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Alaska Baptist Convention

God's Plan for Sharing in Alaska

January - December 2009 Gifts from ABC churches

Chugach Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM	Tanana Valley Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Alaska Iu-Mienh First Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Chinese Fellowship	\$1,161.50	\$280.00	\$385.00	\$270.00
Anch Hope Comm Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Clearwater Baptist Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquila Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	Cross Roads Baptist Church	\$9,615.00	\$0.00	\$1,777.46	\$1,046.22
Calvary Baptist Church	\$4,741.00	\$1,203.56	\$1,203.00	\$1,020.62	Faith Baptist Church Fbks	\$6,581.50	\$1,250.00	\$1,670.00	\$0.00
Christ Community Church	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Filipino Baptist Fellowship Fbks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cliffside Community Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Delta Jct	\$47,983.00	\$4,195.00	\$5,014.00	\$425.00
Cold Bay Chapel	\$599.37	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Fairbanks	\$9,556.73	\$1,385.00	\$1,665.00	\$2,190.00
Comm Baptist Church Nome	\$501.00	\$98.00	\$100.00	\$103.00	First Baptist Church North Pole	\$31,365.84	\$1,608.00	\$2,513.00	\$0.00
Cowboy Church of Anchorage	\$1,874.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Friendship Baptist Church Fbks	\$364.00	\$540.00	\$727.00	\$600.00
Eagle River Korean Bapt Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	Hispanic Mission	\$178.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filipino Bible Church Anchorage	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Korean Baptist Mission Fbks	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Anchorage	\$60,861.50	\$5,400.59	\$7,223.62	\$10,300.00	Moose Creek Baptist Church	\$10,339.06	\$355.94	\$573.37	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Eagle River	\$42,245.33	\$4,315.00	\$5,021.77	\$3,308.36	Morning Star Baptist Church	\$6,007.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Baptist Church Kotzebue	\$1,450.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First Korean Baptist Church	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	North Star Baptist Church	\$1,090.34	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
First Native Baptist Church	\$7,015.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Salcha Baptist Church	\$6,481.95	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,250.00
Frontier Baptist Church	\$6,812.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	Shannon Park Baptist Church	\$10,070.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,727.00
Grandview Baptist Church	\$34,676.59	\$6,487.07	\$8,818.12	\$9,386.86	St John Baptist Church	\$11,747.95	\$0.00	\$569.03	\$0.00
Greater Friendship Baptist Ch	\$6,610.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	Togiak Baptist Mission	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Hillside Baptist Church	\$12,709.04	\$750.00	\$895.00	\$0.00	Tok Baptist Mission	\$229.96	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Immanuel Baptist Church	\$983.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,215.88	University Baptist Church Fbks	\$23,894.00	\$3,120.00	\$7,605.97	\$155.00
Kiana Baptist Mission	\$536.86	\$58.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$180,766.95	\$12,833.94	\$24,499.83	\$11,763.22
Kobuk Baptist Mission	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	Tongass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM
Korean New Central Baptist Ch	\$650.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	Anchor Baptist Church	\$10,263.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kuparuk Preaching Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Comm Baptist Ch Coffman Cove	\$1,747.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Ch	\$1,400.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	Emmanuel Baptist Church	\$4,143.55	\$800.00	\$1,022.00	\$0.00
Mountain View Community Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Juneau	\$10,075.36	\$0.00	\$295.00	\$175.00
Muldoon Road Baptist Church	\$7,556.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Ketchikan	\$8,523.47	\$1,507.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
