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The seasons change so fast here in Alaska that it is sometimes hard to keep up. Looking back, our last newsletter was in July. The saying, "Time waits for no man" is very true. We have had a lot happen since our last correspondence so we hope to catch you up here…

In July, Steve was on a team that went to Gulkana. We no longer lead that team as it has been officially turned over to the Upper Room Fellowship in York, Pa. Each year they run a Vacation Bible School there and this year, six children accepted Christ and were baptized. We have also begun to see some spiritual healing and better cooperation between the two churches in the village. We have been praying for this to happen for a long time. Steve also went to Pedro Bay for a week, at the end of the month, to take care of some electrical work that had been piling up over there.

August was super busy. We were really only home for one week the entire month. During that week we had to purchase and organize all of the food to be ready to be taken out to Pedro Bay for the LightShine team. Then we both served on that team from 8th-15th. We had a wonderful time ministering to the people of PB, working on the parsonage, building a deck for one of the Elders and his wife, and doing some direct ministry through church service, a potluck/ice cream social and continuing to build relationships within the village. Our team leader, Heather Weaver did a fantastic job and we are so proud of her. Once that trip had ended, we were home for a day and then we flew off to Pennsylvania to help mom move out of her apartment into Personal Care, full time. They say moving is the third most stressful activity we deal with in life and it does not get any easier the older we are. Mom is 83 and this move, although necessary, was very stressful on her especially, but God blessed our time there and with some help from some friends we successfully emptied her apartment on time. Please continue to pray for her as she acclimates to her new environment. We were also able to spend some time with Steve's sister, our daughter and two of our grandkids.

In September, Steve was hoping to do some moose hunting but time did not permit. Hopefully we will get a call again this fall/winter for a road kill, although we still have some meat left from the last one. We did go on our annual trip around the State covering roughly 1700 miles. During this trip we get to visit with many of our ministry partners and keep relationships going as well as meeting with a couple of new potential partner ministries. One of the purposes of the trip, this year, was to begin the evaluation process of each of the ministries we send teams to see what the need really is. This is so that we, as a ministry, can best use the resources God gives us to make the most impact. Please pray as leadership continues to evaluate this for the coming years.

Wildwood Prison - One question we get a lot, in regards to the prison ministry is: “How are things going?” Sometimes this is a hard question to accurately answer. Not because there is any question of what God is doing there, but how to portray most accurately WHAT He is doing there. Recently, Steve was having a conversation with several residents and one gentleman summed it up pretty well. He said “Although I am not proud of what I did and I would rather not be in jail, I am happy that I am here because, if I had not come to jail, I would most likely have never turned my life over to Jesus!” That sentiment has been repeated by many of the men who have come through the gates over the past six years that we have been ministering there. We praise God for allowing us to participate in the journey with these men and to be able to see their Spiritual growth and desire to know Him more. On October 23, Steve is supposed to start teaching a series of college level classes where the men can earn a Diploma in Biblical Studies from Samford University. Please pray specifically for this and for the men that God will lead to take this course.

The weather is beginning to turn as Fall is running quickly towards Winter. Our temperatures are dropping into the 40’s during the day and upper 20’s at night. Prayers for safety, as we travel the many miles that we do, are appreciated. We are leading one more team, coming up from October 9-18, to the Copper River Valley. Five of us will be serving a ministry called Fields of Alaska. Thank you in advance for all of your prayers. More details on that ministry can be found on LightShine’s website and will be discussed in our next newsletter.

We also thank you for your continued financial support. We are still not at 100% but it seems that each year we inch closer. We are thankful that God has given us abilities and skills to be able to supplement the shortfall. He is always Faithful! If you have not yet joined us in this ministry by financially supporting us, and would like to, you can go to,

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