

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time

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Summer Fun!

Summers in Alaska are filled with fun and life - colors burst forth, berries and fish are plentiful, and the daylight lingers into the night. As a ministry, we love to have fun, and Alaskan summers are the perfect time to see that value exemplified to the full! This summer has certainly been a blast - we enjoyed another successful month of Bible Camp to kick things off, followed by camping and hiking trips across the state, community gardening, float trips down the North River, Basketball Camp, fishing, berry picking, and more. We are thankful for the opportunity to share God's love with youth and young adults in a place where his majesty and beauty are so abundant! We look forward to more fun times together as the summer continues and we head into the season of fall.

"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3















Ministry in the Eyes of:

Bob Curtis, Elim Covenant Church Pastor, and CYAK Advisor

Bob Curtis, originally from the village of Kiana, is a vital part of the CYAK Team. He first got involved with CYAK's ministry three years ago when he served as a speaker for CYAK's annual

Young Adult Vision Camp in Unalakleet. Since that time, he has continued to stay connected, and currently serves on the CYAK Advisory Council. Bob is a valued voice for the CYAK Team and ministry, and we are so grateful for him and his wisdom. Currently, Bob is serving as the Pastor of the Covenant Church in the village of Elim.

• What is it about CYAK that makes it unique?

CYAK's emphasis is primarily in rural Alaska ministries. I believe over the course of several years it is sure to become more effective through continously improving it's front-end approach; basically by taking the shape of village Alaska in various ways.

• How do you see CYAK's value of fun exemplified?

The outdoor elements such as camping, hiking, and fishing provides a fun atmosphere for students and youth workers alike.

• How can supporters being praying for your ministry in Elim?

Pray as the Lord impressed four quadrants for me to focus on in Elim:

Preach Christ.
Edify the body.
Practice God's presence.
Evangelize Elim.

Covenant Bible Camp 2013 - Leadership Camp

We are excited to have seen another successful year of Bible Camp ministry under the direction of the new director, Nick Bruckner. Bible Camp and CYAK are strong partners, and we are grateful for our vital and life-giving partnership.

This year, CYAK was responsible for programming the first week of camp, Leadership Camp. Leadership Camp is geared toward high schoolers and young adults who have been recognized by others as leaders in their home communities.

Throughout the week, we had the opportunity to hear testimonies about the work the Lord is doing in people's lives, attend seminars, worship, complete service projects, and just have fun together. It was a wonderful week!









Clockwise from top left: Leadership Camp group shot, Molly and Millie, Program Directors in Training: Donald and Max, Rooney sharing his testimony, the ARK.



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Prayer Requests

- **Prayer and Planning Retreat:** CYAK will be having it's annual Prayer and Planning Retreat from August 2-5 in Unalakleet. Please pray for a fun and productive time of planning for the future.
- **Babies!** Two CYAK Staff couples are looking forward to welcoming new ones into the world later this summer. Please pray for health for them both!
- **Arigaa:** Please pray for our Arigaa groups in Anchorage and Fairbanks as they prepare for fall!



scan the QR code, and join our monthly prayer list!
Or join on the CYAK website!

First Covenant Youth Workers

This fall, we are excited to have two young adults who have grown up attending First Covenant Church serve as youth workers there! Matt Blair and Janie Ferguson will be working with First Covenant's Associate Pastor, Phil Cannon, to take over the youth program this coming year. Please be in prayer for each of them as they prepare to take on this role!





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<u>Visit our website</u>: Visit www.cyak.org to learn more about CYAK's ministry to youth and young adults in Alaska!

Current Ministry Needs

• **Fall Retreat Scholarships:** The fall is just around the corner, and with it comes CYAK's fall retreat season! Please consider giving to help scholarship a student to attend one of our fall retreats. Quyanna!

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: Covenant Youth of Alaska PO Box 372 Unalakleet, AK 99684

Questions? Please contact our Unalakleet office:

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