

Pray for Job and Bethany Hale



Church Planting Missionaries

Napakiak, Alaska & Bethel Region

March 2024 Update

Dear praying friends and partners in the faith –

This is our last update before returning home – if all goes according to schedule, **we will be back in Napakiak by the first of April**. We can hardly wait! We sure miss everyone in the village and we're looking forward to getting back into regular life and continuing what the LORD has called us to do.

One huge answer to prayer is that **the funds for shipping Bibles from Tennessee to Napakiak have come in and even some extra**, which will go towards covering the cost of fuel to get these Bibles distributed throughout the villages. A very big ***THANK YOU*** to everyone who gave to this need, what a blessing the Bibles will be to those who receive them.

As we wrap up our time in the lower 48, we have so much to thank God for – new friends and connections made, new experiences, and a refreshed love for where we live... the people and the land. **Our heart is in Alaska and we feel very blessed to be where God has placed us** – thank you, LORD!

For most of February we were in Arizona and New Mexico on the Navajo reservation, which was a real blessing as we got to know some of the Navajos, who are in some ways similar to Native Alaskans (yes, they made us extra homesick!). We were also encouraged to see what God is doing there on the reservation with some **faithful people who are spreading his word**. Just this week we had the privilege of attending a church planting conference in Colorado, where many people generously donated to our missionary efforts. We are grateful! I am also excited that the LORD allowed me to lead two souls to Christ over the last few weeks.

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 May. 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!**

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- - Pray for the logistics of getting Bibles and tracts printed and delivered to Napakiak. We are getting things together for this, there are lots of moving pieces.
- - Pray for my parents, Jim and Martha Buckingham, as they finish up their work in Napakiak and seek God's will for what he would have them do next.
- - Pray for the growth of the believers in Napakiak.
- - Pray for Bethany and me... our last few meetings and then traveling back home.

Thank you for your prayers for and support of the LORD's work in rural western Alaska.... we praise God for his guiding, blessing hand on this ministry and these dear people!

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