

# Tom & Ruth Denlinger Family Newsletter - May 2014

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Hello Everyone!

One of the sobering things you learn when you work with people is that everyone realizes down deep inside them that their time on this earth will not last forever. I am reminded of Ephesians 5:15-17:

*“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* NKJV

The will of the LORD is for us to continue the work that Jesus started on this earth. There is nothing more important than that. “Redeeming the time” is something the Father is really weighing on me right now - not just for myself - but also in how I encourage others. Would you walk with me in this ministry calling to minister to the indigenous people of North America? There is so much to do and we need to get at it!

**Thank you for those of you who continue to support our family in ministry.** We really need it. I want you to know that I am hearing strongly from the Father that I need to seek Him for the next steps of my life as a leader in our ministry.

After my second week of training in March at **Two Rivers Native American Training Center** in Oklahoma, the leadership there asked me to consider a deeper level of commitment. This relationship is a honor to me because of my understanding of Native protocol. Learning from them will be very important for me in the future. I am walking in submission to their spiritual covering and waiting on the LORD to show me the next steps for our ministry. But let me tell you what I have to do first.

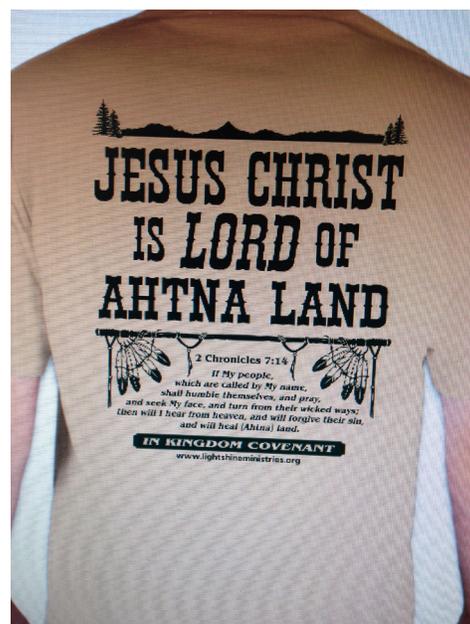
First, I am leading a team to work at **Strelna Lake Wilderness Bible Camp** in Alaska. This camp is the highlight of many of the Native Alaskan children (pictured here) of the Copper River Valley and LightShine has been helping build the camp since 1998. **“THANK YOU”** for all of those who gave towards the camp fund this past year. We were able to raise almost \$1,000. **Many children will benefit from your financial support and have a chance to go to camp and spend time learning about our LORD, Jesus Christ!**



Our team is leaving this coming Friday, the 16th. We will be replacing old wood stoves with new cast iron models in the kids cabins and spending time visiting and helping our friends there. This act of service among the Athna people is my first calling - one which I have been doing for 19 years. **Please pray for relationships to continue to grow there.** The Father is drawing many to Himself and giving victory to overcome

the challenges of sin. **It is my desire to build leaders among the men and women that have become friends there.** I will spend a second week meeting with several ministry leaders and continuing to plan for the future. I am really “skimming the surface” trying to explain the depth of my responsibilities in this brief letter.

We have two teams working with our Ahtna brothers and sisters this summer and we designed this t-shirt to give to our friends who work alongside us there. Under the verse from 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, **“IN KINGDOM COVENANT”** (with our website). What this means to us is that we are publically covenanting with them indefinitely to continue providing tools for ministry as well as offering personal encouragement and leadership as it is needed. One leader thanked me for this shirt because it is a declaration over their land. On one sleeve is printed, **“Jesus Christ is the Only Way - Chief Harry Johns”** and on the other sleeve is printed, **“Time is not ours to protect but to respect. Love one another - Chief Ben Neeley”**. Both of these men were former traditional chiefs (now with the LORD). Wearing this shirt will be a source of pride for them in knowing that their leaders served the LORD.



We were able to purchase 40 shirts to give away. **Please pray** that God continues to build up His people and give them courage to live fully yielded to Him. **Pray** that He draws many more to Himself and calls out more young leaders to build His Church (ekklesia). **Pray** for His powerful angels to protect and strengthen believers in Alaska and push back the enemy that wants nothing more than to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10). **Jesus is King!**

After returning from Alaska, I will be returning to Oklahoma (June 10th) at the request of the Native leaders there to continue in my training at **Two Rivers Native American Training Center**. Their desire is to eventually place me on a team of ministers under their covering that will be going into reservations all over North America. This will give me valuable experience that will help us in our ministry in Alaska.

Please allow me to be open with you. I need to raise \$3,000 to cover my three weeks of work during the next month in addition to the costs for airlines, food and ground transportation. **The life blood of ministry is the prayers and support of the sending Church (ekklesia) at home.** I cannot put any other way. I need your help in what I do.

You have been such an encouragement to my wife and I in the past. **Thank you for considering a monthly gift to help keep me working on the mission field.** You are a blessing!

-Tom & Ruth Denlinger

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