



**Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Late Summer 2011**

Summer is quickly fading in Alaska and we will be sending two more teams in late August into September. Please take time right now to pray for these people by name. Ask the Father to powerfully speak to each one and prepare them for the work He has prepared them for (Ephesians 2:10).

**Eagle Reconstruction Team** - Larry & Teri Newell, Dave Hoffer, Ron Knecht, Anne Norton, Ben Myers, Jim Keener & Aquilla Lapp

**Mountain Home Fellowship Team** - Tom Denlinger, Gerald Freeman, Mel Miller & Neil Stackhouse

Please take time to visit our website and read more specifically what these teams will be doing. They really need your prayer. **Please pray for them during the next two weeks.** Thank you so much!



**Dennis & Jane Schlossman**  
 LightShine Missionaries

The following article was written by **Dennis Schlossman** who served with his wife, Jane, in Alaska for the entire month of July. They freely gave of themselves and volunteered at **Globe Creek Camp** which is 37 miles north of Fairbanks. Be encouraged by their testimony. God is good and desires to use all of us like He did them. This is the work God has called His Body, the Church to do!

**Alaska Missions Report**

*Where do you begin a testimony when God speaks directly to you and tells you to go? It began at a monthly LightShine Ministries meeting in October 2010. That seems so long ago, but during that meeting we were discussing the need for staff at Globe Creek Camp during the children's camp. It was then that God said, "Go for the entire camp period." I talked with my wife, Jane, explaining what I felt we were to do, and we prayed about it. Thus began a wilderness adventure that was far beyond anything we could have ever imagined.*

*In nine short months we would head for a five week stay in Alaska. Yes, there were times that the flesh got in the way and the enemy created doubt in our minds; but we pressed on and God's peace began to take over. We knew God was calling us to do this.*

*The question was, "God, what can a couple in their mid-sixties do at a wilderness youth camp 37 miles north of Fairbanks, Alaska just south of the Arctic Circle?" After communicating with the camp director, Mike Dynes, it became quite clear. There was a need for a camp cook. That would be Jane's department. Also, there was a need for a camp handyman/medic/cook's helper. You guessed it - that was me. We knew conditions would be rough and primitive – electricity by a generator, water trucked in, no phones, and no sewer (only outhouses).*

*We needed to have some certification for this. With my EMS background, it was quite easy for me to get my Basic Life Support Certification, and Jane was able to get certified by the State of Alaska as a food service worker. We also needed to raise support for the trip. We sent out our appeal letters and talked with friends and neighbors. In the end our financial needs were completely covered and we had a surplus of \$18.29. Praise the Lord!*

*On June 28 we boarded a plane in Harrisburg for a long, tiring trip. After arriving it took a week to prepare the camp for the children. There were long hours cleaning, organizing, purchasing food and supplies, and general orientation. Camp began July 10 with the arrival of ten campers in grades 7-10,*



plus five staff including ourselves. With fifteen people to cook for three times each day, in Jane's words, it was like preparing a Thanksgiving dinner every meal. But when the kids sat down to eat and in unison all said, "Thank you, Jane", it made it well worth it. At the end of camp when the kids came to give us a hug, that was quite a reward in itself. We also had a chance to watch them grow spiritually with each time of Bible study. They began to open up sharing their life's burdens and troubles with one another, asking one another for prayer and forming friendships.

The following camp week brought in a younger group of ten from grades 3–6. What a time it was! During the worship service each evening we saw them begin to reach out their hands to the Lord. Some, who had never been to a Christian camp, held back and just watched for a day or two. Jane did a quick lesson on praise and worship and why we lift our hands up. Soon, they began to raise their hands too! These children were learning a lot by just observing our actions. We could easily see that we were being a positive influence in their lives. Then, they began to pray for one another's needs by laying hands on each other believing that those needs would be met. One young man, Daniel, was a bit physically and mentally challenged, but he believed that if he prayed God would answer that prayer. He could not read or write but he knew about Jesus and came to Him with child-like faith. His heart's desire is to read and write. All the kids gathered around Daniel, laid their hands on him and prayed for him. One evening Jane's legs and back were hurting and she had some difficulty walking. The kids gathered around her, laid hands on her, and prayed. Daniel called out to God for healing. That night something moved in Jane's back, and the next morning the pain was gone. We told Daniel, and he jumped around praising the Lord. His simple faith put us "older" believers to shame. Those kids left camp different than when they came. Jane and I left different also. We saw awesome things in God's creation that we never would have; and we saw changes in some kids that were amazing.



If we had chosen to ignore the call of God to fill our important roles it would have been difficult for the camp this summer. We were favored by the Lord on our entire trip with our travel schedules - even arriving home to Harrisburg 20 minutes early. When we checked in to leave Anchorage the clerk at the counter asked what we did in Alaska. We told him we were the cook and medic at a youth Bible camp. He thanked us for coming and then asked if he would see us next year. We told him, "If God calls us, we'll be here." He looked right at us and said, "I like your answer."

We want to challenge you! If God is speaking to you about stepping out, please don't ignore Him. We were not sure how a couple in their 60's would manage in wilderness conditions, but we found out that God has given us the ability to live there and even bless us in those conditions. We give Him all the Praise, Honor and Glory for the opportunity that we had to serve.  
by Dennis Schlossman

## **Amish/Mennonite Team for 2012**

In 2010 an Amish/Mennonite team of 4 (plus 2 drivers) drove by van to Alaska. The team spent their first work week helping to blaze a hiking trail, doing repairs and chopping wood at Globe Creek Camp and the second week they did repairs on a church in North Pole. **We are planning another Amish/Mennonite work team for late July into August of 2012.** The trip would include one week of driving to Alaska, two weeks of work and one week to drive back to Lancaster, PA.

This team's assignment will most likely be working at **Strelina Lake Bible Camp** which is a primitive camp used for native children's ministry on a wilderness lake. The goal of this team will be cutting and clearing a firebreak around the camp. It will be a lot of hard work using only chainsaws. You will also be doing a lot of fishing and eating fresh rainbow trout for dinner. We are currently working on details for this trip which may also include some work back in Copper Center for the Native Alaskan church that sponsors this camp. **For more information about the team contact Junior Zook at 717-324-5684 or email jrzook717@gmail.com.** Van drivers will also be needed for the team. LightShine has been sending work teams to help churches and ministries in Alaska since 1995.

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