

"...when God closes a door, He opens a window..."

Do you believe that God is the One that provides for you? We do! This past year, we have certainly learned a lot about what it means to trust in God and to see Him provide. Despite current economic stresses, we continue to believe in Jehovah Jira, our provider.

Recently, both AEC and the London family have seen a significant drop in financial support. In addition, AEC has had a tough year with student retention. In order to continue to help fill a need, Adam has felt called to transfer within AEC from Director of Student Services to the recently vacant Director of Special Projects position. I have also begun to volunteer with Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) working on web development.

What does this change mean? This change means I will help directly with students issues less and instead fill my time with more office work. I have also needed to reduce my 100% fundraised support salary. One thing that has not changed is that we are still whole-heartedly committed to Alaska Native ministry. This winter there have been several tragic suicides and unexpected deaths of young people in the regions that our students come from. These young people have a desperate need for the hope and healing of Jesus Christ.

Now more than ever, we need the continued support of our friends and family. We are asking each of you to please continue to pray for us and to partner with us financially. If you have not partnered with us yet, we would love to have you as part of the team.

Seminary

Among other opportunities, Adam has sent in his application for a full-ride scholarship to attend North Park Theological Seminary in the Fall. As many of our readers know, Adam has roughly 60 credits completed towards his 140 credit Master of Divinity degree (Most of those credits are from the internship that he did while working for Alaska Christian College and Nome Covenant Church).

Volcano

The last bit of news from the Londons is that a volcano only 50 miles away from our house is getting ready to erupt! Mt. Redoubt has been rumbling for a couple of months and scientists believe that an eruption is the most likely outcome. *Don't worry, it won't be life threatening.* However, it will cause a disruption to daily life as businesses and schools will likely close and ash cleanup will be a community event. The ash itself can cause harm if much is breathed in and it will cause damage to vehicle engines. To read more about the volcano, you can visit: www.avo.alaska.edu/activity/Redoubt.php.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Shirleen and the safe birth of baby Thomas. (We will probably send out another newsletter shortly after he is born.)
- Please pray for us as we await the eruption of Mt. Redoubt.
- Please pray that Adam receives an excellent scholarship to attend Seminary in the Fall.
- Please pray for the remaining students at Amundsen Educational Center, that the last part of the semester will be an amazing time of preparing them to return to their homes to make an impact for Christ.
- Please continue to pray for our financial situation.

Getting to Know the Londons



To celebrate Valentine's Day '09, we'd like to share a little bit from our story.

After we met at Bible Camp in Unalakleet in 2004, we exchanged email addresses and occasionally wrote to each other. About a year later our paths crossed again when Shirleen came to visit Alaska Christian College where Adam was working. We also got together with a group of people a few other times. As a result we began to email each other more frequently and began to share with each other what our dreams and passions were. We both quickly realized that our lives were heading in the same direction: we both wanted to do ministry in Western Alaska.

Some time later, while attending a wedding, the pastor gave the advice that in order to determine who should be your life mate, you should run full force towards God and after a while, look around to see who is running beside you.

As we looked to serve God, we realized that God made us for each other and on December 16, 2006 we exchanged vows. And that was just the beginning.



Shirleen and her sister Stephanie. Stephanie has come to live with us and pursue an academic challenge.

Snapshots



Mt. Redoubt, a volcano 50 miles away, as plumes signal a potential eruption. Image courtesy of AVO/USGS.



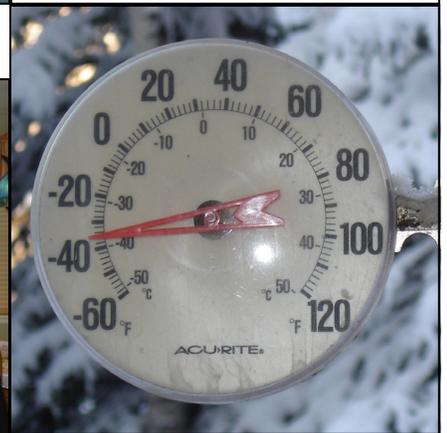
AEC students getting ready to put trusses up before winter hit hard. All three houses have lids on them now.



Instructor Keith Pieh & students Nils, Alan, Sylvia, Ronald, and Frances get together for the last group picture of 2008 right before Christmas break.



Adam's family photo taken during Christmas break '08.



We had quite the cold snap after Christmas. This is the temperature at another AEC staff person's house right in the middle of the snap.

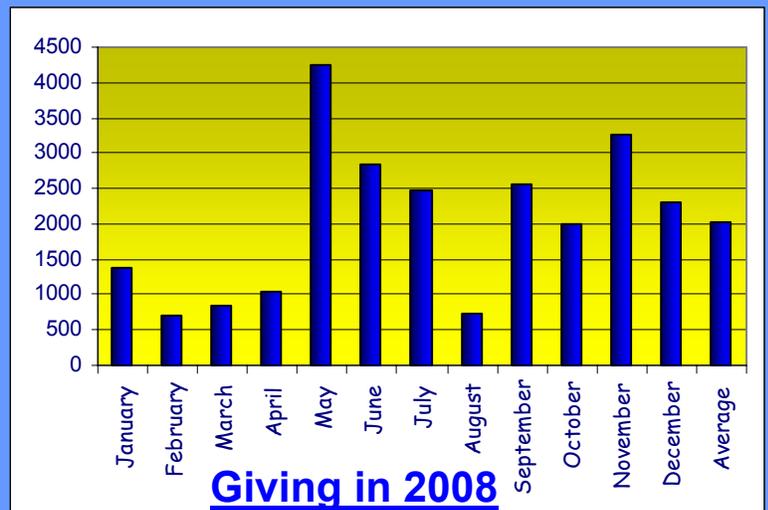
2008 Financial Giving Report

Thank You! to everyone who has been supporting us through prayers and finances. In 2008, God provided. While we did not reach our salary goal of \$36,000 for the year, somehow God stretched our salary of about \$28,000. Not only did we have all of our needs met, but almost all of our wants were met too.

Currently, we have regular monthly support commitments of about \$1,300. As you can see, we are still very heavily dependent on one time or occasional gifts.

If God calls you to the mission field, He has also called specific people to financially support you.— We recently had lunch with a couple who also fundraise their salary and they offered us this bit of wisdom. As we raise 100% of our salary, has God placed in your heart the desire to join our support team? We want to see lives changed as young people grow closer to and more like Christ. We can not do it without your help.

To give a tax-deductible donation, please visit our website or use the enclosed card and envelope.



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