



Eric & Heather Weaver's Newsletter

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It's starting to feel more like fall! I love the warm days and cool evenings. Like the changing of the seasons, our lives have seasons too. And I'm entering a new season in my life. For 17 years I've been staying home with my children, homeschooling some of them. Now, my youngest has just started going to school for a full day. My oldest two (10th and 11th grades) are still homeschooling, but need me much less these days. This wasn't my plan. I wanted to homeschool my youngest. But, I want to do what's best for each child, and he really wanted more time with peers.

So, here I am on day 2, catching up on cleaning and errands and LightShine work. Feeling like after this week, I'm going to start running out of things to fill my days and start missing what I felt my calling was. As I'm in this transition phase, I'm just trying to trust that God has a plan for me and my children and I'm trying to wait for what He has for me. (Can I tell you a secret? It's harder than it sounds!) In this time of waiting, I'm keeping busy with LightShine. I'll be at the Solanco and Lampeter Fairs in the next two weeks, talking to people at our booth. Stop by sometime and say hello! Planning is also beginning for our annual fundraising banquet in March! And I continue to help with the donation side of the ministry and attending leadership meetings.

My recent time in Pedro Bay village was amazing! We had smooth travel and great weather all week. On Sunday, we had a full house for church, and music! (This was nice because sometimes it just depends who is around that can play an instrument.) I really enjoyed seeing the people again, and meeting new people! Two of those new people were elders from the village who have a ministry in Anchorage for native people. We were able to build a deck for them on their home! And we spent a lot of time just talking and learning about one another. My team was so blessed by this.

We also painted the entire exterior of the church, started a shower remodel, did some electrical work, cleaned the MANY light fixtures, patched drywall and did some other random projects. We hiked to the lookout, though it started raining, and prayed over the village. We also went for a very cold swim! The day before we left, we had a pot luck at the church. Many people came that I had never met before, which was very encouraging! We started to make plans for next year and the people are looking forward to having us come back. Some of the church leadership invited my family to come for a time before the team next year, this will be a huge cost for us, but something I believe God is calling us to do, to continue to build relationships.

I am so grateful to be able to go and serve in Pedro Bay and to pray for the church family there. Please keep them in your prayers for a pastor. They were amazed that people from Pennsylvania were praying for them! I'd like to send some encouraging notes this winter to some of those from the village.

If you are interested in going next year, either to Pedro Bay or Alaska in general, reach out! If you're interested in learning more about Kensington, Philadelphia (I'll be going on September 23) reach out! And if God is calling you to help us financially to make these plans happen, you can find the PayPal link on my webpage by clicking the link at the top of this letter, or just reach out to me for further assistance.

Also starting this fall, I'm going to try and take some online Bible courses. There is a cost associated with these classes and I'm believing God will supply what I need. I am excited to dive into God's Word and learn more and be more confident and prepared to serve.

Thank you for partnering with me on this journey! I pray that God would renew His spirit in you this fall and give you His heart for the lost!

In Him,

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