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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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I am very excited about what God is doing in our world today. God is preparing His Bride, the Church, for His return! A wise person must seek God and ask God to reveal the "big picture" and what our part is for accomplishing His plan. **Are you willing to do that?** I want you to think about something that is very serious yet totally awesome from the perspective of being God's children. When God brought judgment on the world in the days of Noah, He also provided a place of refuge for those who follow Him. Don't ever forget that. Are you worried about the future? I am here to encourage you not to be. Jesus told us not to worry in Matthew 6:25-26.



Tom Denlinger - Director

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

With the economy showing severe signs of distress, what should be the response of a follower of Jesus Christ? **Joy and prudence!** Please ... *right now* ... get out your Bible and read James chapter one. **God wants us to be joyful in this present trial by asking for wisdom - knowing all the while that God has everything figured out for His children.** This truth will mark everyone who is truly His. This is the basis for faith and marks a life of maturity.



The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways but the folly of fools is deception (Proverbs 14:8).

We are followers of Jesus Christ! And we believe that the Bible is God's inerrant, love letter given to us to reveal His heart and plan for the ages. Plain and simple, Matthew 28:19-20 is our commission and we cannot stop. No matter what obstacles stand before us we must continue to work until Jesus calls us home to be with Him. Not even the signs of a weakening economy will stop us. Acts chapter 20 verse 35 says:

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We need you to work with us in Alaska. The need is great. We build Bible camps that lead children to Jesus Christ.

Our **first team** in 2009 will be working at **Globe Creek Camp**, which is northeast of Fairbanks, from **February 28 - March 9**. We will be working inside warm cabins doing everything from *light carpentry, hanging and finishing drywall, painting, sanding and oiling logs*. This will be a great opportunity for those of you who always wanted to experience Alaska in the wintertime! It will be an awesome experience. We need you to start preparing for this first work team assignment right now because it usually takes a couple of months to raise the needed financial support to go as a short term missionary. Please visit our website for more details:



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Even though our teams work hard, they always have a lot of fun. ***If you love people and are looking for a way to serve God with your hands, we really encourage you to come with us in 2009.*** It will change your life!

Our **April Team** will be working at **Mountain Home Fellowship** in Palmer from **April 1-10**. We need people who can install windows, do basic carpentry, hang and finish drywall, install insulation and flooring. Don't forget that we always need people who are not skilled in these areas but are willing to serve as they are needed. You are never too old to learn something new. Visit our website for details!



Our **May Team** will be returning to **Globe Creek Camp** from **May 23 - June 1** and finishing the cabins that our team built last May. If you haven't seen the photos of our guys building these cabins, you need to go to our website and click on "May Team" under "2008". In the photo below the children at summer camp are playing games in front of one of the cabins. Our goal is to put permanent roofs on them during this team's assignment. *If you are a roofer, please consider this team. But we also need people who can sand and oil exterior logs and someone who can install tile flooring in the camp's kitchen.* Can you be part of this team? We need you!

Visit our website for more information.



Children at Globe Creek Camp

There are two other teams for next year and you can find out more information on them in the coming days. **Would you please pray for our ministry as it grows?** We are very excited about how God is bringing people and finances together for us. Just in case you were wondering, LightShine Ministries does not charge these Bible camps and churches in Alaska for the work we do for them. **Our work is given as a gift to them as unto the Lord.** Part of each team member's trip cost is used to cover the expenses of our ministry but we need your continued financial support above and beyond

so we can continue to operate. Don't forget the matching fund that a generous supporter has offered us. **Every donation we receive till March will be doubled!** What an awesome privilege to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by investing in the lives of people.

... and don't forget the ministry that happens on our teams. **We are committed to building up each team member in their relationship with Jesus Christ and challenging them to deeper intimacy with Him.** Our team leaders are excited about who God is bringing to their teams. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to come with you who does not know Jesus Christ personally. All we ask is that they are willing to participate in daily Bible study, times of prayer (*we will not ask them to pray out loud*) and promote group unity. We have seen God work powerfully in the lives of former team members. **Ask God** right now if you and possibly a friend should be part of one of our future teams. Get in touch with us this week and start to make plans to be part one of our 2009 teams. God bless you and your family!



Consider Joining One of Our Work Teams in 2009

More specific information can be found on our website!

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