

# Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - April 2022

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Hello Everyone!

Just a quick update for you. The last four months have been quite a whirlwind for us. In December, my father died and we had a “Christmasy funeral” on the 23rd of December. My mother spent two years caring for my dad who wasn’t doing well (physically). It was one of those bittersweet things when he died. He was released to be with the Lord and his relatives that he missed. My mother no longer had the daily responsibilities that drained her mentally and physically.

My brother Dean and his wife and family live in Kasilof, Alaska which is about 4 and a half hours from our missions base in Palmer. They offered to have my mother move in with them and after a series of decisions and much discussion, we made plans to move all of her things to our home (temporarily) and put her home up for auction. Her home sold on April 2, 2022.

In January, we had a severe storm in the MatSu Basin (where our missions base is located) with winds over 110 mph. It knocked out our power and our water system froze up. Our caretakers told us that everyone on the mountain was fighting for their own survival during that time and had some sobering words for us - and specifically, me. **They gently but firmly told me that they cannot look over our place any longer.** It is time for us to make plans to do it ourselves.



I made plans to take my mother to Alaska and drop her off at my brother’s place as well as check on our water system. When we got there, it snowed for four more days while we waited for my mother’s lost luggage to arrive. After we drove to Kasilof, I spoke at Regent Life Church in Homer and then returned back to our base.

There are now some serious decisions to make about our future. In this photo, I was getting a quick “reality check” on life at our base in

the winter. Living at our base is quite “doable” but you have to have the right tools. **Would you please pray for our leadership team as we make some important decisions about purchasing snow removal equipment and beginning to work on the small house on our base.** It needs a lot of work before next winter. We have several teams lined up to do the work but we outlined a new “Phase 6” capital campaign for purchasing building materials and equipment

Ruth and I cannot tell you if God is calling us to move to our missions base. **We do know that someone has to be there year round to oversee it and maintain it - not just a few months out of the year in the summer.** But that would be a major decision for us to make. My wife’s job carries our benefits and we would have to do a lot of work to sell our home in Pennsylvania. We would appreciate your **prayer** and support. **Thank you so much!**

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