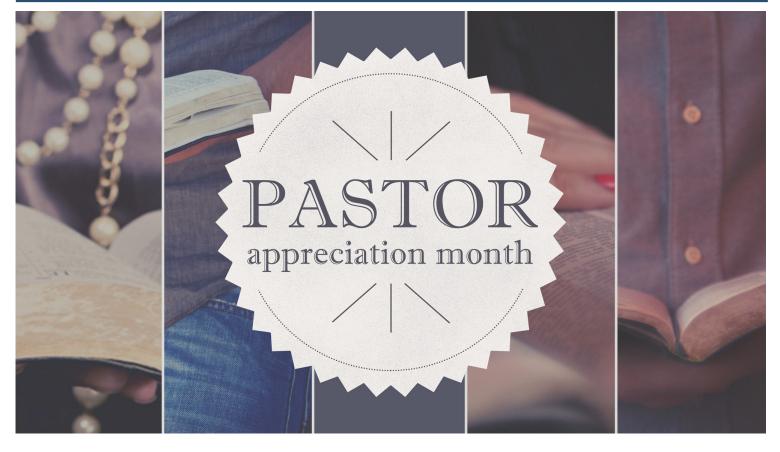


# MILEPOST

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### Giving to send missionaries



### Randy Covington, Executive Director



### GC2 PEOPLE

Who are we as Alaska Baptists? Yes, we are Southern Baptists in the Far North! I suppose you could call us northern Southern Baptists. I've even heard some call us the Frozen Chosen. We are commonly known as Great Commission Baptists! I would whole-heartedly agree with that statement as that is our purpose and our calling. But why don't we call ourselves Great Commandment Baptists? While our purpose and calling are to take the gospel to all people, it begins with our relationship with the Father and with each other.

The Great Commandment (GC1)

When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees which command in the law was the greatest, he said . . .

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two." (Matt 22:37-40) The intentions of the Pharisees were less than honorable. They really didn't want to know the answer to the question. They wanted to find reason to challenge the "Teacher" and make him look bad or at least, make themselves look better. Their jealousy toward Jesus blinded them to the truth of what he was teaching them. I love the fact that Jesus gave them more than what they asked for. He gave them two commands: Love God and love others.

The Great Commission (GC2)

Jesus' finals words to his disciples face to face was, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you..." (Matt 28:18b-20a) Once we have our relationship to the Father and our neighbor in proper perspective, then we are ready to put that love to action by going to a lost world and offering them the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

This is what should characterize Alaska Baptists: To love God and love others, to go and disciple, to baptize and teach. It should characterize every Christ-follower! Scripture is clear that our motivation must be love for God and love for others. That forms the platform from which we go and disciple, baptize and teach. If our heart, soul and mind is not centered in the love of the Father and motivated by our love for others, then our witness is powerless. Our love fuels our going!

So, once again, let me ask the question: Who are we as Alaska Baptists? I would suggest that we are GC2 people. Great Commandment followers with the Great Commission as our marching orders. I pray that we will be known as people who exude the love of the Father, demonstrating the same unconditional love that the Father has for us. I pray that our commitment to fulfill this calling will be unwavering in a world that is constantly changing. My challenge to all Alaska Baptists is to press on in unity with other Great Commandment/Great Commission Christians to build the Kingdom of Heaven here in Alaska. The world is waiting for us.





### IT'S GETTING BRIGHTER

It's getting brighter. That is not something you expect people to say at this time of year in Alaska. In fact, as we watch the mountain tops for "termination dust," we notice the amount of daylight each day getting shorter. Add Fall rain and clouds, with the expectation of sooncoming snow and "getting brighter" is certainly not what we are experiencing. "Termination dust", for those not familiar with the term, has nothing to do with some apocalyptic dust that drops down to terminate the human species from inhabiting God's most beautiful state. It is simply the appearance of the snow on the mountaintops making a distinct line across the mountains. Just like taxes, we know winter is coming, and we watch the snow line descend further down the mountain side till we start experiencing snow on our rooftops.

Some people in Alaska don't bemoan the coming darkness and snowfall. Many are looking forward to the dark months where the cold edges out the summer's warmth and brings with it another kind of brightness. It is not bright because of the sun. When the sun has slipped below the horizon and the city and house lights are on, there is a brightness even though it is dark. When I travel to the Lower 48 in wintertime, I almost feel like it is darker. Most places I visit don't have snow to brighten the nighttime. Here, it truly always amazes me how the snow makes the night not so dark. It can even seem bright.

