

Pray for Job and Bethany Hale




Church Planting Missionaries In:

Napakiak, Alaska & Bethel Region

May 2024 Update

Dear praying friends and partners in the faith –


We pray that this letter finds you doing well and enjoying the changes of springtime. Our area of Alaska officially entered the very muddy snow melt season but it's starting to dry out now which is quite welcome.



A couple weeks after we arrived back home in Napakiak, **a village elder passed away**, an elderly woman that we all called Grandma Nelson. We had a wonderful relationship with her despite a language barrier - she spoke very little English and we don't speak much Yup'ik - and from what we saw of her life we have hope that she knew the LORD as her Saviour. She was an example of loving kindness, diligent hard work, overcoming difficult times, and other Christian values. Grandma Nelson's funeral proceedings were something of a "making headway" for us in Napakiak - **several of her family members seemed to recognize me as a pastor for the first time** and I was asked to pray and lead some of the gatherings (in Native Alaskan culture there is a series of gatherings that occur following a death to memorialize the departed). **This is huge in light of the religious politics present in the village.** We covet your prayers as we continue to stop through doors that God opens for us!

The addition onto the church building is coming along nicely. With the help of various ones that have already come to work on it, a lot of progress has been made, praise God! Insulation is almost finished and we're also working on hanging sheet rock at this point. Looking forward to having it move-in ready very soon.

For several months I had been trying to sell the small plane (Piper Pacer tailwheel) we bought a while ago, and I finally found a committed buyer located in Tennessee. My wife and I had the opportunity to fly it down to him which was an enjoyable trip albeit a lot of somewhat frustrating preparation in gathering necessary pilot and aircraft paperwork for crossing the borders of Canada and the U.S. **God really blessed us with safety and a smooth passage all the way down** and we want to give a big praise for that! As I write this letter we are traveling back home by commercial airline.



Our schedule for this summer and fall is filling in, including having people come out to Napakiak to help with VBS, Bible distribution, planting and harvesting the garden, and construction projects. **We are still needing some helpers for this month of May and the beginning of June. Please reach out by email, phone call or text if you would like more information - we would love to host you or a group from your church! Also feel free to pass on our contact to others who may be interested.**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that the many loved ones that Grandma Nelson left behind will consider their own eternal state and be drawn to Christ.
- Continue praying for the shipment of Bibles headed our way - the 15,000 are now on the barge from Seattle to Anchorage. They're scheduled to arrive in Bethel this month and then they'll be transferred to a smaller barge and brought to Napakiak.
- Pray for the growth of the believers in Napakiak.

Thank you and God bless!

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