

LIGHTSHINE MINISTRIES

Building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in Alaska

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Greetings in the Name of our LORD, Jesus Christ!

Christmas 2016

Christmas an amazing time of year. Almost all the stores and radio stations are playing our songs - lifting up the Name of the King of Kings! Handel's Messiah proclaims "**And He shall reign forever and ever!**" He is the Most High God. There is none like Him. We have so much to be thankful for!

We were able to send 9 teams to Alaska this year to bless our brothers and sisters in Christ in their ministries. Our mission statement says, "**Our purpose is to send mission teams to Alaska and to the indigenous peoples of North America to encourage and strengthen Christian believers and to provide tools to them so they can better make Him known to others.**"



We are a para-church ministry which means we "come alongside" the local church and work with them in the places we serve. We have been doing this for 21 years in Alaska and various other places in North America.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Take time to visit our new website. On it you will find photo reviews of this year's teams as well as a list of the teams we are forming for 2017. We will be continually updating our website and creating new features into the new year. We are very excited about this. Not only are we using

a newer technology but we will also be able to link creative videos, photo albums and even a future online store as well. **We are very thankful for all of you who have prayed for LightShine Ministries and have made us part of your monthly missionary giving.** Those gifts will continue to be used for accomplishing many different "behind the scenes" tasks that few people know about. **We are humbled to serve with you in this way.**

Many of you have expressed interest in serving with us in Alaska but have never actually done it. Could 2017 be the year for you? **NEW WINTER TEAMS!** We are taking two teams to Alaska in February this year to serve in two new places. So, if you ever wanted to see what an Alaskan winter is like, here is your chance! **Here is a list of the teams that we are forming for 2017.** Remember that each of these team assignments are described in detail on our website.

Alaska Dream Center in Willow - **February 11-19** - Plumbers, electricians and general construction skills are needed to work at this Christian rehabilitation center for people with different addictions.

Strelina Lake Wilderness Bible Camp - **May 26-June 4** - Outdoor skills, chainsaw carpentry, creative decision making working at a remote Bible camp with no electricity or running water. We have been helping build this camp since 1998.

Gulkana Village - **June 9-18** - General construction skills are needed to work at this Alaskan Native Ahtna village.

Copper Center Community Chapel and Wrangell Mountain Bible Conference **June 16-25** - General construction, painting and finish carpenters needed to finish the church parsonage (started in 2016) and work on a new project for the Bible conference.



Globe Creek Camp north of Fairbanks - **June 23-July 2** - General construction, firewood cutting and willingness to do whatever is asked of you. We have been helping build this camp since 2008.

World Eskimo & Indian Olympics (WEIO) - **July 16-25** - Serve along with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Arctic Mercy doing whatever you are asked to do. Long hours but exciting ministry opportunity!

Bingle Camp at Harding Lake - (1st Team) **August 5-12** & (Second Team) **August 19-26** - Both teams will serve the camp doing whatever is needed. General construction skills are needed!

There are several other new teams being discussed as well. **We encourage you to visit our website and prayerfully decide which team you want to join.** Simply follow the instructions that each team leader has outlined. We suggest that you are prompt in joining a team so you can begin raising your missionary support as soon as possible. Once you get the financial obligations out of the way, you will thoroughly enjoy the process your team leader takes you through to prepare you for your assignment. **This will be a life changing experience. Not just for you, but also for those you are going to serve!**



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The message of Christmas is the reason why we obey Him!

Before Jesus Christ came to this earth and became a man, He was the pre-existent God of the universe (John 1:1-18). He humbled Himself and became one of us (Phil. 2:8) yet He was sinless (1 Peter 2:22). He became the final sin offering for all mankind (Rom. 8:3-4) and provided a way for us to be reconciled with the Father (Col. 1:19-20). After He was resurrected from the grave, He commanded His disciples to go and make more disciples across the whole earth (Matthew 28:18-20). Those of us who know Him now are the recipients of the obedience of those who went before us. Now, it is up to us to use our gifts and talents to build His Kingdom here on earth.

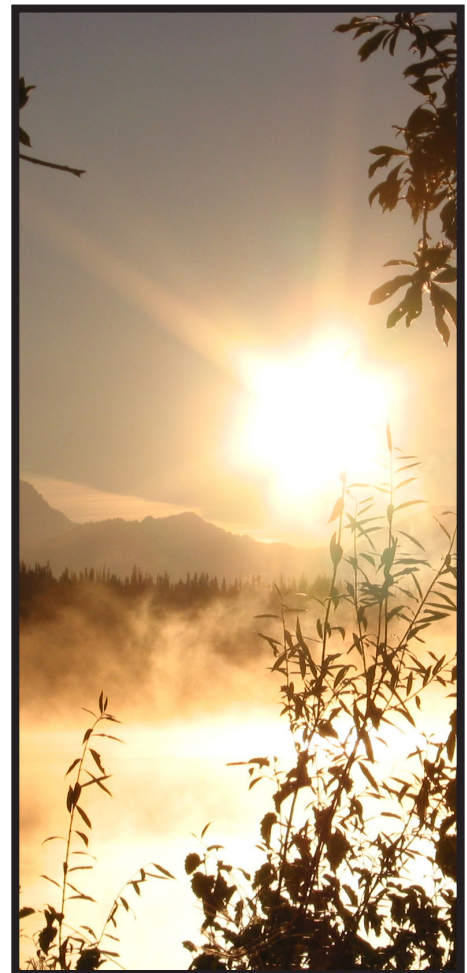
From the very start of this ministry, our desire was to connect skilled labor from the east coast to specific needs that the Body of Christ (all living followers of Jesus Christ) has in Alaska. We would all agree that our time on this earth is very short and

scripture is clear that God has created each of us to do specific works during our time here (Eph. 2:10). We want to encourage you to be diligent in following His leading. Someday we will all stand before Him and give an account for the deeds done in our bodies - both good and bad (1 Cor. 5:10).



Tom Denlinger
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We urge you to be reconciled with God and give Him your all!



Merry Christmas from all of us at LightShine Ministries!

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