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Praying Friends,

This summer has had challenges that caused the travel to the bush to look different than our plans. However, these changes allowed the Gospel to go to new places and to more people than we ever had imagined.

We have been able to host, travel with, and use 10 different preachers so far this summer to see the field and to help us in the work. We are grateful for each of these families! Forgive my bias, but Caleb (one of our sons) and his family were extraordinary, because of the home going of our friend in Stevens Village. The Lord knew I needed them and they made themselves available in this difficult time.

Brother Harold Simon's "graduation to glory" was no surprise. We had visited with him in the hospital, in the village, and in town. We were honored that his family allowed us to sing and to preach at the funeral home and in the village. We also were blessed to lead the funeral precession over three hours to the Yukon River AND use our boat to transport the casket and grave marker to the village where even more people waited for another service. Brother Harold was my closest friend in that village. Please pray for his family as some still need to be saved.

The Sunday following the funeral, we took 15 people back to the village where Caleb led special singing and preached for them. We had a huge crowd because there were still many people waiting for boat or plane travel back to their respective homes. We were able to transport 6 people total to/from the village during this time. Others had to continue waiting for a ride.

In our last letter we had mentioned Anastasia at the Yukon River Camp wanting us to have a service. The next time we saw her, we were able to take her to Stevens Village to attend a service with us. Then, our last trip to the Yukon River, she brought three more ladies to attend a service inside the RIG. Pray for her, Mary, Kathrine, and Carla, who obviously appreciated us coming to the camp to hold a service for them. Someone in Fairbanks could go there weekly.

Finally, I want to mention briefly that there have been more expenses than we ever imagined. This was the first time in a few years that we had to buy a full load of fuel for the boat (It holds 160 gallons). The RIG differential repair was over \$11,000. So far one church has helped with this. In addition, the RIG was not usable while building and installing fortified wheel wells in place of the flashing that came loose. We also had to get 4 things welded on the boat. I do NOT say this complaining. God has ALWAYS met every need. I simply want folks to know what happens in Alaska. Some people I just visited with had no idea how extreme Alaska is. Thank you for your prayers and for your support. We appreciate it very much!



Anastasia came for services and brought 3 others



We were able to preach the Gospel 3 times in conjunction with the funeral



Caleb's family sang at 4 services



We used the RIG and boat to take Brother Harold's casket to the village