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## Where did the Summer go!

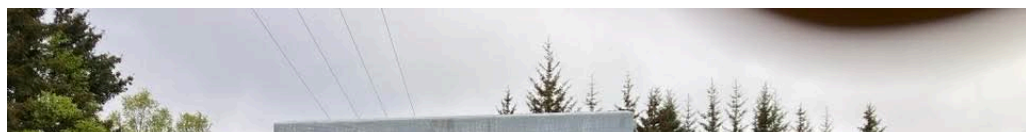
Every year it seems that our summers are not long enough to accomplish all of the things that we need and want to do. We realized that our last correspondence with you all was back in April, so I guess we have some major catching up to do.

Overall, it has been a good season of ministry and work.

The familiar verse in Ecclesiastes 3:1 states:

**“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven”**

May officially began LightShine’s summer ministry trips, with the very first team coming to Homer. This team worked at both Regent Life Church and Christian Community Church during their two week stay (15-14) here on the Peninsula. For Regent, we installed a kitchenette in the church as well as working at their Royal Ranger Camp, completing some of the construction that we began the year prior. We also cleared out some debris for the construction of a zipline. At CCC we took care of some much needed nursery and bathroom renovations.





In June, the teams continued to come to and through our ministry base in Palmer. Renee and I made the 5 hour trip one weekend, to the base, so that we could encourage one of the teams coming in. It was a pretty quick trip as we both had responsibilities here at home the following week. We did not have any direct involvement on any of the teams this particular month.



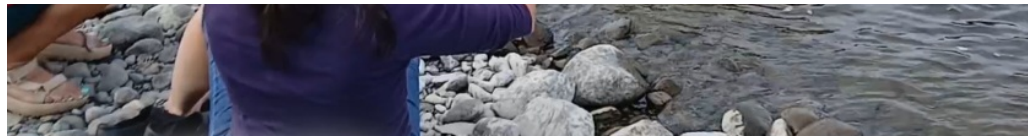
In July, we went back up to the base so that we could drive out to Gulkana with the team that was conducting Vacation Bible School again this year. We are so grateful for The Upper Room Missionary Church, and their desire and commitment to continue this ministry to the children and parents of Gulkana. Several years ago the Village asked we would do a VBS while we were there and the URMCC stepped in to



he would do a VBS while we were there and the church stepped up to the challenge last year. This year one of the young men, Vincent (14), received Christ and was baptized the same day in the Gulkana River. Over all they had about a dozen children attend. Renee and I have been working in this village since 2013 and this year we officially turned the reins over to the URMCM to not only carry on this vital ministry but to take it to the next level. It is with mixed emotions that we do this as the people of Gulkana have become and will remain good friends of ours. While we were in the area Renee and I went to Kenny Lake and Chitina to visit with some old friends and began discussing some new ministry possibilities for LightShine.

**More to come...**





August brought some more LightShine busyness for us. In preparation for the Pedro Bay team, I had to fly out to the village a couple weeks early with the food. Thankfully God had all of that planned and I ended up with a great pilot who was eager to make the trip. He even asked me if I wanted to fly a little while we were up in the air, however I had already hit a moose that morning with my truck. Thankfully no damage to me, the truck or the moose but I was still a little shaken, so I declined to take the controls... this time. On the 16th the Pedro Bay team, of seven people, assembled in Soldatna at the MARC office and hanger and we flew out for a week of ministry. It was wonderful to be with the team and its new leader. Heather, whom Renee and I have been mentoring for a few years, took the helm and led with excellence. Our mission was to continue to build relationships and take care of a number of maintenance items on the church and parsonage. The village was supposed to be getting a new Pastor this Fall but that plan fell through, for now.







The Lord is continuing to grow His church behind bars at Wildwood Correctional Center. These men are hungry for God's Word and we are seeing Him answer prayers in their midst. Some of the men that we see are only there for a short time but it seems that God gets a hold of their hearts while they are there. Others, who are there longer, are the baseline for the growing church. There are a handful of guys who are yet to be sentenced and are trusting that whatever time they get, God has a plan for their time. It is encouraging to see them reaching out to each other and inviting new arrivals into the fold to be introduced to Jesus or to encourage them in their walk. One statement that I hear continuously from men is that they are thankful that God allowed them to end up in jail because that is where they surrendered their hearts to Him. The Lord is showing me the results of time and faithfulness to this ministry as both CO's and Inmates, both saved and unsaved, have open conversations with me that, even a year ago, did not happen. There is no better place to be in life and ministry, than in the center of God's will and plan.

Our house addition is nearly completed. The bedroom is in use, we have a sofa bed for when people visit and as of the writing of this newsletter, we are awaiting the plumber to come and rough-in the bathroom and laundry area. We are praying for some more nice days, before the snow falls, to be able to button up the interior and exterior to do items.







Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Over the past several months our financial support has increased and we are grateful for God's provision.

#### **Prayer and Praise**

1. Pray for the men at Wildwood. Pray for soft hearts to hear God's voice through the teaching and sharing of His Word.
2. Pray also for their families on the outside as wives, children and parents navigate life without their loved one.
3. Pray for Renee's continued health journey. We are seeing a new doctor now that seems to know his stuff as her other one retired. Hopefully he can help balance out her system.
4. Pray as we take our annual trip around the State to visit most of our ministry partners. We are leaving on the 12th of September and should be home on the 18th.
5. We are planning on being in Pennsylvania in October (15-28) to visit with family, friends and supporters. We will most likely be scheduling breakfast meetings with people again, this trip. If you would like to connect while we are there please contact us 717-799-8041.

*Love,*

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