

Pray for Job and Bethany Hale



Church Planting Missionaries In:

Napakiak, Alaska & Bethel Region



October 2024 Update

Hello friends in the faith,

We are saddened to report the **death of our dear friend Michael**, for whom we've been asking for prayer since his cancer diagnosis a couple months ago. The cancer progressed rapidly and he passed into Glory on Sunday, September 22nd. I went to Anchorage that evening to be with the family and to assist with the logistics of transporting him back to Napakiak. Traditional Yup'ik funeral proceedings

include singing and a feast every night for three or four days before the memorial service and burial, so the week was full of that, and **I was asked to preach the service which was an honour**. It was in the Moravian church building and about 200 people were in attendance, all of whom heard a clear presentation of the gospel and the message of hope that the Lord had me give. The whole week was truly a sweet time of loving on the people here, many of whom are like family to us and regard us the same way, and others who came in from other villages. We were able to put up Michael's wife Sherry and their three young kids in our guestroom, and several of her siblings and their children stayed in our guesthouse. **God has blessed us so that we can bless others** and we are excited about that! Our hearts are glad to see the impact that Michael's life made and **his testimony of how God's grace can change a man**.

Now we're working to **get Michael's house where it can be livable for Sherry and the children**. Sherry was saved and baptized back in 2022, and it is our privilege as a church to extend care to her. Someone very generously donated new flooring, all the interior walls were painted, the kitchen cabinets rearranged, a new refrigerator installed, a Toyo stove (diesel heater) put in and beds set up. Sherry is looking forward to making it a home. **If anyone would like to give towards things they'll need please get in touch with us**.

A large group of young people came up to assist with the ministry for a month's time in August and September, and wow! **The number of projects we got completed with their help was incredible**. They were involved in finishing a two-room addition onto our guesthouse as well as finishing the loft in the main house/church building addition, putting up window trim, building a wood shed, chopping wood, sorting Bibles for distributing, passing out Bibles in villages, leveling ground in the church yard, cleaning out and organizing our Conexes (large shipping containers we use for storage sheds), hauling water, cutting fish, berry picking, fixing four wheelers, and so many other things. We also harvested the potato garden, and

Napakiak families were given 30+ pounds of potatoes to eat during the winter. Huge, huge thanks to each person of this team that lent their time and cheerfulness to pitching in on the Lord's work here. We appreciate you!

Lastly but certainly not least, God answered prayers again and there was another profession of faith made here in Napakiak! An older woman named Olga, who is the grandmother of two of the teens who've been saved this year, Kaitlyn and Steven. **She accepted Christ** after a lifetime of following after religion, vices, and mourning over loved ones' passings and finally realizing that nothing will fill her heart but Jesus.

Praise God!!



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