



Merry Christmas in the Name of our LORD, Jesus Christ!

Christmas 2017

Christmas is 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!

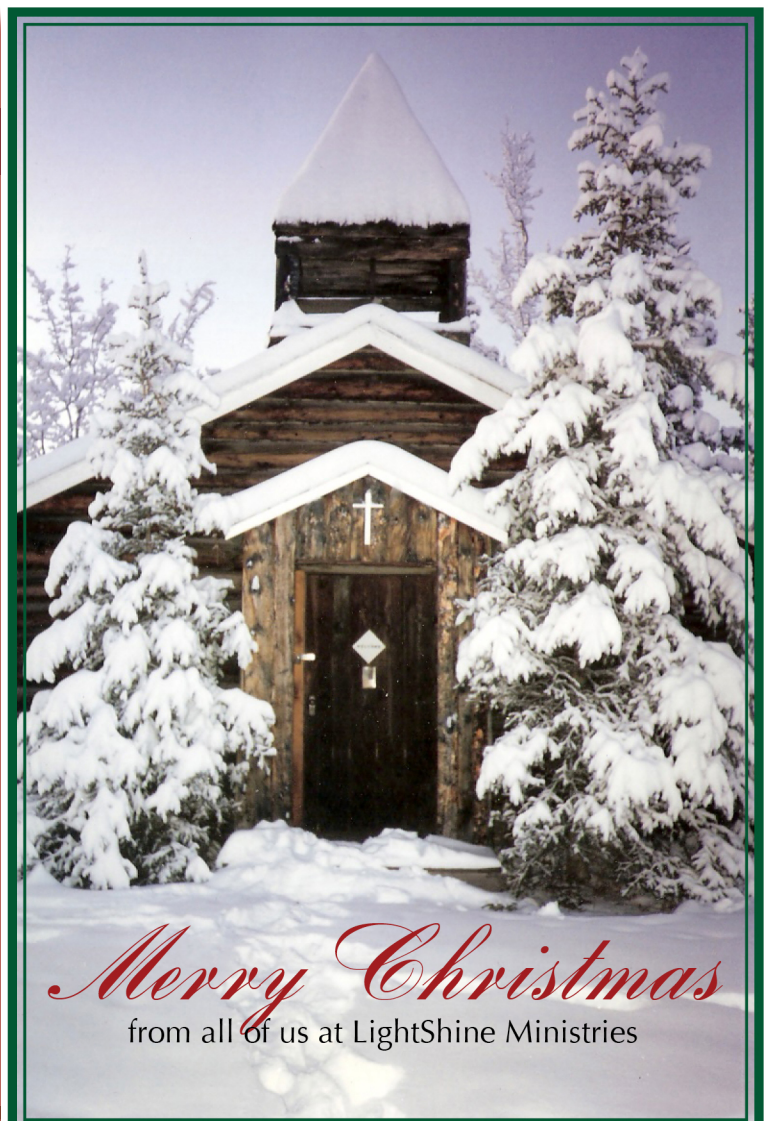
**We were able to send 10 teams to Alaska this year to bless our brothers and sisters in Christ in their ministries there.** Our ministry provides opportunities for people like you to serve others in the Body of Christ in Alaska. We encourage you to take time to visit our website and look at all the photos on our "**2017 Teams**" page. It will encourage you to see all the people who served with us!

## Thank You, Father!

Have you heard the good news? God has provided through His people and on November 2, 2017, **we were able to purchase a 4.62 acre property in Palmer, Alaska that will become our new ministry base in the coming years!** We are so excited about this new day for LightShine. **We approach this new year with the sober reality that there is a lot of work ahead of us.** But in years to come, we will finally have a base of operations to work out of. God has called us to be faithful and focused for His glory!

In the coming year we will begin our **2018 Capital Campaign** to raise money to purchase building materials to build a garage during the summer months that will be used to store our vehicles, trailers and tools during the harsh Alaskan winters. In addition to the needed teams to serve in all our ministry locations, we will need an additional 4 teams for working at our ministry base.

Lord willing, in **2019** we will be building a lodge to house our teams. Please **pray** for this need. **Pray** that God would continue to



put it on the hearts of those He has chosen to provide new levels of leadership and the needed funds to accomplish these goals. Also, ask the Lord if He wants you to give a donation so we can finish the year in a stronger financial position.

Our desire is to see people using their God given gifts and talents in order to build up His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. It's really all about people - those who are called out of this world to be His hands and feet and do the work He has prepared for them to do.



**Teams for 2018 are forming and here are a few that you should consider joining:**

**Alaska Dream Center** in Willow - **February 10-18** - Carpenters and general labor to enclose a balcony, cut firewood and make repairs to buildings.

**Gulkana Village** - **June 8-17** - General construction skills are needed to work at this Alaskan Native Ahtna village.

**Ouzinkie Ministry Home** **Dates Pending** - Framing carpenters and general labor needed to serve in a coastal Alaskan Native village.

**Globe Creek Camp** north of Fairbanks - **June 22-July 1** - 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 15-22** - Serve the leaders of the games doing whatever you are asked to do. Long hours but exciting ministry opportunity!

**Bingle Camp at Harding Lake** - **July 1-8** - We will be serving the camp doing various projects. General construction skills are needed!

There are several other new teams being discussed as well including at least four teams that will be building a four-bay garage at our **LightShine Ministries Base**. One of those teams may be a father-son team that will be doing some demolition and clean-up work.

**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 met, you will 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.

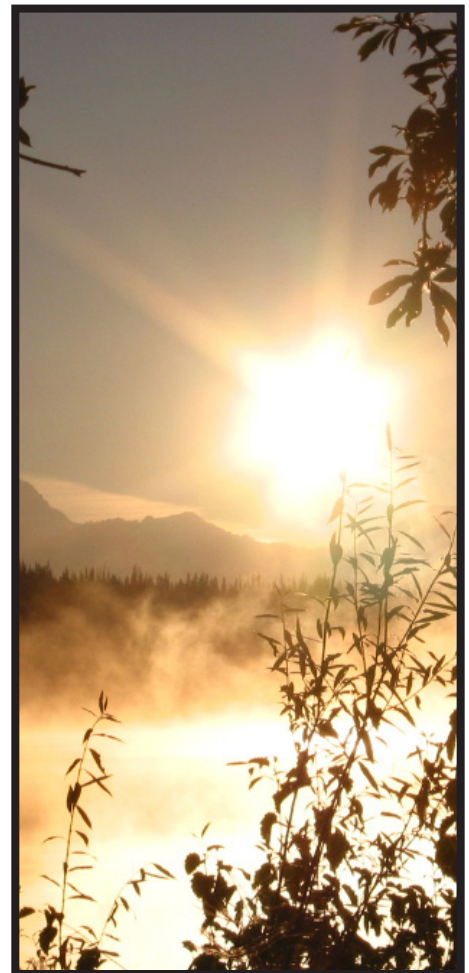
**From the very start of this ministry, our desire was to connect skilled labor from the east coast to specific needs that the Body of Christ (all living followers of Jesus Christ) has in Alaska.** We would all agree that our time on this earth is very short and



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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).

**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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