



# The Last Frontier

*The Fernandez Family Newsletter, Missionaries to Alaska*

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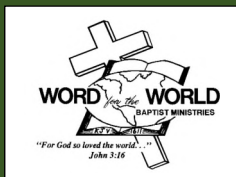
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## *Prayer Requests:*

- Please pray for our church attendance to grow, and our outreaches.
- Pray for us to see people saved and baptized
- Pray for the church to have a new roof. This one leaks
- Pray for our church to become self-sufficient
- We are praying for an all-wheel drive vehicle for the winter. Ours is getting older in years and we are spending a lot in repairs.

**"¶And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him."—Isaiah 30:18**

I want to thank God for all the answered prayers these past two months. January started off a little rough. We had 80-100 mph winds for about two or more weeks and below zero temperatures after that. Needless to say, door to door soul-winning was not an option with all that wind. We had originally planned on hitting the New Year with our feet running for outreach, but the weather in Alaska dictated otherwise. You just can't predict what will happen so you just have to be flexible.

Because January was such a hard month to even go out, we did not see any new visitors. I was getting pretty discouraged. In our prayer meetings, we prayed that God Himself would bring us new visitors. After we started praying earnestly for this, God started opening up people's hearts.

One such story is Roberta. She is a Native Alaskan, who, when we first showed up to her home on door to door, was drunk. She is an alcoholic and has been all her life. We spoke to her and prayed that God would sober her up. He did. That next week, she slipped on some ice looking for her cat and was hospitalized for injuries. We saw her a week later and she said that she has not touched a drop of alcohol since her accident. We picked her up in our car and she came to church that Sunday morning and said she absolutely loves the church.

Dominick has been our most faithful attender, and has been growing in leaps and bounds. He is a homeless man who lives in a tent in the woods. He comes almost every service. Some Sundays he comes over to our home where we let him wash his clothes and shower, as well as eat and fellowship. He has been telling everyone he could tell about our church. He is already trying to get people to Jesus.

Another such blessing is that we had another visitor name Al. He came once in the middle of February. We are praying for him to return.

As we were awaiting our morning service one Sunday in February, we had a visiting husband and wife. When asked how they heard about the church, they said, "Go led us here". After hearing the preaching that Sunday morning, they came back with a friend. After speaking to them, they absolutely love our church and the preaching. They are both very excited to be a part of our fellowship.

God has given me an opportunity to minister on base. There is a mentorship program for troubled teens. The teens get dropped off on base by their parents, who they cannot speak to until they are about ready to graduate in five or six months. They basically live in boot camp. They work on getting their diplomas and GED's. As a mentor, I will be helping them with their learning and anything else they might need. This unique opportunity is a great way to help me to also meet new people.

One of the things we were praying for was financial help at the church. Since our church is not yet self-supporting, we were praying one Sunday evening that God would provide for our church's monthly deficit. That very night, I unexpectedly received a couple of phone calls from another church, who loves us. They had apparently had a meeting to discuss what they could do to be a financial blessing to us. God used them to help us with a few months' worth of deficit losses, and be a blessing to us personally. This was a direct answer to prayer. We want to thank everyone who supports us and prays for us. We could not do this great work of God without your help!