

Our 14th Year!

LIGHTSHINE MINISTRIES IN ALASKA

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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What an honor and privilege to serve our Lord by being His hands and building His Kingdom here on earth till He comes! Ephesians 2:10 is one of the verses that best describes our ministry. The New King James version puts it this way:

**FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND
THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.**



Have you considered lately what good works God prepared for you to do? ... and are you doing them? Our ministry builds and sends teams of men and women who are skilled with their hands to work in places that need help in completing projects that are used to draw people to Jesus Christ. Our teams serve with their hands and build life long relationships with the people they meet. The time when we meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is drawing near. God is showing all of us that all of our little "empires" will all fall. What will remain is the impact we had on others while serving our King! Two people we met in Alaska are fine examples for us.

Mike and Adeline Potts (pictured below) have been serving our Lord Jesus for many years. Mike came to Alaska in 1968 at the age of 17. He wanted to live a life of adventure and Alaska was the place for Him. He met **Adeline** three years later and she was soon to be his wife. **Adeline** is from Eagle. Together they raised **Sonny** and **Jody** their two children. In 1981 Mike had an encounter with **Jesus Christ** when a man named **Steve Hamilton** led him to the Lord in a logging truck along the Yukon River. He was soon to feel a call from God into the ministry. In 1994 Mike became the pastor of **Copper Center Community Chapel** and two years later I met Mike. As the pastor in Copper Center, Mike had a heart for the children of the village. In 1997 Mike took his first group of kids at a wilderness lake outside of Chitina. The following year our first team of men started working with Mike and some teen boys. Today, 12 years later, **Strelna Lake Wilderness Bible Camp** is a favorite destination for the youth and teens of Copper Center. You can see photos of the camp on our website:

www.lightshineministries.org/strelna.htm

In the year 2000 Mike and Adeline left Copper Center to plant a church in Mongolia. They started a business in Batshireet, Mongolia building log houses. Slowly a church formed and they appointed national leaders to maintain the church. Today Mike oversees the church in Mongolia but lives in the United States. He is also the featured speaker at the **Wrangell Mountain Bible Conference** in Copper Center this year.



The new vision that **Mike and Adeline** share is building a pastors' getaway on an island in the boundary waters of Minnesota. **For the first time since our ministry started 1995, we are sending a Work Team to Minnesota.** On Friday, June 12, we are sending

a team of three men and their boys to help the Potts's clear land for building a six sided log chapel much like we built at Strelna Lake in 1999. Our June Team to Minnesota is made up of the following men and their boys: **Chris Hawbaker** (Aaron and Adam), **Peter Ogilvie** (Peter, John and Andrew), and **Tom Denlinger** (Alex and Ryan). **Please pray for this team.**

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Please **pray** for their safety as they travel and work. **Pray** for these fathers as they teach their boys more about serving people with their lives. **Pray** that God gives these



boys wisdom and direction to set their minds to someday be men of God who reach their generation for Jesus Christ. **Pray** that God would keep His hand of protection on their mothers and daughters during their week on the mission field. **Thanks to those of you who supported them with your financial gifts.** We cannot do this work without you!

Some of you may ask, **“But what does Minnesota have to do with Alaska?”** I mean aren't you called to Alaska?" The answer is simple. We are open to sending teams anywhere in the world if three key ingredients take place: 1. **FOCUS** - Our ministry has a vision for building relationships with native peoples. 2. **NEED** - We are asked to fill a need and God places that need on our hearts. 3. **PEOPLE** - There must be someone who has served as part of our ministry who has a vision to fill that need and is willing to do the work to put a team together to complete the job.

We have been providing free labor in Alaska for the last 14 years. Our staff is called to build this ministry as God provides the wisdom and our people come alongside us with their finances, prayer and personal involvement. **This is a very rewarding ministry.** We get to “see” the work of our hands but we also endeavor to “keep coming back” as we show our commitment to long term relationships with people. This is the work of the Body of Christ. **Would you get involved?** There are many teams being put together for 2010. Please send us an email with your mailing address so we can send you this newsletter directly to your home. Please pray for us as our ministry grows. We need the wisdom of Solomon to accomplish much before our Lord Jesus returns! God bless you and your family!

Tom Denlinger - *Director of LightShine Ministries*

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General Volunteers
 Ruth Denlinger
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We have a need for (2) 15 passenger vans. One will be used in Pennsylvania and another in Alaska. Please contact us if you could help with this need.

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We are currently looking for team members for an potential October trip. Please contact us if this interests you.

August Work Team August 8-17, 2009
Globe Creek Camp Fairbanks, AK
 PRAISE GOD THIS TEAM IS FILLED AND ON ITS WAY!

October Work Team (Dates to be determined)
Word of Life International Ministry Wasilla, AK
TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!
 Drywall hangers, finishers and painters