We have Light in the darkness—in more ways than one

#### John 8:12 (CSBBible)

Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

We have light in this world even when the darkness

surrounds us because of Jesus. He is the light of the world and when we walk with Him, we are enveloped in His light.

### **Matthew 5:14-16 (HCSB)**

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Walking in the light results in us being light in the darkness. Never underestimate the impact of your light. Every time you shine the light that is within you, you brighten up someone else. You may never know the quick, divine appointment presented. There are so many ways that we, the light, can brighten our surroundings. People watch us. They see when we pray. Good deeds, a kind gesture, asking someone to have a blessed day are little lights that shine in the darkness. Even when groups gather in public places with Bibles out, it is a light. We are **LIGHTS**, let's not hide them but shine them this winter.

The North American Mission Board has released "The Evangelism Kit." I believe they are making these available for any church that asks. I hope you will take advantage of the offer and pour through it. It is a simple encouragement to help churches develop a culture of evangelism. I am taking time to digest it and to look at ways it might be useful in our churches. Look for dates that I will be in your area for a presentation and dialogue about the kit. Order yours today if you haven't already. Have a great changing of the seasons.



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#### IMB USING TELEMEDICINE TO CREATE GOSPEL ACCESS

By Myriah Snyder

Sitting in a home office in Ohio, a doctor logs onto her laptop at 3:30 a.m. Across the globe it's midmorning. The doctor smiles at a face that pops up on her screen. Consulting with her patient, she asks what brought him in today. Then she listens, in real time, to his heartbeat.

Thump thump. Thump thump.

His heart sounds stable. That's a good sign. Next, a nurse next to the patient in the clinic holds an otoscope to the man's ear. A live video of the veiny, flesh colored ear drum appears on her screen in the U.S.



Patients in Ukraine consult with doctors from the United States via telemedicine kits at a clinic set up by national believers.

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As the doctor does a visual assessment of the patient, she diagnoses him. The infection that has been causing pain in his ear is curable, with the right medicine. She then consults with the nurse, and the team is able to get the patient treatment.

Through telemedicine strategies employed by the International Mission Board, missionaries around the globe are able to provide a reinvented mobile medical clinic. Thousands of miles across the Atlantic, doctors are able to treat people in desperate need of physical and spiritual care. Technology makes this possible, as well as the gifts of Southern Baptists that provide the medical clinics' kits.

When COVID-19 hit, most of the Western world became acquainted with telemedicine. Just as one would FaceTime their grandma across the country, people now often consult with their doctor via a video screen. Dr. Geoff Little, an engineer turned physician who volunteers his time meeting needs across the globe, wondered why this same strategy couldn't be employed to increase

gospel access in hard-to-reach places. To fill a need, he created these kits.

Because of these kits and clinics, Little was able to see Amahle's eternity changed. Amahle is an 11-year-old daughter of a witch doctor. Everyone around her was convinced she was possessed with a demon.



Telemediine kits provide gospel access in hard-to-reach places These kits, funded through the IMB's Dr. Rebekah Naylor Preach and Heal Fund, are fully equipped telemedicine kits. They are about 14 inches wide, and inside, there's a Microsoft Surface pro tablet, a speaker phone, a webam, a stethoscope that plugs right into the computer, and a bluetooth enabled blood pressure cuff and pulse oximeter. Currently, the IMB has two of these kits at work in 10 countries.

For as long as her family could remember, their daughter had suffered violent seizures – three per day. Their area is isolated from most medical care. To protect her, the family chained Amahle to a tree in their compound..

In desperation, the village witchdoctor reached out to Christians in a local church. Was there anything they could do? He asked them to pray for his daughter. The church prayed and connected with IMB missionaries several hours away, asking for help.

The desperate dad was right – all the witchcraft in the world couldn't solve her problems. However, through the clinic, Little diagnosed her correctly and prescribed medicine and a care plan for her seizures.

On any given Sunday now, Amahle can be found in the local church, smile on her face, praising Jesus who she recognizes as Savior. Through the IMB workers, national Christians, and Little, her mother also saw her greatest need – spiritual lostness – met alongside the physical needs of her daughter. While the family still prays for the salvation for Amahle's father, a new church has been planted in a nearby village.

