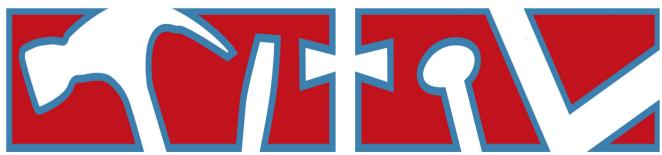


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The New Faces of AEC 2008-2009



Top row: Ronald Itumulria, Frances Smith, and Alan Black
Middle Row: Venessa Johnson, Nils Savetilik, and Sylvia Sheldon
Bottom Row: Eric Johnson and family, Trix Carlson, and Jaron Cook

The 2008-2009 school year has brought about many needs and challenges: more staff, more vehicles, having a multi-gender campus, and more organizational capacity. All of these are a result of having more students. Currently, we have 6 students from different villages, 4 of them first-year students. Ronald Itumulria from Manokotak and Frances Smith from Kotzebue have returned a second year for their Advanced Certificates in Residential Construction. The new students are: Alan Black from Noorvik, Sylvia Sheldon from Kiana, Nils Savetilik and Venessa Johnson from Unalakleet. Among other changes in student life, AEC has implemented a 1-on-1 mentoring program, monthly worship services, remodeled the shop into a student lounge, and added several weekly fun activities.

Additions have also been made to our staff. We welcome Eric and Meghan Johnson and their three children, who join the team after serving for 2 years at Alaska Christian College. Trix Carlson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, joins the staff as a volunteer wearing dual hats: Resident Advisor and Office Manager. Jaron Cook, from Walsh, Colorado, is a Resident Advisor and is living with our male students.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

- 6 Student Study Bibles - \$40
- Ping pong table - \$300
- Pool table - \$500
- Various board games - \$25 each
- Portable dishwasher - \$400
- Floor lamp for the girls lounge - \$30
- 5 New bunk bed frames - \$400 each
- 12 folding chairs - \$20 each
- Professional color copier
for newsletters -\$700
- Book fund for devotions - \$300
- New/used mini van - \$5000

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- Memorial Gifts
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- Monthly Giving
- Employer Matched Gifts
- Land, Vehicle, and Equipment Donations

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All donations, regardless of size, are greatly appreciated.

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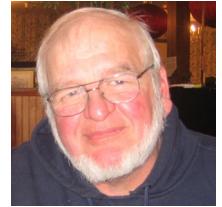
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Contractor in Residence
John Woldstad



Alexandria work team touring MARC

A very special thank you also goes out to the summer work teams and volunteers that gave of their time and talents to help further the mission of Amundsen Educational Center: the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alexandria, MN, First Covenant Church of Salina, KS, and Barry Johnson of Grace Covenant Church, Little Falls, MN. If you would like to serve, please contact our Chief Operating Officer Eric@aecak.org. Your support makes ministry happen.



Construction Begins on THREE “Houses of Hope”



After three successful building projects in Kenai, AEC was approached by representatives of the city office about receiving a donation of 5 parcels of land. The City of Kenai has since donated the five properties and we have three homes currently under construction. These are much smaller projects than previously undertaken by the AEC students but much more relevant for students that may head home for construction projects in their home villages. These homes are all 940-1040 square feet in size, come with a one car garage, and 2 or 3 bedrooms and one bath. In the Kenai/Soldotna market, these are considered ‘starter homes’ priced in the \$160,000-\$170,000 range.

The students have been divided into three teams to build the homes. While our instructors have supervised construction of all three homes, second year students have had special construction management responsibilities. Under the watchful eye of our lead instructor, Keith Pieh, the students are building all facets of the homes themselves.



Anticipated view of one of
the Houses of Hope '09