

THE POLAR NewsFlash

"FOLLOWING THE LONDON FAMILY ACROSS ALASKA"

New Years Edition

Happy New Year!!!

Dear Friends and Family,

May this letter find you enjoying the last bit of the Holidays! We hope that you had the opportunity to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Shirleen and I flew north to Barrow and then Atkasuk for 2 weeks during Christmas. We said good bye to the sun, and hello to staying up late. We easily slipped into backwards hours as we usually got up after noon and went to bed after 2am.

(Most people in the village do the same). We had a good time hanging out with Shirleen's family and friends. We also enjoyed playing in the village games, which run just about every night in-between Christmas and New Year's. Most of the games we played were races or NYO (Native Youth Olympics) games. Shirleen was a fierce competitor and won most of the time, while I placed second and third occasionally. (I placed first a few times...but only when I was the only one running!)

While we were in the village, both Shirleen and I were reminded of our love for village life and for reaching the lost in Bush Alaska. We talked about and dreamed about what ministry would be like in Atkasuk and look forward to returning there someday in the not too distant future. In the meantime, we are looking forward to what God has for us at Amundsen Educational Center. We trust that God will continue to prepare us to be better ministers in His name.

Quick Note

Do you want a paper copy of the NewsFlash?

Please email us your address!

We're going to try to send out the Polar NewsFlash 3 out of every 4 months. 2 of those months will be sent out as a paper copy and 1 of those months will be an email copy.

Please let us know if you would like to join our support team by either prayer or finances. Our contact info is below.

Getting to Know The Londons



What were the holidays like for you growing up?

Shirleen: LOTS of food, friends, family, games, and presents. In Atkasuk there were village games. In our home we played Snert (a card game). Oh, and of course there was apple pie.

Adam: In my home you knew when Christmas was getting close because my little brother would constantly try to convince everyone to let him open a present early. (Now that's my wife's job.) We always ended up spending a lot of time with our family and a lot of time eating. I think we averaged five and a half meals per day. Yum.

Snapshots



The AEC boys last year rebuild housing in Hooper Bay after a fire that destroyed much of the village.



The Arigaa Christmas party group. We're all sporting our new shiny White Elephant gifts from the exchange.



Shirleen and a few Arigaa women having a "Lady's Night Out" to celebrate the end of the semester.



Adam and Shirleen getting ready to fly home on a small plane. Yes, it's cold. "It's like flying in a freezer!"

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for the Londons as they continue to fundraise. They have a LONG way to go until they are fully funded.
- Please pray for Shirleen as she starts up her last semester of classes before student teaching. Classes start on the 7th.
- Please pray for the Londons as they move and transition down. Pray that they find time to be with God even in the busyness of moving.

Thank you! Your prayers DO make a difference!