New Grace Christian Church	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Petersburg	\$2,863.00	\$784.47	\$510.00	\$0.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$21,082.19	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	First Baptist Church Sitka	\$5,282.15	\$382.00	\$655.55	\$0.00
Rabbit Creek Comm Church	\$7,718.04	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	Glacier Valley Baptist Church	\$17,414.87	\$1,911.71	\$2,987.00	\$0.00
Samoa Alaska Baptist Church	\$325.22	\$20.00	\$128.91	\$52.70	Hoonah Baptist Mission	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sand Point Baptist Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	Juneau Korean Church	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Shungnak Baptist Mission	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	Kasaan Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Solid Rock Baptist Church	\$1,125.00	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	New Hope Fellowship	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
Sunset Hills Baptist Church	\$21,414.14	\$7,400.50	\$3,000.00	\$4,166.00	North Tongass Baptist Church	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
The Crossing @ Birchwood	\$3,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Tenakee Community Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
True North Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Thorne Bay Baptist Church	\$2,939.75	\$50.00	\$115.00	\$0.00
University Baptist Church Anch	\$9,339.16	\$1,574.00	\$1,138.00	\$0.00	Total:	\$64,558.25	\$5,510.18	\$10,104.55	\$625.00
Valley View Baptist Church	\$3,096.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Grand Total:	\$729,638.36	\$67,069.94	\$96,669.38	\$57,468.99
Whittier Christian Community	\$1,181.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Goal:	\$780,565.00	\$70,000.00	\$88,500.00	\$150,000.00
Wilderness Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Over/Under Goal:	(\$50,926.64)	(\$2,930.06)	\$8,169.38	(\$92,531.01)
Total:	\$266,653.07	\$35,131.72	\$37,343.42	\$30,403.42					
Hatcher Pass Baptist Association	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
Big Lake Baptist Church	\$18,216.57	\$990.00	\$2,013.00	\$0.00					
Bodenberg Butte Baptist Church	\$6,647.78	\$90.00	\$435.00	\$0.00					
CrossCountry Church	\$875.00	\$75.00	\$250.00	\$200.00					
Dillingham Bible Fellowship	\$7,009.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Ekwok Christian Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Fairview Loop Baptist Church	\$21,890.20	\$3,363.06	\$2,061.11	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Palmer	\$19,377.89	\$1,506.66	\$1,017.00	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Valdez	\$12,524.56	\$245.00	\$1,736.00	\$2,197.00					
First Baptist Church Wasilla	\$30,115.84	\$2,228.00	\$5,531.25	\$9,138.99					
First Baptist Church Willow	\$6,657.04	\$1,935.16	\$2,205.79	\$0.00					
Hope Christian Church of Sutton	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
King Salmon Community Chapel	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Montana Creek Baptist Church	\$4,152.99	\$80.00	\$370.00	\$0.00					
North Bear Street Comm Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Pioneer Baptist Church	\$140.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Schrock Road Comm Church	\$6,910.42	\$907.22	\$1,211.61	\$753.61					
Settler's Bay Comm Church	\$7,852.88	\$201.00	\$305.00	\$0.00					
Valley Life Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Wasilla Korean Baptist Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$143,083.50	\$11,796.10	\$17,555.76	\$12,289.60					
Kenai Peninsula	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
College Heights Baptist Church	\$37,334.41	\$0.00	\$3,046.66	\$0.00					
First Baptist Church Kenai	\$9,449.63	\$575.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,287.75					
First Baptist Church Soldotna	\$10,314.25	\$165.00	\$2,419.16	\$0.00					
Lighthouse Community Church	\$15,584.30	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00					
Moose Pass Community Church	\$634.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Mount Redoubt Baptist Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					
Total:	\$74,516.59	\$740.00	\$7,165.82	\$2,287.75					
Other	CP	SMO	AA	LM					
Misc. Contributors-Cash	\$60.00	\$1,058.00	\$0.00	\$100.00					
Total:	\$60.00	\$1,058.00	\$0.00	\$100.00					

