

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Impacting Lives, One Life at a Time

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In Loving Memory of Christopher Lockwood

This CYAK update is dedicated to Chris Lockwood, a young man of 17 years who loved Christ and is now being held by Christ. Chris lost his life in a swimming accident only a few weeks ago. Chris was a special kid. He was one that I personally had connected with as he asked for prayer about personal pain and challenges he faced in life. He was not ashamed to ask for prayer, seeking comfort and direction from Christ. Chris had a big heart. He had a special place in his heart for kids, especially those who struggled with the challenges of having a single mom in their life because of the challenges his mom had trying to raise two boys on her own. Chris was adopted to his mom's sister when he was 6 years old. As a teenager, Chris would verbally encourage single moms and affirm their work and effort with their kids.

In Unalakleet, Chris organized games with the kids in town, and he knew how to make them feel like they had a place and were important in this world. Chris was a kid at heart and had strong faith of God's love. He was also a servant. The last two summers I asked Chris to go with me and help coordinate a church team doing VBS in the village of Elim, and this last summer he served 4 weeks at Bible Camp. Chris was always willing to help and serve with an awesome attitude.

Personally, I am very sad about losing Chris, but my prayer is that many young people in Alaska will be inspired by his example to follow and serve Christ. In response to Chris' passing, we are starting the Chris Lockwood - CYAK scholarship fund: providing scholarships for youth in Alaska to attend Bible Camp and other CYAK youth retreats. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please write "Chris Lockwood Fund" under "Special Ministry Needs Project" on the opposite side of the newsletter. It is because of people like you, CYAK's supporters and partners, that we are able to come alongside young people in Alaska like Chris, and be a vessel for God's love and hope in their lives. Thank you.

In Christ,

Byron Bruckner



Bible Camp Update:

- We've had another wonderful summer
- at Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet!
- Over 300 campers ages 12-25 traveled
- to Unalakleet from over 25 villages
- across the state. We were also blessed to
- have 40 staffers throughout the month
- from various churches in Alaska and the
- lower 48 states.

- Many kids gave their hearts to Christ,
- and many continued to grow in their
- faith as they heard from great speakers
- and spent time with fellow believers.
- We had lots of new campers, as well as
- campers who have come back year after

year. It is especially encouraging to see youth who grew up coming to camp each summer serve as part of our staff!

Each week as campers headed home, they were encouraged to get involved in their local church communities, as well as attend CYAK's gatherings throughout the year.

We thank the Lord for the way that He has used this place to influence the lives of so many young people in Alaska, and are excited to see the way He will continue to use it to further His Kingdom! Thank you for all of your prayers and support of Bible Camp, and all of the youth who come each year!

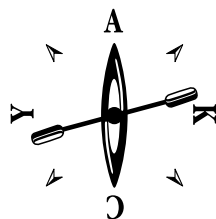




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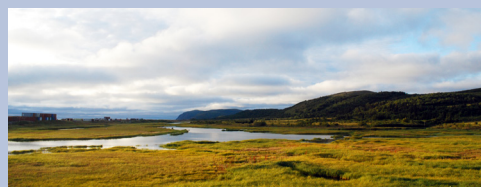
Prayer Praises & Requests

- Praise for another wonderful year at Bible Camp!
- Praise for our new CYAK Staff members across the state!
- Prayer for the family and friends of Chris Lockwood, a highschooler from Unalakleet who passed away in a swimming accident in July.
- Prayer for the youth in Elim, who are mourning the loss of two high school students, Heather Saccheus and Oscar Takak Jr. due to a car accident in late July.
- Prayer for the Arigaa ministries as the fall semester starts up again!

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. ~ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

What's Coming Up!

- CYAK's Young Adult/College-aged Retreat will take place in Big Lake from September 23-25.



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Current Ministry Needs:

- **Student Scholarships for Retreats:** Scholarships for students to attend our fall retreats.
- **Video Curriculum Resources:** Funding to support our new video curriculum project.
- **Donate Berries!** Live in Alaska? Consider donating a quart of berries to our Arigaa young adult ministry! Email: info@cyak.org for more info. Quyanna!

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