The kit that saved Amahle's life was funded through the IMB's Dr. Rebekah Naylor Preach and Heal Fund. It's a fully equipped telemedicine kit. It's about 14 inches wide, and inside, there's a Microsoft Surface pro tablet, a speaker phone, a webcam, a stethoscope that plugs right into the computer, and a Bluetooth enabled blood pressure cuff and pulse oximeter. Currently, the IMB has two of these kits and has done telemedicine consultations in 10 countries. The hope is to soon have many more kits on the field to connect the least reached to medical providers.

"There are people all over this world that have to go a tremendous journey to see even the most low-level medical provider," Little said, explaining his heart for this ministry. Now through this ministry, a clinic is taken via a mobile phone right to their villages.

More than 30 providers comprise Little's team. They are physicians, physician's assistants, and certified registered nurse practitioners in many specialties who have the desire to preach and heal. Little recruits them at events like the IMB's MedAdvance conference and through other IMB healthcare strategies.

Through the local clinic and national doctors, medication or follow-up care is prescribed, and lives are changed. Over 20 have made professions of faith due to this telemedicine strategy.

As each person enters the clinics, national believers and IMB missionaries greet them and share hope of the gospel as well as the hope that proper medical care provides to improve their quality of life on this side of

eternity.

Dr. Tom Hicks, the IMB's new director of Global Health Strategies, expressed his gratitude for the impact of the project. "By partnering with national believers and healthcare providers we can capitalize on openings for clinics in days rather than months. We can see an opportunity to care for hurting people on Thursday and be doing clinic with national partners by Monday morning."

Hicks explained that because the clinics work with national partners, the patients can connect with local churches and believers. "Our telemedicine consultants work with the technology and national translators and church planters to see the gospel get to the lost in new and exciting ways."

Dr. Rick Dunbar, an emergency room doctor and chairman of the IMB's health strategies advisory group, commented, "Geoff is using his skills and training to create gospel access. Through this strategy, he's also creating jobs for nationals. And the teams are getting behind closed doors and getting the chance to share the gospel with the unreached while taking care of them medically."

"Isn't it amazing?" he reflected.

Want to fund a \$2,000 telemedicine kit or support IMB healthcare strategies just like this? Give to the Dr. Naylor Preach and Heal fund. Find out more about IMB healthcare strategies by visiting imb.org/healthcare/.

\*Some names may have been changed for security purposes.

Myriah Snyder writes and edits for the IMB.

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## Foundation Builder

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### **Artificial Intelligence and Estate Planning**

The growing fascination with Artificial Intelligence (AI) dominates the psychological component of financial markets, especially in their speculative zeal.

What is a good description of AI? The ability of advanced computer network systems to analyze, formulate suppositions, and reach independent conclusions based on algorithmic response rather than human/biological response. For many years, AI was limited to the genre of science fiction, the advancements of computer chips and the advent of the World Wide Web (Internet). Now, AI has become less a dream of science fiction and increasingly a reality of science fact.

The applications of AI can and likely will eventually impact many areas of society—from feeding the soul with AI generated sermons to feeding the body with AI prepared food. The specific area of this article will focus on legacy/estate planning.

The most advantageous aspect of the impact of AI on estate planning is the ability to centralize data. One of the inherent challenges with estate planning is the extensive area of information it covers. A good estate plan must integrate multiple components such as finances, investments, healthcare considerations, and family dynamics, in a way that provides continuity and a sense of unity. AI is believed to be the answer to help meet this challenge by being a centralized data analyzing and retrieval system. A closely related benefit of AI inclusion into estate planning is the ease with which information can be accessed and provided to the enduser. AI can develop understanding of individual learning and behavioral patterns making it able to present data in a more personalized and effective manner.

Computerized programs such as Rocket Lawyer and Legal Zoom have existed for many years to assist with preparation of basic legal documents. A few years ago, Atrium LTS, a company out of Silicon Valley, raised money to build an AI platform that automates legal document drafting.

Clearly, AI offers efficiency in accessing and consolidating data to help minimize mistakes and duplications, and providing more timely access to information. The real issue for estate attorneys and advisors is the ability to emphasize the value of their unique skill set. Simply being able to draft legal documents and asking poignant questions may not be enough against future AI advancements. The question of value must come down to the uniquely human qualities of understanding the emotional connections of dreams, aspirations, and the feelings which bind them. There is an conscious quality exclusively manifest in humanity, which can only be given by the true and authentic God of creation. Man can achieve many things as the image bearer of God. Nonetheless, all life made exclusively by man alone, will always be artificial.

