

Covenant Youth of Alaska

*A relational outreach, discipleship and leadership ministry
for Alaska youth and young adults*

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Partnering to Reach and Disciple

Celebrating Partnership and Shared Vision in Shaktoolik

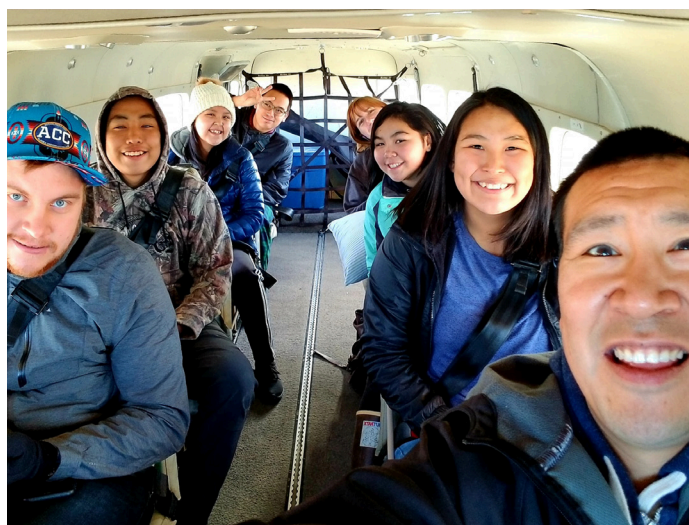
Vibrant and healthy communities reflecting the gospel of Christ and led by people God has transformed. This is our vision. It is what drives CYAK's ministry, what encourages us to continue on when discouragement comes and times are hard. It is what we as a collective body of believers - our staff, our volunteers, our supporters, our team - hope to see in Alaska. Broadly speaking, as a ministry, we work to achieve that vision through Christ-centered ministry, discipleship and partnership.

While just one of the ways we work toward our vision, partnership is a priority that is woven throughout CYAK's ministry and is essential to our work in reaching and discipling young people.

We see the value of partnership manifest itself in a number of ways in ministry - though relationships and collaboration with other ministries, through work teams and service projects, through prayer commitments, through giving. Each of these areas are essential and we thank God for the ministry that happens because of them.

One area of partnership that is vital to our mission and vision, and is also a CYAK value, is local church collaboration and synergy. There are twelve Covenant churches in Western Alaska. Many of these churches do not have a full-time senior pastor, let alone a youth pastor. We know that if we want to see youth reached and disciplined in these communities, we have to prioritize healthy partnerships with the church body and with those who desire to work with youth in each community.

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Students and Staff on their way to CYAK's annual High School Fall Blast Retreat in Shaktoolik! The theme was "Conversations with God". We are grateful to have an amazing team of people that made this retreat possible!

Ministry Highlights



New Windows!

We are grateful for awesome volunteers who replaced 40(!) windows in the Aarigaa House!



Pastor Leader Retreat

Pastors and leaders from across the state enjoyed a weekend of fellowship.



Aarigaa Fairbanks

Aarigaa-ers love to be together! Students gather for lunch on the UAF campus.

This year, we are excited to be partnering with Levi and Jen Cross by encouraging and equipping them as they live and serve youth in the Norton Sound community of Shaktoolik. Jen is a teacher, and Levi works as the youth leader at Shaktoolik Covenant Church. As Levi shared, *"Shaktoolik has been on my heart for a number of years. It is exciting and a huge blessing to finally be here, to have CYAK as a partner, and to be used as part of God's plan in the lives of the young people of Shaktoolik."*

Just last weekend, CYAK's annual High School Fall Blast Retreat was held in Shaktoolik, and Levi and Jen played a large role in coordinating and hosting the event. We are so excited to explore deeper partnership with the Cross family as they settle into ministry and life in Shaktoolik.

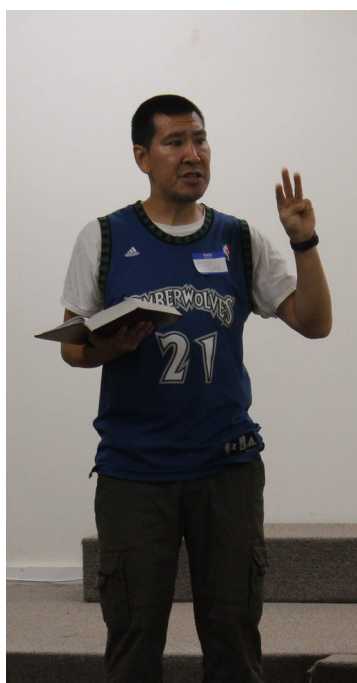
CYAK explores partnerships at many levels as the vision of vibrant and healthy communities led by people God has transformed stays in front of us, guiding ministry with Alaska's youth and young adults.

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Pictures from High School Fall Blast 2018.
Left: CYAK Staffer Tom Mute shared the Word. Right: A group poses outside during some time spent in the beautiful fall weather. Bottom right: A good old fashioned arm wrestling match. Below: God's creation



PRAYER PRAISES & REQUESTS

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

Praise: For partnerships and shared vision to reach & disciple young people.

Praise: For exciting things happening in our local youth ministry sites.

Praise: For the two volunteers who replaced 40 windows in the Aargaa House

Prayer Request: Those mourning the loss of loved ones to suicide.

Prayer Request: Provision for youth to be reached in all communities in AK.

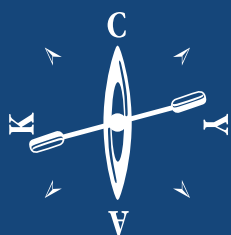
Prayer Request: For weekly discipleship gatherings of all shapes and sizes.

Thank you for your faithful support of CYAK's ministry through prayer.

CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Aarigaa House: We are excited to be in the final stages of the Aarigaa House Capital Campaign. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us to raise the final \$85,000 for this vital ministry. Learn more about the Aarigaa House at www.cyak.org/aarigaa-house.

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