

**Alaska Personnel Report**  
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Conference this year (June 4-7) was very encouraging to the Alaska Field. With new missionaries and lots of little kids, plus the encouraging word about LEaD, our missionaries felt a new hope in what God is doing here in Alaska. So we praise God for what seems to be a positive turn around for the Alaska Field.

In general, our missionaries continue to minister in their various areas of ministry. Following is a short synopsis of each of them:

**Rhaylene Abbey:** (Kodiak) Rhaylene continues to minister to various ladies and those who have been part of Kodiak Native New Life through Bible studies and visiting. She also is able to visit many of the older people through the senior center and feels that has opened new doors.

**Barney Furman:** Barney continues to work on his book about InterAct. Gretchen Strawn helps him quite a bit. He is still positive in his outlook no matter what is going on.

**John and Norma Hammond (Palmer):** John is receiving chemo for his cancer (Multiple Myeloma) in his back so his mobility has slowed considerably and they usually get rides to the doctor. Both he and Norma are in poor health. One of the work teams this summer worked on their house for which they were thrilled and blessed.

**Dave and Kay Henry (Fairbanks):** Though slowing down considerably, both Dave and Kay actively seek out Native people to whom they can minister. They attend the Native Church in Fairbanks and do some visitation.

**Dave and Sally Hill (Chignik):** Dave has been back in Chignik for a couple of months now and Sally and Eli are joining him the end of July. She is already planning for a VBS and Sunday school when she gets there. They both need jobs there so that is a big prayer request.

**Steve and Jill Horsman (Lazy Mountain):** Steve and Jill have done an outstanding job leading in so many ministries on the Lazy Mountain Campus. They truly have been a blessing to all as they have literally breathed new life into not only the Lazy Mountain ministries, but the Alaska Field. Recently they are going through a major trial with their house in Canada. God is truly working in their lives, too, through this huge tribulation.

**David and Marci Joseph (Fairbanks):** David and Marci continue to work with the Fairbanks Native Bible Church and disciple Harry Hafford. They are also actively seeking the Lord's leading for the next step in their lives.

**Virginia Maillele (Anchorage):** Virginia continues to visit at the hospital when she hears of someone in there whom she knows. She also works at the food bank, which has opened new doors for her to talk with many people about Jesus.

**James and Shannon Miller (Fairbanks):** James and Shannon just returned from support raising and CIT and are back in their home in Fairbanks. Their next step is still to be determined.

**Shirley Morgan (Anchorage):** Shirley continues to work with Anchorage Native New Life and seek out ladies with whom she can disciple. Because of severe back pain she missed conference but since has been going to physical therapy and is doing much better.

**Doug and Marlin Prins (Palmer):** Doug continues to care for the InterAct properties and work with the Pregnancy Center here in the valley. Marlin leads a ladies Bible study and is on the worship team. Both are very active in church.

**Dennis and Celesta Richardson (Anchorage):** Dennis and Celesta work with Mountain View Baptist Church and the ministry is thriving. With two services on Sunday and one directly to bring in people from the neighborhood, their services have grown and they have seen people come to Christ. Mountain View has become a multi-cultural church.

**George and Judy Richardson (Wasilla):** George and Judy continue to care for our missionaries as well as mentor new missionaries. Most recently, they worked with the Trammes and now will be working with the Millers. They worked alongside Horsmans when they were in the beginning stages of developing LEaD Alaska but pulled out when the work of actual development started. They also continue to do some Native ministry with those relationships from years past.

**Alan and Linda Ross (Kenai):** Alan and Linda have adjusted to their new home in Kenai and have gotten involved in various things in the area. They are still in contact with the Kodiak people and have made one trip back there. They are also still involved with Hearts Going Towards Wellness and also the development of the LEaD program. Linda had a stent put in her heart right after conference and is doing well, but is tired a lot more.

**Jen and John Tramm (Ruby):** John and Jen have been in Ruby for the *EnGage!* program and are really enjoying the village and building

relationships. Their comment was, "You don't have to go looking for Native people. You just step outside your door and they are all around you."

**Bryan and Brandy Watts (Lazy Mountain):** Bryan and Brandy have been volunteering on the property and learning as much as they can from Doug. It seems to be a perfect fit for them, but they still need to raise support. They were to go out after the work teams, but now due to lack of funds to travel, they will not be going outside until the end of August.

**Ed White (Palmer):**

**Tim and Larissa Zook (Fairbanks):** Tim and Larissa concentrate most of their efforts on the Native youth and seem to have a good rapport and ministry with the kids. They also help out with the Fairbanks Native Bible Church.

**Retired Missionaries:**

**Russ and Freda Arnold (Palmer):** Both Russ and Freda are active at church and also correct and write to those in jail that do the Emmaus Bible Correspondence courses. They have found this to be a great blessing.

**Doris Hagedorn / Flo Hicks (Wasilla):** Doris continues to care for Flo in her Alzheimer's condition. Flo has been going downhill quite fast and this past year has been a hard one for both girls. Doris continues to write and keep in contact with people trying to impact them for Jesus.

**Ken and Jeanetta Hughes (Big Lake):** Jeanetta continues with her Bible study in the winter. Ken does some flying and continues to reach out to people for the Lord.

**Kathy Voran (Palmer):** With the unexpected home-going of Rich, it has been hard on Kathy but she tries to keep a positive outlook. She flew out to Kansas to take Rich's ashes there alongside their infant son. She still has major pain issues in her back and continues to try different treatments to give her relief so she can be more independent.