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My Dear Friends,

I wanted to touch base with you this winter and update you on my plans for this summer.  Many of you have supported me on both of my mission trips to Alaska with LightShine Alaska Ministries.  Both trips were a blessing and I can’t thank you enough for the generosity and obedience to God that each one of you sacrificed to send me there.

This summer I am so far not planning to travel to Alaska. I have been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that I cannot tolerate being in the heat. Perhaps after it settles down I can go again in the future LORD willing.  However, I am still serving the LORD and LightShine Alaska Ministries behind the scenes.  One of the long-time members of the board is planning to retire.  He is a brilliant man and has served for many years.  Before he retires he is training several people to take over his duties.  I will be doing some flight scheduling for some of the teams and also starting some new duties that the ministry is starting due to it’s expansion.

This past year LightShine sent 17 teams to Alaska, each team has approximately 10 members some teams had more.  That’s at least 170 workers sent.  All of the workers are volunteers and supported by individuals, churches and some people are able to save enough all year and are self supported.  The seventeen teams built or restored churches built a Bible camp for kids and one team has been working on helping get a drug and alcohol rehab center refurbished. It’s called the Dream Center.  They have a 98% success rate. The highest success rate in the country because it is 100% Bible based. That’s only the tip of the iceberg so to speak.  We have a team that helps at the World Eskimo Olympic Games.  It wasn’t easy to build a relationship with the Eskimo people they don’t accept outsiders easily.  But after a few years they started to accept our team.  They spend 14 to 18 hours a day helping out at the games which are completely different than our Olympic games.  They reflect the skills they need to survive in their harsh environment.  We even had a Father/Son Team.  To learn more about all the teams please go to our website.  See how God is using them to reach the unreachable in Alaska.

Now imagine you had to welcome each team into your home each week one team on Saturday then one team on Sunday (sometimes they come during the week too).  Also imagine your home had a very small kitchen with two six foot tables a regular stove and dishwasher.  Also you had one full bathroom and one half bathroom a washer and dryer.  Upstairs you have two large bedrooms. Now these ten people coming in on Saturday will need lunch and dinner. They will also be staying over night and leaving in the morning to fly home. They get up, you have breakfast ready, a light one or they will go out for breakfast on their way to the airport.  You were happy to see them and hear their stories  about how much work they got done and how the LORD blessed them.  Joy fills your spirit because this is your mission to make them comfortable and welcome.  Your husband drives them to Anchorage, a 2 hour one way trip, to catch their flight.  You and hopefully a helper will clean up and get ready for the next team because they will be there for lunch in 2-4 hours. The whole process starts over but this team will leave the next day for their mission destination in some place in another part of Alaska.

What I have just described is a problem we are having.  The ‘house’ is our Bunkhouse at our base camp.  We have unfortunately outgrown it and need the funds to make improvements.  It’s almost impossible for 10+ people to sit and eat together in the small kitchen, there is not a living-room to relax in for those who want to fellowship.  Also showers for that many people are difficult, especially if a group gets in late for some unforeseen reason.  Also our missionaries live in a house that is on the other end of that property and they need a garage to keep their vehicles in because of the harsh winters there.  To see a complete plan of the entire up grade of our base camp go to our website.  We are praising God for our growth and the expansion of our outreach but it all comes with a price.  I want to encourage all my supporters to prayerfully consider supporting LightShine Ministries in 2025. This Ministry is close to my heart and I believe it is close to God’s heart as well. There are so many that need your prayers. Thank you for all your help