

Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - October 2017

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Hello Everyone! Greetings in the Name of our LORD, Jesus Christ. Please read through this prayer letter and take some time to intercede for us. **We really value your prayer because we face many different challenges throughout the year and we see God working in our lives!**

What an incredibly busy time of year! I recently returned from Alaska and I wanted to fill you in on some amazing things that God is doing there.

Upon arriving in late August, I began visiting people and ministry leaders all over the state. Our 8 teams served in different places and I made it my goal to visit all of them. I was able to visit all but two places. The problem I always face is time. At this point in my ministry, I can only take so many weeks off my employment in Pennsylvania. **That is why we need to raise financial support to do the work of ministry in Alaska.**

I met several new people on this personal assignment and it looks like we are going to be sending at least two teams to brand new places in 2018. This is a wonderful thing because I love developing new ministry relationships. One pastor in particular has been doing his work for 35 years and was very glad to share his heart and love for his people to me. We have already set a new team leader up for taking the work at his church in the interior (bush) Alaska.

But probably the most exciting news to bring you is that I found an absolutely amazing little property about a mile from our existing ministry base. Since 2001, we have been parking our vehicles and trailers at a ranch in Palmer, Alaska but now we plan on purchasing 4.62 acres with a small house on it on November 1, 2017. Our board has been doing a lot of work in preparation for this transaction. If you have not already done so, please visit our website and read more about it.

One of my jobs as Ministry Director is to set a course for growth in the coming years. We desire to build a garage in 2018 and begin saving and planning for building a lodge to house our teams in 2019-2020. In the future, we will not only use this new facility for our teams but we also want to share our place with other ministries coming in and out of Alaska. One such ministry is Youth With A Mission. They have been sending many teams to the remote Alaskan villages for several years and we want to help them. More on that later.

I send this letter out to those of you who have supported us in the past. We need your help to do what we do. **Please never forget that your gift enables me to do my job as a leader in LightShine Ministries.** This past year, our ministry was able to give approximately \$72,000 in labor to the various team assignments that served all over Alaska. All of this helps the Body of Christ there by providing tools for them to do their ministries more efficiently.



I need to continue to raise \$1,000 a week to be able to do my job. Not only do I provide leadership for LightShine, but I also do our website, graphics design (brochures) and all our Facebook news bulletins and Constant Contact emails. **If you are unable to help us financially, would you please pray for us?** We know the power of prayer and see it as a vital part of what we do. **Thank you so much!**

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