



Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Early Summer 2011

Wow! What an awesome time we had in Alaska in May! My name is **Tom Denlinger** and I am very thankful for all of you who support our work in Alaska. Let me express how grateful I am for your sensitivity to people's needs outside your own. **This is a clear example of the fruit of maturity in your walk with the Lord.**



Our first wave of teams completed their assignments and more are preparing to depart at the end of June. It is so rewarding to watch God build His Church and destroy the work of Satan in people's lives.

There is so much joy that comes when we work together for God's glory! Together, with many people of the Kluti-Kaah village in Copper Center, our first team was able to build a 60' x 100' building that will be the future home of Copper Center Community Chapel. You really need to check out the photos of this team's work on our website:

www.lightshineministries.org/may11.htm



If you have never experienced the fulfillment of giving of yourself to serve people in another place and culture, you need to consider it in the near future.



Thank You for helping us build the NEW Copper Center Community Chapel ...

Please allow me to be very bold and transparent with you. **Serving people with unconditional love (giving and not expecting anything in return) has brought me such deep and lasting peace that nothing else can compare to it in my life.** For 16 years I have seen our team members SHINE as they give of themselves to people in love and offer their talents to build up the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. But quite honestly I also watch many people not learn this nugget of truth and miss God's blessing of peace and sense of purpose. Many of these people continue to seek happiness in personal pleasure - not only are they unfulfilled but many of them are blind to the reasons why. This is one of my highest goals for the people who come with us to Alaska. **Oh, that they would connect to God's highest plans for their lives!**



Jared, Rick & Ryley Uber with Pastor Mike Dynes at Globe Creek Camp

The Bible teaches that this life is only an "internship" before we enter our reward for the rest of eternity. Let me ask you a bold question: **Are your life choices in this short, earthly life based on following the example of Jesus? Are you focused on obeying His commands and receiving an eternal reward instead of living merely for earthly pleasures?** Or have you bought into the lie that this life is to be lived simply for your own personal pleasure?

The Bible also teaches that in the last days

there will be a form of godliness but without power (2 Timothy 3:1-5). We must ask ourselves what this means and how we can keep ourselves from being deceived. **How can Satan destroy our potential for eternal reward even when we have experienced God's blessing on this earth?** One way is to get us to focus on ourselves and ensnare us in the lie that God's blessings are given for our pleasure alone. **This is an insidious deception that we see throughout the American church.** Does the Bible talk about God's people living only for themselves and not learning to give freely of their time and resources? Yes! Proverbs 18:1 in the New American Standard Bible says:

He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

I believe this message to God's people is almost as important as the Gospel itself. **Jesus Christ came to serve and give His life away** (Mark 10:45) **and He expects us to do the same!** There are many people who are "getting it" and living out what they say they believe and it is very exciting! They are doing the work that God prepared for them to do (Ephesians 2:10) and they will be rewarded.

Our **Globe Creek Team** (pictured here) was also able to get a lot of work done this past May. They worked all week installing underlayment for ceramic tile in the lodge of the camp, building showers and doing various other jobs around the camp. Visit our website for some photos!



Have you ever thought about working as a camp counselor at a Bible camp in Alaska? **Globe Creek Wilderness Camp needs two counselors for July!** One for the girls and one for the boys. Please visit our website for more information:

www.lightshineministries.org/campstaff11.htm



Dennis & Jane Schlossman
LightShine Missionaries

One of our own LightShine Ministries staff couples, **Dennis & Jane Schlossman**, will be serving at Globe Creek Wilderness Camp from June 30 - August 3 and we would like to ask you to **pray** for them during the next two months.

Jane will be doing the cooking for the camp (three meals a day for up to 30 people). Please **pray** that she has someone to help her. Dennis will serve as camp medic and general handyman. As time permits, they will assist with activities interacting with many children over the 30 plus days that they will be there. It will be a lot of hard work for them but they are excited about being used for God's glory! **Will you commit to praying for them?** Please **pray** for their safe, uneventful travel, for their health and stamina, and that they will be able to positively impact these children with the love of Christ.

Some things that we desperately need in Alaska are more vehicles and another utility trailer for transporting teams and tools to various job sites. We currently have an 8 passenger Ford van in Alaska (pictured here) and a Chevy Suburban that we use in Pennsylvania to transport people to and from the airport. Both of these vehicles were donated to us and we are very thankful. But we are seeking the Lord for an additional van that is a little larger. **Could you help us purchase a 12 or 15 passenger van?** We already have a volunteer who said he would drive it north to Alaska. We could also use a car, pickup truck or SUV as well. Remember that all donations are tax deductible because LightShine Ministries is a non-profit ministry that is registered with the IRS. **Tom Denlinger** - Ministry Director



Thank you so much for praying for us as we continue to serve and build up the Church of Jesus Christ in Alaska. Please make sure you take time to prayerfully look through our website:

www.lightshineministries.org

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