Legend:

CP: Cooperative Program, January - December

SMO: State Mission Offering, August - July

AA: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, January - December

LM: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, June - May



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SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
MARCH 7-14, 2010

Vision Trip to Malaysia August 18-28, 2010

Partner with an Alaskan IMB'r to examine how Alaskans might participate in a 3-5 year project in Malaysia. The trip will include prayer walking and meeting with local pastors, missionaries and Christian leaders to listen to their needs.

Cost: estimated \$3,000 per person which includes round-trip airfare from Anchorage, in-country transportation, room and board, medical and trip insurance.

Team is limited to six people

Deposit of \$2,000 due March 1, 2010

Contact Mike Procter
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(800)883-9627 (in Alaska only)
(907)344-9627
for more information



Roundin' Up Questions....

....Drivin' Home Answers



**2010
Vacation Bible School
Training Clinics**

April 19-24, 2010



Disaster in Haiti



Southern Baptists have people on the ground in Haiti. The Florida Baptist Convention, which has a 15-year mission partnership with Haitian Baptists, employs seven native Haitian missionaries who are providing information. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is using the Florida Baptist Convention as the point organization for the relief effort.

Disaster gifts should be earmarked for disaster relief and can be sent to the following:

- Haitian Earthquake Relief, c/o Florida Baptist Convention, 1230 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL., 32207; www.flbaptist.org
- North American Mission Board, Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368-6543; www.namb.net
- International Mission Board, Baptist Global Response, 402 BNA Drive, Suite 411, Nashville, TN 37217; www.gobgr.org
- Alaska Baptist Convention, 1750 O'Malley Road, Anchorage, 99507 and donations will be forwarded on to the relief efforts.

Bi-vocational Pastor Wanted Emmanuel Baptist Church, Juneau

Seeking a bi-vocational pastor for a 33-member congregation with an active Sunday school program, Sunday morning and evening worship services and Wednesday evening prayer service. The church consists of a 3,300 sf building on three acres and is debt free. Successful candidate must show a history and the ability to grow a church, have the Spirit-led ability to preach and relate biblical truths to modern problems, and be willing to commit long-term.

Interested candidates should apply to Emmanuel Baptist Church, P.O. Box 33816, Juneau, AK 99801 or by contacting Larry Tong, Chair, Pastor Selection Committee (pepsop@ptialaska.net) or Ken Coate, Recording Secretary (willjoy@ptialaska.net).



February "Nuggets"

The staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention reserves the right to edit submitted "Nuggets" for content and space.

Hillside Baptist Church, Anchorage

HBC continues to take resumes for two part-time positions, Youth Minister and Music Minister. Please contact the church for more information (907-346-3050). Hillside also began an 11-week series on "Finding Stability During Unstable Times."

Chugach Baptist Association

David George, DOM of CBA, wrote the February 4-13 devotionals found in Open Windows, the quarterly devotional booklet published by Lifeway Christian Resources. The CBA office has relocated to University Baptist Church Anchorage. The mailing address and telephone number have remained the same.

St. John Baptist Church, Fairbanks

St. John's held their annual Watch Night service on December 31. Members enjoyed hearing and witnessing testimonies, answered prayers, singing, praising and worshipping. A breakfast followed.

Cold Bay Chapel

Cold Bay Chapel has called Monte Chitty as pastor. Coming from the pastorate of the Community Baptist Church in Corsicana, Texas, he will be on the field in March. His family will join him after school is out in June.

Whittier Christian Community Church

Dawson Lindblom is serving as interim pastor at WCCC. In December, Leo Johansson gave his testimony at the church. They also held a candlelight service, followed by the Lord's Supper. Keep this congregation in your prayers as they continue to seek the right man to fill the pulpit full-time.

IMB Semester Missionary

Drew Shannon, son of Don and Carri Shannon, is serving as an International Mission Board semester missionary. Don serves on the staff of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

NAMB Missionary Commissioning Service

Three couples serving in Alaska were part of the Commissioning service held on January 24, First Baptist Church, Anchorage. Scott and Jennifer Capshaw serve with Chugach Resort Ministries, sponsored by Rabbit Creek Community Church; Aaron and Lena Crain serve with Frontier Baptist Church in Kodiak; and Luke and Sarah Stewart serve at Kobuk Baptist Mission.

First Baptist Church, Anchorage

FBC sponsored "No Bears Allowed in Camp" for their RA boys in January. They also had a movie night and showed "Fireproof." The Men's Ministry of the church will host a Friendship Banquet on February 14 and the Deacons wives will host a ladies tea. Ann Mason, a member of FBC, recently partnered with an IMB missionary to provide winter clothing and accessories for orphans in Siberia.

University Baptist Church, Fairbanks

UBC had a "Cabin Night" for first-sixth graders and Pastor Gary and Jennifer Cox hosted a potluck luncheon meeting for the parents of that group. The youth and college/career groups at UBC will each have Super Bowl parties in February. The

youth will host a Valentine banquet for the adults on February 13 and will lead worship on Feb. 21. Preschool Ministries will host a "Mom's Time Out" on Feb. 27 and the Children's Ministries have a bowling party planned.

Frontier Baptist Church, Kodiak

Frontier welcomed Aaron and Lena Crain, MSC missionaries, who will assist the church with starting outreach ministries, especially to the cannery workers.

Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage

Pastor Randy Graham, wife Lisa and several others from the church joined Brenda Crim on a mission trip over the Christmas holidays.

New Grace Christian Church, Anchorage

New Grace assembled 30 gift "shoeboxes" for Aquila Baptist Church in Ambler.

First Baptist Church, Kotzebue

FBC has replaced the pews with chairs in their newly remodeled sanctuary.

Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage

Wayland is hosting a Beth Moore Women's Bible study "Gospel of John", Saturdays, 6 March - 8 May, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Teresa Keller with questions, (907)375-4340.

First Baptist Church, Wasilla

FBC has started a new Women's Bible study on Monday mornings and a new Men's Bible study on Friday evenings. They also offer an adult Bible study on Sunday evenings while the children are involved in the AWANA program. FBC more than doubled their goal to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by collecting \$9,138!

Schrock Road Community Church,

Wasilla

Schrock Road had a "2009 Kingdom Growth Missions Offering" goal of \$5,940 and surpassed their goal with an offering of \$6,189! Their missions offering is promoted and collected weekly and divided between Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions, Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions, Valeria Sherard State Missions Offering and local community missions.

Big Lake Baptist Church

Big Lake has voted to increase their missions giving in 2010.

Attention Pastors and Staff

Every two years since 1996, pastors have been asked to participate in a financial survey related to salary and support provided by their church. Between January and April 2010, pastors, church staff and employees are being asked to participate again.

This secure and anonymous survey can be found at www.lifeway.com/compensationsurvey. It will only take about 15 minutes to complete. Thank you for your assistance.

First Baptist Church, Fairbanks

FBC has started their year off by furthering their involvement with Love INC in hopes of helping the community. A channel has been set up on www.sermon.net, which can be accessed from the church website (www.firstbaptistfairbanks.com) to hear the Lord's message, even if you are unable to attend the service.

Welcome Alaskan Missionaries!

Welcome to Aaron and Lena Crain, newly approved NAMB missionaries, who will serve with Frontier Baptist Church in Kodiak.



Let Your Light Shine **Women on Mission Celebration**

April 15-17

First Baptist Church - Anchorage

Guest Speakers:

Amanda - IMB

Andrea Mullins - WMU

Registration - \$34

Early Bird (March 1) Registration - \$25

For more information contact don@alaskabaptistconvention.com

Forrest and Sybillia

Fuhr Memorial Scholarship

Application Deadline is April 30, 2010

This scholarship program is possible because of the generosity of the Fuhrs, who were long-time members of First Baptist Church, Anchorage. The earnings from the Trust benefit Alaska Baptist college students.

A total of five scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$760 per year (for full-time status only). The funds may be used for tuition, room and board, fees and books. Award notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2010. Additional information about this scholarship can be found at www.alaskabaptistfoundation.com. If you have questions, please call Adam Long in the Foundation office (907-770-0581) or e-mail to foundation@alaskabaptistfoundation.com.

**Please Pray for
our Pastorless
Churches**

Chugach Baptist Association

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Filipino Bible Church

First Native Baptist Church

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Nelson Lagoon

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Tanana Valley Baptist Association

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North Star Baptist Church

Tongass Baptist Association

First Baptist Church, Petersburg

Glacier Valley Baptist Church

Hoonah Baptist Mission

Tenakee Community Church

Thorne Bay Baptist Church

Kenai Peninsula

First Baptist Church, Soldotna

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The Trail of the Alaska Cooperative Missions Program

Suppose Bob and Sue are a typical Alaska Southern Baptist family. They have a monthly income of **\$4,170.00**. They are members of a typical Alaska Southern Baptist congregation with a membership of 100 persons. Serious about stewardship, each month they dedicate their tithe (**10%**) **\$417.00**, to the Lord's work through their local church and pray that God will bless it.

What happens to Bob and Sue's tithe of \$417.00?

Their church gives **10% (\$41.70)** through the Cooperative Missions Program and sends it to the Alaska Baptist Convention, Anchorage, to be divided between Alaska and Southern Baptist mission causes.

Their church also gives **3% (\$12.51)** to support the work of their local Baptist Association.

The balance of **\$362.79** supports the work of their local church

What happens to the 10% (\$41.70) given through the Cooperative Missions Program?

