

# Greetings from the Tom & Ruth Denlinger Family

*Serving with LightShine Ministries in Alaska for the past 16 years*

**Hello Everyone!** As parents, my wife Ruth and I have some big decisions to make. **As a missionary family, we have made it our goal to teach our children to give their lives in loving and serving people as Jesus told us to.** Our children have been to Alaska several times and have seen their Dad lead missionary teams ever since they can remember. Ryan was with me on last year's Father/Son Team (*below on the right*). Our goal has always been to challenge our children to see the needs of people in other cultures and seek the Lord in what they can do to help. This year Ryan has plans to be part of a Vacation Bible School team that is going to Japan. We are currently waiting for word from the sponsoring church whether or not the trip will be cancelled or postponed due to unsafe radiation levels there. **Please pray for wisdom in this area.** There is a definite need in Japan and we want our children to take God's Word seriously. Jesus said in Mark 16:15-16(NKJV):

***"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."***



2010 Father/Son Work Team at Globe Creek Camp

But most people stop there and don't believe what Jesus said after that - verses 17-18 say:

***"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."***

Could this possibly mean that God will protect us from even things like dangerous levels of radiation? These are the things we must consider as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ by faith. Please **pray** for Ruth and I as we make these decisions whether or not to send Ryan to Japan.

Lord willing, I will be leading two teams to Alaska in May. I will be leading a team from Mount Joy Mennonite Church who will be framing walls and installing roof trusses for the new church building in the native village in Copper Center. **Please visit our website** and click on "**Copper Center Chapel in May**" to read more about our assignment. After that team I will be driving 300 miles to pick up our Globe Creek Camp Team and take them to another location.

**Would you consider helping us with our missionary support?** I have to raise finances to cover my salary while I am in Alaska as well as the costs of the 20 day trip. In all I need to raise \$3400 to



lead these two teams and successfully complete my assignment. Yes, it can be frustrating always asking people to help us but simply put, **I cannot lead this ministry without people supporting us financially.** That is why we send out this personal newsletter - simply to inform you of our need. **We really appreciate you helping us give our time to help others.** It has been our calling for the past 16 years. Remember all missionary support is tax deductible. **Thank you so much for helping us walk in faith as we seek to lead others by our example!**

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