



Greetings Alaska Pastors and Churches!

I wanted to take a moment to bring you up to date on some of the mission activities and opportunities that have been taking place this year in our great state.

Currently we have twelve (12) North American Missions Board (NAMB) endorsed church planters serving from Nome to Juneau. These missionaries receive some amount of funding monthly from NAMB but most are entering the last year or two of their funding eligibility. We have new planter candidates entering the application and assessment processes and look forward to seeing how God will use them in His Kingdom work here in Alaska.

Our most recent church plants have been two (2) Set Free (Recovery) model churches (Soldotna and Wasilla) and each has grown quickly and been effective in reaching and baptizing people this summer.

For calendar year 2020 we have supported Faith Recovery Ministry (Goose Creek Correctional Facility), Mosaic Campus Ministry (UAA, UAF and UAS) and Kobuk River Ministries (Luke and Sarah Stewart) from our budget using state missions funds provided by our Valeria Sherard State Missions Offering.

Grants from our state mission funds are given for mission activities to churches and ministries that apply annually through the Missions Committee of our Executive Board.

Additionally, 50 percent of our state mission offering has supported Laverne Griffin Camp (Wasilla), Camp Baldwin and Orton Ranch, Disaster Relief, Birchwood Behavioral Health and English as a Second Language (ESL), all ministries that consistently share the gospel of Christ throughout our state.

Mission dollars helped missionaries to relocate to Sand Point to assist Sand Point Chapel in ministry and begin a Celebrate Recovery Program that is reaching into the community and affecting lives for the gospel.

We have been able to assist King Salmon Chapel to re-establish ownership of the chapel in King Salmon and begin the process of searching for leadership to help rebuild the congregation.

Cold Bay Chapel has been reconstituted, membership roll reestablished and the parsonage upgraded in anticipation of pastoral leadership in the near future.

Our 2000 Club participation has slowly been gaining but has a long way to go to reach the 2000 participants that is envisioned. The goal is 2000 persons contributing \$10 per quarter to assist churches and ministries with capital projects and improvements.

This year Cold Bay Chapel, North Bear Street Baptist Church and Lighthouse Baptist in Nikiski are the recipients of the 2000 Club Calls. The first quarter 2021 recipient will be First Baptist Church, Kenai.

In an attempt to assist churches affected by the Covid-19 shutdowns the Missions Committee authorized a Covid-19 Relief Fund which made grants available to churches who apply. To date, 17 churches have received Covid-19 relief funds.

These are some of the ways that you are partnering in mission and ministry with Alaska Baptist Resource Network in an effort to reach our collective goal of seeing "A gospel centered church of missional family in every community in Alaska."

Sincerely,

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