

# Covenant Youth of Alaska

*Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time*

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## *Ministry Highlight: Campus Ministries*

**University of Alaska–Fairbanks led by John Hege & Leslie McClain**

**University of Alaska–Anchorage led by Phil Cannon & Julie Diercks**

**Job Corps–Palmer led by James Ventress & Nikki Dill**

These campus ministries are geared toward students who have moved from the villages to the road system to go to school. They serve as a place where students can meet together to fellowship, study God's word, and challenge one another in their walk with Christ. Please pray for these students as they gear up for the Fresh Focus Retreat in February!



## *Praises and Prayer Requests:*

- Praise that the Job Corps ministry is continuing to flourish and that every week there are more new faces!
- Praise that the Fresh Focus Retreat is less than a month away!
- Pray for the college-aged students as they prepare for a great weekend of fellowship and growth.
- Pray that the UAA students involved with Arigaa will learn and grow from their peers as they sign up to lead group devotionals this spring.
- Pray that the new office in Unalakleet will create opportunities to continue to reach the villages in western Alaska in a significant way.

## *What's Coming Up!*

- Fresh Focus Retreat February 25–27, 2011 in Big Lake
- Grief and Loss Seminar February 24–26 in Shaktoolik
- Leaders 4 Life High School Conference March 4–6, 2011 in Marshall.

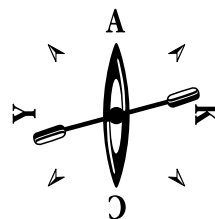
## *Story of Encouragement:*

It is always exciting when a young Native leader comes on board the CYAK Staff. This month, Isaac Wood, a young man originally from Dillingham, AK, and a recent graduate of Alaska Christian College, joined our Staff team. He attended the Midwinter Conference with Byron and Mary at the end of January, and is now working with the youth alongside Jason Stromstad in Scammon Bay. Praise be to God!

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### *CYAK's New Address?*

As you read in the insert, CYAK now operates out of two offices, one in Wasilla, and one in Unalakleet. Therefore, *All gifts should now be sent to the Unalakleet address, at:*

**Covenant Youth of Alaska**  
**P.O. Box 372**  
**Unalakleet, AK 99684**

Our newsletters are sent out of the Wasilla office, but all finances are done through Unalakleet. We really appreciate your cooperation throughout this transition!

### *Want an Update?*

If you are feeling like you need to be “brushed up” on CYAK’s ministry, we would love to send you some information about us, and what’s new with CYAK! Please check the “send me an update” box below, send it back to us, and we’ll be happy to get you up to speed!

### *Please Pray!*

Thank you for your continued prayers! Hang on to the top portion of your newsletter and put it on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for the youth of Alaska!

### *Current Ministry Needs:*

• **Regional Office Needs:** As we transition from one to two offices, consider making a gift to make our move go smoothly. See the included Special Ministry Update for more specific information about the current needs.

### *Other ways to Give:*

- **Online:** Gifts can be made via PayPal on our website. Visit [www.cyak.org](http://www.cyak.org), and click the “give” button.
- **Automatic withdrawal** from your checking account.\*
- **Credit Card:** Recurring or one-time gifts.\*
- **Checks:** Mailed to CYAK address to the right. >>>

\* To arrange credit card donations, or set up automatic monthly withdrawals from your checking account, please contact our Unalakleet office by phone or email:

**Phone:** 907.624.5050 **Cell:** 907.625.1120 **Email:** [info@cyak.org](mailto:info@cyak.org)

**YES!** I/we would like to partner with CYAK ministries to reach Alaskan Youth with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Enclosed is a gift of: ( ) \$25 ( ) \$50 ( ) \$100 ( ) \$250 ( ) other

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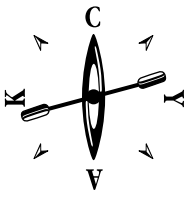
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## Special Ministry Update from the Executive Director

Dear CYAK friends and supporters,

As you can see, we've included a special update to let you know that Sue and I will be moving to Unalakleet to set up a CYAK ministry base in the western Alaska!

CYAK is entering a new phase of ministry. Our board has unanimously agreed that setting up a new regional base of operation in the village of Unalakleet for western Alaska will be a very strategic move. This base of operation will allow us closer access to our village churches and will allow for more encouragement, coaching, and training in the villages. It will also allow us an opportunity to set up a ministry training center that would allow young adults practical hands on ministry and mentoring experience.

We are excited about ministry in Alaska-2011!! We are so thankful for your partnership and recognize we are only able to minister here because of the help you and others in the body of Christ have offered, so I want to say a huge thank you!

We are just in the beginning of this mobilization and set up, so we need your help. Please consider a special gift in addition to your regular missional giving to Covenant Youth of Alaska. Below you will find a list of some of our current needs as we make this move a reality

### **Western Alaska CYAK Regional Ministry Base**

#### Regional base needs

Native Alaskan ministry intern – \$500 monthly  
Moving & Freight – \$2,700  
Washer/Dryer – \$1,200  
Village Transportation – \$4,000  
Freight Sled & Shipping – \$1,500  
Office Equipment/Supplies – \$1,750  
Village Supplies – \$550  
Utilities – \$4,750 (annual)  
Internet – \$450 (annual)  
Phone – \$450 (annual)

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Matthew 28:19 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* – Jesus Christ

### **Thanks so much for your partnership in this ministry!!**

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call on my cell #907-982-2999.

Thanks,

Byron Bruckner – e.d.  
Covenant Youth of Alaska