



# Covenant Youth of Alaska

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## Fall Struggles and Joys...

We have had two suicide attempts this month.

Conversations and prayer were hard and exhausting. However, both of these people are now in safe places getting continuing care and counsel.

We also had a lot of joy from seeing many high school students at Fall Blast (our regional youth retreat for the Norton Sound) and many young adults at "The Gathering" (our road system retreat). It is awesome to see people move forward in their faith journey.

Tonight I got a call from a high school student in a village in Norton Sound who is struggling with guilt from his physical relationship with his girlfriend. There are so many young people trying to sort it all out, and they are in desperate need of

God's guidance. Many of Alaska's young people don't have parents who are emotionally, physically, or spiritually available to help them work through critical issues.

**You play a critical role in helping us to be available for these youth. I am so thankful that you have a heart and vision for reaching at-risk youth here in Alaska. This vision only happens through our partnership.**

We are thrilled to have more team members join our effort here in Alaska. God is good!



James and Rachel Ventress moved up this summer and are working with rural students at Job Corps.



Adam, Shirleen, and Thomas London are managing the Web site and special projects like the prayer calendar and CYAK team recruiting.

Nikki Dill, from Unalakleet, is our latest CYAK intern and is working as a Program Director.



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We are really excited and would ask for your prayer in two areas. First, we are realizing that an emerging leader internship program is critical. This will help us build and train local leaders. The other area is providing training for volunteers in the villages. We will be doing a lot of site visits and training in both Norton Sound and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta this year. Your investment is critical for the building of local leaders. Thanks so much for your help as we build the next generation of Alaskan ministry leaders.

We can't do it without you!!

In Christ,

Byron Bruckner  
Covenant Youth of Alaska



2009 Young  
Adult  
Retreat in  
Big Lake

### Ministry needs:

#### **Regional Youth Leader Training:**

\$5,500

This will provide funding for training sessions to be put on in different regions for local people interested in being involved in youth ministry. The training sessions would prepare them for the specific issues students in rural Alaska deal with so that they would be better to relate and reach out to kids in their region.

#### **CYAK Interns:**

\$1,500

This will help emerging Alaskan leaders get hands-on ministry training with CYAK

### Ways to give:

-Check by mail: Please make payable to: Covenant Youth of Alaska

-Go online with PayPal: [www.cyak.org](http://www.cyak.org) NEW! FREE! FAST! EASY!

(Credit Cards, Checks, and Bank Transfers are accepted on PayPal)

-We now have credit card capabilities for giving to CYAK and Bible Camp. (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) Call, email, fax, or write to Sue with your info (number, exp date, security code). We can do one-time as well as monthly charges. Qu yana!

### Yes, I want to help the CYAK Ministries Team reach Alaskan teens with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Please use the enclosed contribution of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

\_\_\_ General Fund

\_\_\_ CYAK Team Member

\_\_\_ Special Project

**Qu yana - Thank You!**