

GREETINGS FROM THE TOM & RUTH DENLINGER FAMILY

Serving with LightShine Ministries in Alaska for the past 16 years

God is good! It has been a month since our last team returned from serving in Alaska and things are already taking shape for 2012. I had the opportunity to speak at **Crossroads Brethren In Christ Church** in Mount Joy recently and I am excited about sharing more about our ministry in other churches in the future. One of the passions in my life is energizing people to serve our King and reap the benefits of His blessings as a result of their obedience to His call.



The three men that were on my team in Alaska were exceptional examples of people who are hearing the voice of God and doing what He says. It might not seem very glamorous to some people but installing a kitchen was what God called our team to do. **Mountain Home Fellowship (MHF)** is a ministry in Palmer, Alaska that works directly with **LightShine Ministries** by picking up our teams at the airport, giving us a first night's rest, feeding our people and allowing us to keep our van, trailers and tools there. **MHF** experienced a devastating fire a number of years ago and since then converted an old sheep barn into a home and ministry center.

On this assignment our job was to cover the painted plywood floor and install kitchen components that would allow them to serve people more efficiently. After these men served at **MHF**, they accompanied me to Copper Center to help plan next year's teams that will finish the church we helped build in May. At the end of the week we also visited **Strelna Lake Bible Camp** which LightShine Ministries helped build. Sometime check out the website for the camp - www.strelnalake.com. The camp is used for youth ministry to native Alaskan children. Our men had to backpack in and fish for their food for dinner. They really enjoyed themselves after a week of hard work. Our team members are usually blessed just as much as the people we serve. I love to see the smile on their faces knowing that they are encouraged and grateful.

This is one of the goals of our ministry. **Relationships are built over a long period of time and God is glorified by our diligence.** This was our 16th year of serving several different ministries in Alaska by bringing skilled labor from Pennsylvania. God prepared all of us for doing good works (*Ephesians 2:10*). My job, as one of the leaders in **LightShine Ministries**, is to connect ministry jobs in Alaska with people who can do them with skill and excellence.

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