

THE POLAR News Flash

"Following the London family across Alaska"

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SUMMER IN SOLDOTNA AND AT AEC

Summer in Alaska brings about a lot of changes. Down here in Soldotna and at Amundsen Educational Center is no different. The snow is melted, God's creation is getting greener, and the sun is staying in the sky longer (more than 18 hours right now!) At AEC, most of the students have graduated and gone home. (Although, a couple have stayed around to work until the fall).

What do these changes mean for the Londons?

For Shirleen it means that she doesn't have to do homework every day. However, she is taking summer classes, so she still has some homework to do. With part of her free time, Shirleen has begun working at AEC as a part-time administrative assistant.

For Adam it means that he doesn't have to wake up at 6am for a while. With devotions now at 10am for the summer, he gets to sleep in, but still has to put in his 40 hours. Adam is especially busy in the summer because he has to make sure that 10 beds are filled in the fall for AEC's 2008-2009 school year. That task includes trying to find scholarships for all 10 students at \$10,000 each for the year (that's about \$100,000 total).

When the Londons aren't working, they plan on taking advantage of what God has created all around them. Their plans include: fishing, clam digging, hiking, biking, walking the dogs, berry picking, camping, and other outdoors activities. They also plan on serving at Bible Camp in Unalakleet for 2 weeks, going as campers 1 week, and attending several friends' weddings.

Quick Note

Have you seen the Londons new website lately? If not, please check it out! Both of us update our blogs regularly, and there is a lot of cool information about us and the ministry we're involved in. You can also download our most recent newsletter, as well as any newsletters you may have missed in the past. You can even donate to us online now! While you are there, please sign our guestbook and leave a comment. We always love encouragement!

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Getting to Know The Londons



Twenty-three summers in Alaska and I have come to the conclusion that there is no place I'd rather be than Alaska during the summer. As far as I can remember, I have always loved the green of the leaves and the endless sunshine. Before we moved to the Bush, my brother Chuck and I would get out of school late May. It was always hard to go to sleep because of the sun and we just wanted to be playing out.

When my siblings and I were younger, Mom and Dad would take us camping in Kenai to go dip netting and Cantwell to go blueberry picking. My brother and I caught a red salmon using our dad's dip net. Needless to say; we were very proud of ourselves that day.

Snapshots



Congratulations to the Amundsen Educational Center class of 2008!!



The 07-08 Amundsen Educational Center staff at the graduation ceremonies.



Shirleen feeding a calf at a retreat. Many Natives have never seen a cow!



Adam and AEC student Ronald getting ready to go clam digging.

Thank you Colorado and Arvada Covenant Church! Shirleen and I were able to visit Colorado in February to speak at Arvada Covenant Church. As a result of the giving from the people in Colorado, the funds that have been committed to my salary have just about tripled! (Several other donors have also helped). As you can see, we have almost \$15,000 raised toward my salary of \$36,000. Please pray with us that we will be able to raise the remainder.

Will you prayerfully consider joining our support team? Whether by prayer or finances, Shirleen and I cannot do this ministry without a strong support team. If God is leading you, please fill out the enclosed card and return it in the provided envelope. As always all financial gifts are tax-deductable.

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