67% (\$27.94) is used for mission work in Alaska.

- Provides assistance to plant new congregations.
- Provides support to Campus Ministers, Church Planters, Mission Service Corps Missionaries, associational DOMs, a total of 15 fully-appointed NAMB missionaries and the ABC staff.
- Provides upkeep and insurances for the ABC office facilities.
- Provides training at the association and convention levels.
- Helps to tell the mission stories of the Alaska Baptist churches.

33% (\$13.76) is used for Cooperative Mission work beyond Alaska. (Sent by the Alaska Baptist Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention offices, Nashville, Tennessee)

\$6.88 helps support 5,562 International missionaries around the world.

\$3.14 helps provide partial or full support for 5,611 missionaries serving in North America.

\$3.02 goes to theological education ministries with our six seminaries.

\$0.23 helps fund Christian ethics and religious liberty ministries for the SBC.

\$0.49 is used for general expenses of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The multiplying effect

Bob and Sue have a small but very important part in the very large Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20 enterprise conducted by Southern Baptists. The mission's part of their tithe is added to that of 15,000 other Alaska Southern Baptists and that of 16.2 million other Southern Baptists in all 50 states and territories. Altogether, that adds up to \$204,385,593 just for SBC causes, in addition to what is used for mission work in Alaska.

Bob and Sue are providing a way through the Cooperative Program that allows 100% of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions and Valeria Sherard Mission Offering for Alaska state missions to get to where they are intended. The Cooperative Program pays for all administrative costs.

Though LifeWay Christian Resources and the Woman Missionary Union do not receive Cooperative Program mission dollars directly, people whose salaries are paid with CP dollars are responsible for the promoting and implementing of the programs sponsored by these entities.

The Cooperative Program Trail allows every Southern Baptist church in Alaska to be a part of reaching Alaska, North America and the World with the Gospel. Many Alaska Baptist churches support mission work in addition to the Cooperative Mission Program. They are working to make Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20 a reality in their churches.

Thank you Alaska Baptists! For the many "Bobs and Sues" I pray you will remain faithful and others will understand that stewardship is not about money. It is a spiritual matter.

Have you ever noticed that sometimes things aren't actually as they appear? For example, as I am writing this, we are in the middle of the National Football League (NFL) playoffs (by the way, it is my hope that your team does not necessarily lose but that it does not score as many points as my team). When we say "football", we know what we are talking about...good, old-fashioned American football...pads, helmets, cleats, first downs, forward passes, field goals, huddles and more. However in Australia, their "football" is nothing like ours. They have Aussie League Football...no downs, no forward passes, no field goals, no huddles. In almost every other nation in the world their "football" is our soccer. The word is the same but there are three different definitions.

Recently, I was in a training session for a mission trip I am participating in this April and during the training, the facilitator asked how many continents there are. I was so proud of myself for knowing the answer -- seven: Europe, Africa, Australia, South American, North America, Asia and Antarctica. Then he told us that same answer in Spain would be incorrect! In Spain, they only recognize five continents: Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and The Americas. Antarctica is not a continent and North and South America are considered as one. Think of some of the words we use -- in the United States, a "bonnet" is a ladies frilly hat. In England, a bonnet is the hood of the car. In the United States, a "boot" is a piece of foot wear. In England, it is the trunk of the car -- same words, but different meanings.

During the month of February when we celebrate Valentine's Day, it is my hope you really come to understand and appreciate the love God has for you. It is also my hope you are willing to share the Good News of God's love to those with whom you come in contact.

I would like to conclude this article by quoting God's first "valentine", John 3:16, in a way that might be a little different from how you have heard it before: **For God...who is the greatest lover...so loved...with the greatest degree...the world...which is the greatest company...that He gave...which is His greatest act...His only Son...which is His greatest gift...that whosoever will...our greatest opportunity...believe...with the greatest simplicity...on Him...the world's greatest attraction...shall not perish...God's greatest promise...but...the greatest difference...have everlasting life...our greatest possibility.**

Blessings on you as you serve Him in your Community (Jerusalem), State (Judea), Nation (Samaria) or anywhere you may be in the world (Uttermost parts of the Earth)!



