

# Pray for Job and Bethany Hale



**Church Planting Missionaries**

**Napakiaak, Alaska & Bethel**



## December 2024 Update

Dear fellow-helpers in the faith –

Praise the LORD for his continued faithfulness and goodness! This past week I had surgery on my ankle to remove three pins and a plate that were put in there following an injury I sustained in 2023. The procedure was short with no complications and I'm healing well. Since we were already in Anchorage for that, we extended our time in town a little longer to spend Thanksgiving with my parents in Palmer, Alaska. We had a great time with family celebrating everything we have to be thankful for.

The Kuskokwim River is icing over nicely, and we've been driving on it by snogo (snow mobiles) for a few weeks now. Sadly, there has already been a death of someone who went through a hole in the ice last month as they were driving their four-wheeler from one village to another. The body was recovered after several days of a team searching with a drag bar and grapple hooks, and drilling through the ice to access the water. Traveling on ice is a daily occurrence in this area and comes with dangers that can be mitigated but not completely avoided, if we're going to live life as needed. That's why your prayers are so appreciated, and why we cannot go without God's protective hand on us.

We are very excited to watch the LORD working on the hearts of various ones here in Napakiaak. There are four teens in particular who want to follow God and do what's right – two boys and two girls. My wife and I are discipling them and praying that they will be able to grab ahold of a vision to serve God with their lives. The devil is fighting hard to keep them from that, but God is stronger! One of the boys, who's 15, has expressed a desire to be a preacher. He just preached his first message at our church this past Sunday evening, praise God!

One of the religious strongholds we deal with is baby baptism. People are taught that they're saved because they were baptized as babies, and they should never be baptized again. This is a hard thing for certain ones to get past once they accept Christ as their Saviour – they see what the Bible says about baptism and that they should be baptized as an outward show of their belief. But the teachings of the Russian Orthodox and Moravian churches have a tight grip on local traditions and it's a big way the devil keeps hearts in bondage. Please join us in prayer that the ones who have been recently saved will follow Christ in believer's baptism and experience the freedom of obedience to God. He is able!



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