This article is for information purposes only. It is not meant to be an exclusive discussion of the topic of artificial intelligence or its impact on society, including estate planning.

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### Deaf teen in Togo seeks gospel messengers for family 'My family' needs Christ By Sue Sprenkle

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**Sharing gospel** 

Kristen Priddy, short-term missions volunteer from Texas, uses her medical ministry to help open doors so local ebangelists may share about Christ in otherwise closed communities in IMB Photo Togo.

Christians. He clasped the cross hanging around his neck. He was a Christian, too. He wondered if these people were

an answer to prayer. The teen walked over to the strangers and tried communicating through his African regional sign language. They looked at him puzzled. He held

up his cross, pointed at himself and flashed a contagious smile. He wrote his name, "Ézéchiel," and "my family" in French, the official language of Togo, then motioned for them to follow. They nodded in assent.

Ézéchiel quicklly took off down the sandy road on a mission. When the group of Americans and local pastors caught up and stopped outside a house, Ézéchiel pointed at his cross pendant and nudged IMB Journeyman Brooke Tipton toward the door. They knocked and three people came out.

"Ézéchiel figured out we were sharing the gospel. He wanted us to share with his family because he couldn't explain it in their language," Tipton said. "He was so excited that they were finally hearing."

Despite the teenager's giddiness, Kristen Priddy, a short-term missions volunteer from First Baptist Church of Hurst, Texas, knew this wasn't a chance encounter. The Texan spent the week working with local midwives and hospitals as part of the health program, "Helping Babies Breathe." It teaches neonatal resuscitation for low-resource settings like Togo. Local pastors worked with IMB missionaries to determine the best places for the nurse educator to work. They identified these places months

before she arrived.

The workshops used a holistic approach: caring for the whole person — physically and spiritually. Priddy opened every session by telling the midwives she was there because of God's love for them and then shared the story of the Hebrew midwives saving newborn babies in Exodus. Local pastors, believers and missionaries helped with evangelism and gospel presentations at the end of the class. Priddy said they were doing

> follow-up evangelism near Ézéchiel's home when he first approached them. "Ézéchiel was so

enthusiastic," Priddy said, noting that all three of his family members prayed to receive Christ. "After we talked to his family, he kept taking us from one street to another knocking on doors so we could tell even more."

Before leaving for the day, Tipton gave Ézéchiel a stack of tracts and showed him how to use it. The Journeyman asks you



'My family'

Brooke Tipton, IMB Journeyman, and Kristen Priddy, share the gospel with EZEchiel's family in Togo. All three praayed to receive Christ and will be discipled IMB Photo

> to join her team in praying for this young evangelist as a local pastor on the team disciples him. Also, pray for other healthcare workshops to open access to sharing the good news.



**Healthy Babies Workshop** 

Kristen Priddy, nurse educator from Texas, meets with midwives in Togo. The Texan teaches a course called, "Helping Babies to Breath." **IMB Photo** 

Sue Sprenkle writes for the IMB. Brooke Tipton is a Journeyman missionary from South Main Baptist Church, Greenwood, South Carolina.



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### January-August 2023 Gifts from ABRN Churches

