

# Covenant Youth of Alaska

*Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time*

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## *2011 in Pictures - A Snapshot*



Jan : Shaktoolik



Feb : Retreats!



March : Unk YG



April : Mekoryuk YG



May : CYAK Planning



June : CBC



July: Loss of loved ones



August : ANMP camp



Sept : Arigaa Retreat



Oct : Fall Blast -Elim



Nov : Rose's arrive



Dec : Arigaa-UAF

### *A Message from the Director:*

Dear Friends,

Christ has called us to "make disciples". If you have ever tried, you know that it is hard work. It seems the older people get the more set in their ways they become. I guess the old adage is "it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks." Think back in your life about when you began to formulate ideas about God, about life, and about relationships. We are impressionable when we are young. If we are impressed by the wrong crowd, it can mean years of trouble. This is why we are thankful you help us reach and disciple young people in Alaska with the Word of God and the message of Christ.

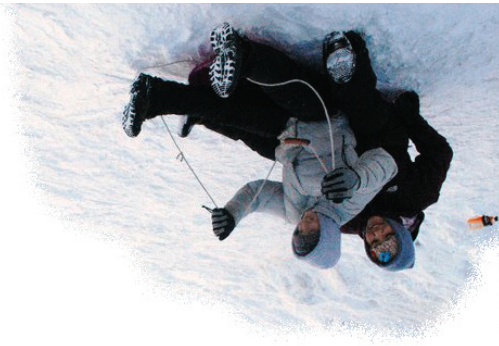
Your year-end giving really helps us set our course and priorities for the rest of the year. As you see in these pictures – we minister day in and day out all year long with a continuum of discipleship care, so we are thankful for your consistent partnership. We are so thankful for your help, because we can't do this work without your consistent ministry support.

Our ministry is growing and the number of young people we are reaching is also growing. This is a result of your faithfulness. We will continue to walk with students and partner with others in reaching out to youth and young adults throughout both rural Alaska and the road system of Alaska.

Most recently we have started a online student youth network in which we have staff and volunteers present scripture and devotional writings for students all around the state. We already have over 550 youth, young adults and youth leaders on this network. Our best years are ahead as we see more and more young people take God's Word seriously and give every aspect of their lives to Christ.

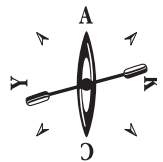
Quyanna – Thank You for all you do to partner with us in this mission.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### Prayer Praises & Requests

- Praise for the online Youth Network, where youth are being encouraged daily through the sharing of scripture and devotionals.
- Praise that Jamie and Erica Rose have safely arrived in Alaska – Jamie will be directing CYAK's Arigaa Young Adult Ministry at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.
- Prayer for CYAK's upcoming winter retreats.
- Prayer for safety and peace this Christmas season.

### CYAK Salmon Dinners

CYAK Salmon Dinners are a great way to inform your church about CYAK's ministry to youth and young adults in Alaska. If you are interested in having a salmon dinner at your church, let us know! Contact Lauren Ernst at [lauren@cyak.org](mailto:lauren@cyak.org).



So much delicious, wild caught salmon! This picture was taken at a CYAK salmon dinner at First Covenant Church in Grand Rapids, MI!

### Current Ministry Needs:

- **Student Scholarships for Retreats:** Scholarships for students to attend our winter retreats.
- **Video Curriculum Resources:** Funding to support our new video curriculum project.

### Ways to Give:

- **Automatic Giving** from your checking account.\*
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