



LIGHTSHINE MINISTRIES

Building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in Alaska

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Dear Family, Friends and Ministry Supporters,

Winter 2021

Twenty-twenty was quite the year! Since our last prayer letter, so much has happened in all of our lives. Many of us lost family and friends to illness this year and many of us had the virus and survived. Truly Psalms 139:16b still holds true.

“...All the days ordained for me were written in your book, before one of them came to be.” Knowing this truth should bring comfort to all even though it is still hard for us here on this side of eternity. Our hearts go out to everyone who has lost a loved one this past year.

In April, Renee came down with Covid and it was determined at a later date that I probably had it back in March, while we were in Homer. Renee recovered quickly, as had I and we continued to plan our move north. In July, I was to lead an electrical team to Palmer to rough-wire LightShine's new building. Three days prior to leaving I tested positive for Covid but with no symptoms. It was at that time Renee and I also tested positive for the anti-bodies. The team still went and I led most of that trip from Pennsylvania, using technology. Thankfully, I was only quarantined for a week and I was able to fly up to finish the trip with the team.

We had originally planned to make our move in April but then the Lord saw fit to postpone our trip until the end of August. It was during this time that I had the opportunity to lead my neighbor, Kathy, to Christ only one week before she died from cancer. On August 26th we pulled out of 1515 Eden Road, having sold our house in 24 hours from putting it on the market, and began our trip north. We had decided to take our time and visit some friends along the way. Once we got to the border we expected to be able to cross with no issues, but there again, our Father had other plans. After trying for three days to cross in North Dakota, we were deemed non-essential and we began a trip west, not quite knowing how we were getting to Alaska. Without fail, at every stop along the way, God had ordained someone that we needed to talk to, pray for or pray with. One new friend in Montana even said that she believed God sent us through her town just for her. It was not until we were within two hours of our final stop in the lower 48, Great Falls, MT, that our plan to get to Alaska was clarified. God is so good and His timing is perfect. A good friend from Homer flew down and drove our rig north, while we flew to Anchorage, on the 11th of September. Our rig showed up on the 20th in Palmer and we drove to Homer.

We had originally planned to live in the camper for the winter but it became clear that we would need something warmer and more permanent before the cold set in. Again, our Father had a plan and allowed us to fulfill a dream of Steve's which was to own a log cabin in Alaska on 1.5 acres of land. Paperwork was expedited and we were owners by the end of October. Since then we have been busy renovating the space to fit our needs, adding a kitchen and laundry area. (Neither of which existed prior). Steve has been able to pick up some construction work here in Homer and is looking to get licensed as an electrician here in the State of Alaska. This will open doors for LightShine as well as provide some extra income along the way.

On the ministry front, we have been very busy. Steve's new position is Director of Alaska Ministries and involves keeping relationships going year round with existing ministry partners and also new ministry development. At the beginning of October we made a ministry trip North, to the Copper River Region for meetings with our friends in Gulkana and Kenny Lake in preparation for teams this coming summer. Kenney Lake is a rekindled ministry relationship for LightShine. We are also in the planning stage, along with the rest of LightShine's leadership team, for the future. LightShine's busy season is in the warmer months so this time of year involves a lot of planning and meetings. In November we began a recovery life group at our church here in Homer. We continue to build relationships here in town and God always has a divine appointment or two waiting for us as we do. There is no

better place to be than in the center of His will for our lives. We had hoped that the prisons would open up by October 2020 so that we could run the parenting class again but as of this writing we are still not sure when they will open to volunteers.

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in partnering with the Ministry here in Alaska. LightShine has teams forming now many areas throughout the state. Check out the website at www.LightShineministries.org to learn more. If you feel led to partner or continue partnering with us directly, we are still at about 30% of our total monthly support goal. We are still in need of approx. \$3500 a month more than what is currently coming in. If you would like to be a regular financial supporter you can do so through our page on LightShine's website: www.LightShineministries.org/who-we-are/our-leadership-team/steve-renee-hoey or by sending your donation to LightShine Ministries PO Box 777 Mount Joy, Pa 17552. (Be sure to write our names in the memo, on checks.) The third and most important way that you can be involved is to pray. We cannot do this without your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that we continue to see the opportunities He gives us to bless others and call them into relationship with Him.
2. Pray for God to continue to move on the hearts of people who are able to help financially support us on the journey.
3. Pray for LightShine as we continue to plan the completion the development of the property, that the Lord gave LSIM, in 2017.
4. Pray for Team leaders, both current and potential, as LSM looks to expand further into areas of Alaska building the Kingdom of Jesus here on earth.
5. Pray for our LSM Alaska leadership team as we continue navigate through this world crisis.
6. Pray for men and women who are incarcerated throughout the USA during these uncertain times. Jesus had a special place in His heart for prisoners (Matt. 25)
7. Pray for those who are incarcerated behind the bars of addiction, emotional issues and abuse and pray as we reach out to some of those souls through our efforts here.

PRAISE

1. Our health and that of our family remains good.
2. Our little cabin is quickly becoming a home.
3. Over Thanksgiving we were able to travel back to Pennsylvania and spend the holiday with family. Steve was also able go hunting with his dad.
4. That God's Grace is new every morning!

If you are on Facebook, you can follow us on our page at **Steve and Renee in Homer Alaska**.

Thank you for your continued love and support. We are praying for each of you as well.



Thanks to Tom Graham for driving our rig to Alaska.



Thanks to the Lanny and Carol Simpson for letting us park in your driveway.



We enjoyed connecting with Mark Hem and the elders, at Kenny Lake Chapel, to discuss future projects. We look forward to partnering with you in the summer of 2021.



Steve and Stephen West doing ceiling work at Regent Life Church.



Love,

Steve and Renee Hoey

Ephesians 2:10

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