Great Commission of Christ! Jesus brought light in the darkness and came to feed those who showed up. Let us invest in reaching out to those who are open and ready to hear the Good News! Emmanuel God is with us.

- Byron

Ministry Highlights



Road System Retreat

Fun times in November!
Theme verse: Ephesians 6:10.



Nigipiaq Nite!

Aarigaa Anchorage enjoyed a night filled with Native food!



Cookie Baking!

Aarigaa Fairbanks enjoyed a fun night of cookie baking!

Ministry Update

CBC and CYAK Merger

Over the course of the last several months, the boards of Covenant Bible Camp, Covenant Youth of Alaska and the Alaska Conference have approved a proposal to shift Bible Camp under the organizational structure of CYAK. This is an exciting transition, as this merger will lend itself to sustainability and long term growth for the ministry of Covenant Bible Camp. We celebrate the ministry seen under the leadership of Nick Bruckner, former Bible Camp Director, and look forward to his continued work with CYAK in a full-time role. Currently, we are working on re-organization and the merger will become legal in January. Visit the www.cyak.org to learn more.



Junior High Fall Blast Group in NOME!

From November 11-13, Nome hosted another Fall Blast retreat - this time for Jr. Highers! It has been such an encouragement to see CYAK Staff, Nome Covenant Church and Checkpoint Youth Center come together to see these two retreats become a reality.

PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

Sign up to receive monthly prayer updates, visit www.cyak.org.

Praise: For a wonderful year of ministry- we are grateful for God's provision.

Praise: For awesome youth and young adults we are privileged to know.

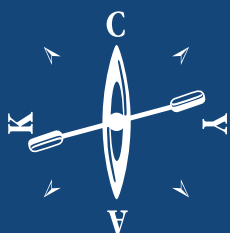
Praise: For **TEAM** - you, staff, volunteers. We do this work together!

Prayer Request: For peace, joy, hope and love in this season of Advent.

Prayer Request: For God's guidance in the coming year of ministry.

Prayer Request: For our churches in Alaska - pray for leaders in the church!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of CYAK's ministry.



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Thanks to you...

Young people are discovering their identity in Christ.

Your support through prayer, finances and encouragement in 2016 has played a significant role in moving CYAK's ministry forward. Youth and young adults are experiencing Christ's love through your gifts and support of CYAK. Qu yana, thank you.

Consider CYAK this December.

As you determine your year-end giving, consider giving to CYAK. Visit cyak.org and click the red 'Donate Now' button.

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Website/Contact:

Visit cyak.org to learn more about CYAK's ministry. Contact us at info@cyak.org to learn how to get more involved!



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See photos and updates on Instagram!

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Facebook:

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YouTube:

Watch Videos about CYAK's ministry.

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CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

End of Year Giving: Each year, we depend on the generosity of our supporters to continue moving CYAK forward in ministry. Making a year-end gift will make it possible for us to continue to reach kids for Christ!

Yurt at CRC: Consider partnering with us to build an indoor meeting space at Chickaloon Retreat Center.

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