Organization	CD	CMO		TM	D/II	Tatal
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Agape Fellowship	\$1,472.38	\$100.00	\$650.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,222.56
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anchor of Hope Aquillaq Baptist Mission	\$3,093.32 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$340.87 \$0.00	\$340.87 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,775.06 \$0.00
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$8,724.57	\$0.00	\$1,642.00	\$1,195.00	\$0.00	\$11,561.57
Bodenburg Butte Baptist Church	\$4,180.04	\$0.00	\$2,213.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,393.04
Calvary Baptist Church	\$2,178.14	\$0.00	\$810.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$3,608.14
Christ Community Church Clearwater Baptist Church	\$1,200.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$680.00 \$0.00	\$1,380.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,260.00 \$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coffman Cove Community Baptist Ch		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$625.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.55
College Heights Baptist Church Connection Church	\$24,954.64 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$24,954.64 \$0.00
Cottonwood Creek Cowboy Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$8,736.00	\$0.00	\$2,495.00	\$824.00	\$0.00	\$12,055.00
CrossCountry Church Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$3,865.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Eagle River Korean Baptist Church	\$6,517.58 \$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,863.00	\$0.00	\$10,382.58 \$350.00
Fairbanks Korean Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$22,860.06	\$4,087.50	\$800.00	\$4,533.52	\$0.00	\$32,281.08
Faith Baptist Church Filipino Bible Church	\$6,197.68 \$1,750.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,535.00 \$0.00	\$2,050.00 \$0.00	\$100.00 \$0.00	\$9,882.68 \$1,750.00
First Baptist Church of Anchorage	\$8,313.66	\$0.00	\$8,642.00	\$7,350.00	\$0.00	\$24,305.66
First Baptist Church of Eagle River	\$26,551.12	\$0.00	\$3,680.00	\$1,944.00	\$0.00	\$32,175.12
First Baptist Church of Fairbanks	\$8,228.42	\$0.00	\$2,077.53	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,305.95
First Baptist Church of North Pole First Baptist Church, Delta Junction	\$5,432.00 \$10,049.46	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$4,600.00	\$1,505.00 \$4,151.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$6,937.00 \$18,800.46
First Baptist Church, Juneau	\$7,924.00	\$1,051.92	\$1,240.17	\$1,209.93	\$0.00	\$11,426.02
First Baptist Church, Kotzebue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Palmer	\$2,975.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.00	\$3,220.00	\$0.00	\$7,515.00
First Baptist Church, Petersburg First Baptist Church, Sitka	\$14,272.10 \$2,937.69	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$257.00	\$3,065.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$17,337.10 \$3,194.69
First Baptist Church, Soldotna	\$2,774.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$3,184.16
First Baptist Church, Valdez	\$15,131.50	\$0.00	\$2,343.00	\$2,555.00	\$0.00	\$20,029.50
First Baptist Church, Wasilla	\$2,829.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,406.00	\$0.00	\$5,235.38
First Baptist Church, Willow First Hmong Baptist Church	\$2,041.64 \$0.00	\$225.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$715.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,981.64 \$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$2,050.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$1,432.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,432.00
Foundation Church FRF-Saturday Night	\$1,000.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$800.00	\$250.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,250.00 \$800.00
Friendship Baptist Mission	\$3,613.77	\$650.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$7,913.77
Frontier Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Frontier Southern Baptist Church Gilead Ministries	\$9,391.27 \$1,375.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$9,391.27 \$1,375.00
Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$9,308.68	\$0.00	\$4,645.96	\$4,635.21	\$0.00	\$18,589.85
Grandview Baptist Church	\$11,038.11	\$3,066.92	\$195.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$14,540.03
Greater Friendship Baptist Church	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00
Hillside Baptist Church Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$11,884.31 \$0.00	\$5,093.28 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$16,977.59 \$0.00
Iglesia Bautista Hispana Sunset Hills	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$1,212.44	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$2,955.84	\$0.00	\$4,418.28
Journey Church Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Kobuk Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Korean New Central Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$1,820.00
Liberty Church Lighthouse Community Church	\$6,000.00 \$2,471.14	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$312.50	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$6,000.00 \$2,783.64
Malamalama Fou (New Light) Church		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$0.00	\$12,390.26	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$12,755.26
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$5,580.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$8,730.12
Moose Creek Baptist Church Moose Pass Community Church	\$1,175.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$220.00	\$0.00 \$170.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$1,175.00 \$390.00
Morning Star Baptist Church	\$6,957.16	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$7,312.16
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$3,341.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,341.30
Mountain View Community Church New Birth Christian Church	\$2,146.25 \$1,750.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$300.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$2,146.25 \$2,050.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$9,906.00	\$0.00	\$616.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$11,022.00
New Hope Fellowship	\$350.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
North Tongass Baptist Church Northern Lights Missions	\$0.00 \$600.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$75.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$675.00
Pathway Discipleship Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Pioneer Baptist Church of Wasilla	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Church	\$5,324.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,324.10
Rescate Church Restoration Church	\$0.00 \$350.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$350.00
River In The Desert Community Church		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,697.00
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Riverside Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Roots Family Church, Soldotna	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sabbath Peace Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salcha Baptist Church	\$1,363.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,963.36
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Set Free Church-Kenai	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Settler's Bay Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,522.00	\$0.00	\$2,522.00
Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,409.00	\$0.00	\$2,769.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. John Baptist Church	\$5,651.64	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$6,016.64
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$19,082.81	\$465.99	\$50.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$26,598.80
Tenakee Springs Community Church	\$419.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$419.00
Tetlin Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$472.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$472.28
Togiak Baptist Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transitional Ministries	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
True North Church	\$11,263.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,913.91	\$0.00	\$20,177.57
True North Church Girdwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
UBC-Chinese Fellowship	\$308.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$428.00
Unalaska Reformed Church	\$2,666.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,666.84
University Baptist Church, Anchorage	\$3,494.84	\$0.00	\$1,550.30	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,045.14
University Baptist Church, Fairbanks	\$3,527.00	\$100.00	\$1,926.07	\$2,139.00	\$0.00	\$7,692.07
Valley View Baptist Church	\$5,235.75	\$0.00	\$490.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,725.75
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00
White Cliff Church	\$12,056.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,056.67
Whittier Christian Community Church	h \$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
Williwaw Church	\$594.00	\$273.00	\$322.00	\$249.00	\$50.00	\$1,488.00
	\$382,504.59	\$28,553.87	\$52,331.08	\$85,815.78	\$365.00	\$549,570.32
	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023		
2000 Club receipts as of 8/31/2023	\$1,825.00	\$3,590.00	\$3,195.00	\$160.00		\$8,770.00

