

Pray for Job and Bethany Hale



Church Planting Missionaries In:

Napakiak, Alaska & Bethel Region

November 2024 Update

Dear fellowhelpers in the faith –

A few days ago, my wife and I arrived back home after being gone for a couple weeks. We had **traveled down to Missouri for a church planting conference** – this was a great blessing and encouragement to us, and many people donated financially to the ministry for which we are extremely grateful. We also made some good connections with new friends, some of

whom are planning to visit in the coming year and lend a hand in the work here in Napakiak, praise God!

Following the church planting conference, we drove to Tennessee for a missions conference and after that **we hit the road for Alaska with our truck and camper** – the rig we did our 2023-2024 deputation travels in. The roads in northern Canada are already snowy and icy so the drive was a bit scary in some areas, but the LORD blessed with safety and no issues on our route. We had the privilege of attending three churches while we were transiting through Canada, and we enjoyed our time **fellowshipping with like believers** during this trip, as well as opportunities to visit with various friends along the way. We left the truck and camper in Palmer, Alaska and flew commercially from Anchorage to Bethel, then to Napakiak with our plane. Travel to and from the bush of Alaska involves a lot of logistics!

One of the projects we completed this past summer was assembling **a basketball court in the front yard of the church**. This is a wooden court that was built several years ago for the local school and which had to be taken apart and moved in 2022 because of the riverbank erosion. It was never done anything with after that and the village corporation agreed to let me take it and put it back together so that it can be used. Basketball is huge in the villages and having this for kids and adults to play on has been a big blessing to many people. We also set up a volleyball court and a small playground for the little kids, and have plans for more outdoor activities. **These things are a major outreach** - motivation can be difficult for villagers to find because there is so little to do here. Getting them out of their houses and off their phones is, for many of them, the first step

towards them opening up to hearing about the gospel.

Two professions of salvation were made just last night. Zoe, a 14-year-old that we've been praying for for a while - it's been a special blessing watching the LORD open her heart and draw her to a saving knowledge of him - and Hilda, who is a local TPO (Tribal Police Officer) - she's been asking questions about God and life in general and finally prayed for salvation. **Please keep them in your prayers!**

Winter has officially set in, with snow on the ground and the river freezing up. It's the time of year when the planes are a particular blessing to the ministry, as **air travel is the only way to get between villages right now** while we wait for the river ice to be thick enough for the weight of vehicles. We are taking the occasion of people staying at home more to teach some lessons on what Biblical church growth and evangelism looks like. **Please pray for the "old and new" believers here as they continue stepping toward following Jesus.**

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