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Hello Everyone,

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What a privilege it is to know Jesus Christ and be able to serve Him till He returns to take us home to be with Him forever! Remember that Jesus gave us a command till He returns which is to make disciples in all parts of the earth (Matthew 28: 19-20). **God has put the native people of Alaska on our hearts and we desire your prayer which will make it possible to accomplish the work before us.**

I would like to encourage you with a success story in Alaska. The man in this photo is **Traditional Chief Harry Johns** of Copper Center, Alaska. He was born on November 15, 1909 and died on January 31, 2004. I met him in 1996 and began to observe a truly remarkable man. The amazing thing is the change that God brought into his life. He accepted the Lord through the ministry of missionaries who came to Alaska and eventually went to Bible School which was offered by Central Alaska Missions. In 1953 he was ordained into the ministry.

The remarkable thing is that there are hardly any others like him in the native community. Said differently, there are native people in Alaska who have heard the message of the Gospel, but few have given their lives to Jesus Christ as Chief Johns did. **The most amazing thing is that God blessed this man and raised him up in the eyes of the Ahtna people.** Many native people are caught in the web of alcoholism and have not experienced true freedom which is only found in Jesus Christ.

I helped Harry, a couple sons and some friends build a small cabin behind his house in the summer of 2000. He publicly thanked God for the missionaries that God brought to Alaska to help his people find Jesus Christ and help his people. This greatly inspired me to make it my goal to continue the ministry we have in Alaska to this day. Since that time I have kept in touch with several of his family members. His wife, Ruth, died July 20, 2006. If you would like to see an interesting slide show of Chief Johns and his wife, type in this web site the next time you are on the Internet.

<http://uaf-db.uaf.edu/jukebox/WRST/johns/rujo.html>

A couple days ago I talked with Rebecca who is one of Chief John's daughters. She asked for **prayer** for her family. Since her mother and father went on to be with the Lord, life has been hard for her and her family. The absence of a strong spiritual leader in the village has brought many challenges to them. Please **pray** for the ministry there. **There are many needs in Alaska and we are asking God to give us wisdom how we can help there in the coming days.** Thank you and God bless you!

Tom Denlinger - Director

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