## Thankyou

Because of
your congregation's
Cooperative Program
giving through the
Alaska Baptist
Resource Network,
in August 2023
\$44,759.94
remained in Alaska
for
missions and ministries.

\$558,340.32

#### Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program
SMO: Valeria Sherard State Mission Offering
AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
WH: World Hunger

\$3,195.00 has been received for 3rd Q 2023\* 3rd Q 8/31/23

### Alaska Baptist Resource Network Cooperative Program Support

	2023		2022	
August CP Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$55,949.92 \$63,541.17 \$(7,591.25)	-11.95%	\$57,163.48 \$61,510.25 \$(4,346.77)	-7.07%
Year-to-Date CP Receipts CP Goal Variance	\$382,504.59 \$508,329.36 6(125,824.77)	-24.75%	\$398,715.48 \$492,082.00 \$(93,366.52)	-18.97%

### **Upcoming Events —**

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Valeria Sherard State Mission Emphasis
ABRN and ABF offices closed for Labor Day
IMPACT! Alaska Conference
Pastor's Conference
WMU Annual Meeting
ABRN Annual Meeting, at Fairview Loop Baptist Church, Wasilla
Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
Global Hunger Sunday

TVBA Annual Meeting

**CBA Annual Meeting** 

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NOV	ember
2	ABF New member orientation at 9:00 a.m.
2	ABF Trustee meeting 10:00 a.m., time tentative
6	Orientation for new ABRN Executive Board
	members at ABRN offices
6-7	ABRN Executive Board meeting at ABRN office
7	All ABRN Executive Board Committees
11	HPBA Annual Meeting/Missions Celebration
15	Annual Church Profiles Due)
22	ABRN and ABF Offices close at 12:00 p.m. for
	Thanksgiving Holiday

ABRN and ABF Offices closed for Thanksgiving

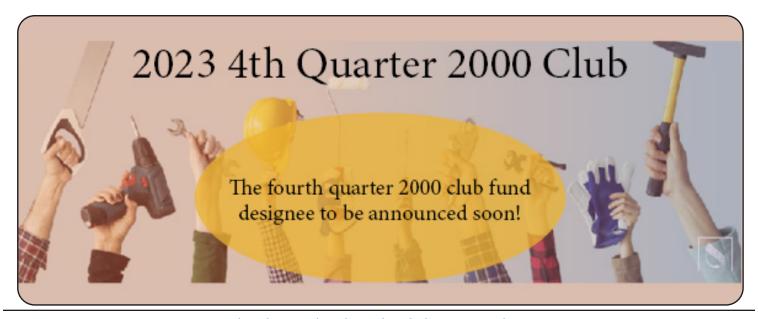
### Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

Aguillag Baptist Mission, Ambler Chinese Fellowship, Fairbanks Cross Roads Baptist Church, North Pole First Baptist Church, Soldotna First Native Baptist Church, Anchorage New Grace Christian Church, Anchorage Riverside Chapel, King Salmon Shannon Park Baptist Church, Fairbanks **Shungnak Baptist Mission** True North Church, Girdwood Valley View Baptist Church, Wasilla

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