Jimmy Stewart
*Director of Evangelism, Prayer
 and Collegiate Ministries*

What does “intentional evangelism” mean to you? Does your congregation think about being intentional in their evangelism? Here is a question to consider -- who in our church is responsible for evangelism? We have Sunday School/Bible Study directors, discipleship leaders, AWANA directors, worship leaders, but who is actually responsible for evangelism? Pastor, if you say that responsibility is yours, what is your plan for evangelism? If the plan is primarily to get the lost to come to your church and hear you preach, I have two questions: how many lost people come to hear you preach and, how many times do you preach an evangelistic message? An evangelistic message should not be a “blip” at the end of the sermon before an invitation.

Actually, it is not the responsibility of the pastor to be the chief, or only, evangelist, but the imperative is that all believers share the Gospel. How are you training and encouraging your people to be involved in this discipleship component? I contend that we really are not “disciples” if we are not making disciples. This tough statement did not originate with me but lands squarely on my shoulders as I examine myself. Is the goal of our churches to bring people to worship services to hear our messages or to help them discover God and what He wants for them? If the latter is the goal, then all believers can and should be involved in this process. The pastor cannot do it all. I believe we may need to change some things in our churches and emphasize discipleship more than attendance and baptism. What if we measured success by the number of people in our church being disciplined by an equipped disciple-maker rather than the number of baptisms? What if everyone who was baptized did so with the expectation of receiving an intensive period of teaching in the Christian foundations of our faith and denomination? Would that change how people respond to Christ?

Beginning this year, the churches of the Alaska Baptist Convention are working together in an ambitious goal to get the Gospel out to everyone in Alaska by the year 2020 as a part of God’s Plan for Sharing (GPS). The first event, “Across Alaska” will take place this Easter, and your pastor has received information about it. Getting people in church for Easter is only the beginning of the process. If they don’t come back until the following Easter, we haven’t really accomplished much in their lives and in our community. Those who come as a result of the prayer, media and distribution of materials should end up as part of your church family. Start now to plan how you will be ready for Easter, for follow-up and for continued ministry. Plan now for every believer in your church to have an opportunity to share the Gospel. Create opportunities for people to share and don’t leave it to chance. I will be sending out materials soon about the “GPS Tour” the first week of March. We can discuss many ways to be ready for Easter and the following weeks of ministry.



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Did you know there are mission education resources available for you and your church at **NO COST**?

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SnackPack Missions is a collection of lesson plans featuring a learning activity, lesson, and a challenge that encourages children to become involved in missions. In addition, each lesson has an optional parent letter that engages parents in what their children are learning.

- Age Group: Children
- Format: Lesson plans ideal for a classroom setting or any time children are gathered.
- Time: Approx. 15–20 minutes per lesson



BackPack Missions is comprised of simple mission object lessons presented by a world trekking backpacker character, “Back-Pack Andy” [or personalize with your own name] who teaches a missions lesson using objects taken from his backpack.

- Age Group: Children
- Format: Object lessons ideal for a camp, Backyard Bible Club, or outdoor setting
- Time: Approx. 10–15 minutes per lesson



Hi-Speed Missions are topic-based studies that help students be on mission. Formerly Mission Youth Bible Studies there is a collection of 72 mission-focused Bible studies directed toward youth.

- Age Group: Youth
- Format: 4 studies per topic
- Time: Approx. 15–20 minutes per study

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1-28	True Love Waits Emphasis
6	Yukon Quest Dog Race
7	Souper Bowl Sunday for Hunger Relief
14	Racial Reconciliation Sunday
15-21	Focus on wMu
24-27	Church Planter's Forum
28-March 7	GPS Tour

March 2010

6	Iditarod Ceremonial Start
7	Iditarod Restart, Willow
7-14	Week of Prayer and Mission Study and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
12-13	Avalanche '10
14	Daylight Saving Time begins
21	Substance Abuse Prevention Sunday
28	Start-a-Church Sunday Palm Sunday

April 2010

4	Easter Sunday
3	SBC Seminaries Sunday
9-10	Tongass Baptist Association annual meeting Ketchikan
11	Cooperative Program Sunday
11-15	Baptist Doctrine Study
15-17	Women on Mission Celebration
18	Life Commitment Sunday
19-24	VBS Training Clinics
22-24	Northern Plains APPLE Training
27-29	New Pastor Orientation
29-May 1	Ministers and Spouses Retreat

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