

Alaska Field Report
July 2020
Reflecting Progress between January 11, 2020 – July 13, 2020
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Infrastructure and Administration

Onboarding New Staff

We have held workshops in January, April and in July. All of our appointees have had some field equipping, and we continue to work our way through these workshops. We also use CIT Next for several online modules.

Mentoring in Alaska

Dennis Richardson, George and Judy Richardson, and Jill and I are each involved in mentoring (or soon will be starting) the new appointees that are on the Field. This involves weekly mentoring for the first year, and monthly for the second year.

Field Strategies

A Novel Approach

A Novel Approach was to be introduced during our annual conference in May. Although this conference was canceled due to Covid-19, I have worked with Mike and George to devise the first steps of introduction and implementation in Alaska. We will begin the first stage of this process in August, and look forward to the following steps toward utilization of ministry at this level of understanding.

Biblical Counseling

We have also begun working toward ways that we can equip more of our staff with a working understanding of the Biblical Counseling approach, for both discipleship and counseling. We look forward to working with Twelve Stones' Counseling to eventually run a training course at the Lazy Mountain Campus.

Field Advancement Ministries

Lazy Mountain Counseling Center

We have begun strategic work toward the desired opening of a counseling center on the Lazy Mountain Campus. Jill is enrolled at Faith Bible Seminary so that she has some credentialing to oversee the ministry. We have a number of staff, and appointees that have also taken courses or attended the conference in LaFayette, IN.

Educators as Members/Partners

Jill has been slowly building a network of educators that may be a part of this network. The goal is to invite educators in partnerships so that they are equipped with both sound educational strategies, a network of Christian colleagues, and good missiological training to maximize their sustainability and effectiveness in the Villages where they are employed. We look forward to ways they will work with our missionaries to impact villages.

Anchorage Duplex

We are doing necessary repair and renovations to the apartment that had been occupied by Shirley Morgan. This month the larger unit will be available for the DeVries to move in and develop a portion of the unit into short-term housing for a hospitality ministry for InterAct staff as well as expediting for field ministries.

Mobilization

I've worked with the Mobilization Team to improve our entire process, and have greatly appreciated Andy Chinn's participation in this area as well as that of Carol Smith. Jill and I continue to have God bring us individuals interested in ministry, most of them already residing in Alaska. We are currently involved in three more conversations about possible ministry involvement.

Applicants, Appointees, New Staff Update:

New Applicants:

Toby & Cherie Curtis (Hospitality/Campus Coordinator)

Appointees:

Greg & Linda Snell-Montana (urban ministry Anchorage)

Petersons-Washington (Copper Center Youth/Young Adult Ministry)

DeVries-Anchorage (Support Ministry, Flight Support)

Short-Term to Long-Term Ministry:

Jamie & Beth Roderick, assigned to SonRise Church- Children's Ministry development

Assigned to Ministry:

Aaron & Tisha Dalton- Grayling

Ron & Jean Paull- Copper Center

Marcus Gerber- Campus Maintenance and LEaD Alaska

Partnerships

LEaD Alaska

LEaD Alaska will continue, with the existing partners. We look forward to having some of our new staff involved in the discipleship process and instructing. James Barefoot plans to have more involvement this year.

Alaska Bible College Inter-Cultural Ministry Stream Internship

After extensive collaboration to develop this internship the College has decided to alter the program. Any future students will be encouraged to complete their internship through our summer EnGage!

Arctic Barnabas

I attended a workshop this spring viewing the data system they have developed. Thankfully they have made some changes to the organizational agreement and process for accessing this information. We have yet to formalize any partnership with them.

Other

Hammond Property

Lazy Mountain Bible Church and InterAct Ministries have both informed me that they do not wish to own the house and property. After receiving several appraisals the house was cleaned out- first by me and several others, as much as possible was sold to Alaska Pickers, and the house was placed on the market "as is." We have a contract pending and closing date has been scheduled for the end of July.

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Spring Women's Retreat

Ruby Village Trip

We had planned to visit in April, do some weekend training (LEaD Area Bible School) and Sunday School equipping. Postponed indefinitely.

Annual Conference

LEaD Alaska

Shortened to three weeks, with additional phone conversations to counsel.

EnGage! :

Amber Fincher- Possible Winter 2020

Haydin Mann- Possible Winter 2020

Alaska Bible College

Annual Mission Conference in April. We were to speak in several classes and Mike Matthews was the keynote. Rescheduled to April 2021.

Anchorage Native New Life and Denali Native New Life

Both have been canceled until August.

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