

## Sabbatical Report

*"...He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul..." Psalm 23:2*

The London family was on sabbatical this Spring semester and it was a glorious thing. During our Sabbatical, we took a couple of weeks of vacation, and also spent a lot of time seeking God together as a family. We also spent much of our time traveling doing fundraising. Adam spent most of his office hours working on the Alaska Covenant Church History book. He didn't finish the book, but made great progress in researching and organizing the project, which he hopes to finish in the next couple years.

Adam had several opportunities to preach and share in churches and concluded the Sabbatical time as the Pastor in Residence at Alaska Christian College. We cherished the opportunity to just love on the college students there. We especially enjoyed taking students out to coffee and praying with them.

## Bible Camp

Most of the summer was filled with Bible Camp ministry. Adam served as the Interim Director for Covenant Bible Camp for 4 weeks while the Director was on paternity and personal leave. Adam also served as the Travel and Transition Coordinator when not directing. Our highlight during the camp season was serving together as a family at Solid Rock Bible Camp during the Christian Youth in Action camp. Adam was the camp Pastor, and our family led a team that did a 3-day Bible Club. Some of the most fun activities were an inflatable bungee run and an inflatable Velcro wall. Our village youth who came with us had never seen such crazy things!

## Children's Ministry

When we came back to Unalakleet, we jumped back into the children's ministry. We had a great Vacation Bible School this summer, with the most children we've ever had: over 80! Praise God for the 6 children who made first time commitments to follow Jesus! Our kids especially loved the song "One Way," which declares that Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

## CYAK Workers

Back in the office, Adam has been focusing on resourcing and developing village youth ministries. A huge part of his job is identifying, recruiting, and training more CYAK workers. Through the Body of Christ, Adam has had the joy of seeing 2 new Native leaders take Youth Pastor positions this summer: Tom at Mat-Su and Charis in Unalakleet. We were also blessed to have a CYAK intern, Caitlin, with us this summer. Caitlin will be returning to Alaska Christian College this Fall to complete her education there. God is working, and we are excited that we have a few more potential CYAK workers coming on staff soon. We are getting closer all the time to having youth workers in every village!

## Prayer Requests

- Please pray for discernment and guidance for our family. We are contemplating relocating to be closer to the CYAK office (Adam would keep doing the same job).
- Praise God for the youth who were leading the children's ministry during our sabbatical. They led the ministry most weeks without any adult supervision!
- Pray for our new Youth Pastor in Unalakleet, Charis. She is a good friend of ours and we are thrilled that she is taking over Adam's old job.
- Please continue to pray that God leads the pastoral search process for Unalakleet.
- Pray for more workers in the Harvest Field! We have 12 village churches, and we would love to see at least 7 more full-time Youth Workers sent into the Field so that each village has a ministry to the youth.
- Pray for Shirleen, Tommy, Talia, and Toby as they start school this year. They will be in grades 2, K, and Pre-K. Toby is especially excited to start school for the first time. Shirleen will be taking 1 class to keep her teacher certification current.

***Thank you for your prayers! They DO make a difference!***

## Getting to Know the Londons



In this last year, Talia has been asking questions about baptism. As we've been preparing for her baptism, Adam has been working on her testimony with her. We are blessed to share her testimony with you in the form of a little Q & A.

***Q: What did Jesus do for you?***

*A: Died on the cross for my sins.*

***Q: Did He stay dead?***

*A: No. He rose from the dead.*

***Q: Where is He now?***

*A: In Heaven.*

***Q: Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Savior?***

*A: Yes.*

***Q: What does being baptized mean to you?***

*A: Telling the whole world you want to follow Jesus with your whole life.*

***Q: How can you follow Jesus?***

*A: Go to church. Ummm... Read the Bible. Be nice to other people. Praying lots of times.*

***Q: Why do you love Jesus?***

*A: Because He first loved me.*

We are so delighted that God is working in the heart of our little 5 year old and can't wait to see how God uses her as she grows in Christ!





We started off our Sabbatical visiting Shirleen's family. Aaka Gail has her hands full of grandkids!



We had an awesome Vacation Bible School this summer! Over 80 children attended as our youth led the VBS.



Most of our Sabbatical was spent in Colorado. Thanks to Grandma and Grandpa for letting us stay with them!



Thanks to Arctic Barnabas Ministries' "Fish Camp" Shirleen caught a king! It was bigger & heavier than Tommy!



The Unalakleet youth attended CYIA camp in Soldotna again this year to continue training for children's ministry.



Many hands make light work. We are thankful for those who served with us this summer, like Sven & Julia.



We were blessed to have Adam's Seminary teacher, Klyne, serve this summer as an Interim Pastor.

### Financial Update

Last update we shared the need to raise \$20,000 for 2016 to cover the new expenses for Adam's new position. And **God provided!** We praise God as we report that we are fully supported for all of 2016.

Is God leading you to join our support team?

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**DONATION ADDRESS:** To donate by mail, please send checks made out to CYAK to:

The Londons - c/o CYAK  
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Anchorage, AK 99520

**Thank you for being a part of our support team!**



We hit 8 different states during our sabbatical. We loved having Leiscia on our fundraising trip to Chicago.