

We are church planting missionaries in Napokiak, Alaska. I have been work here for 11 years now. The population in Napokiak is 300 people who desperately need the gospel.

We desire that this church be a lighthouse amongst the people, and eventually be led by a Native Alaskan pastor and deacons. This region is the most remote and unreached in all of Alaska - there are only two other churches in this whole area. The people are very open to the gospel and ready for the truth to be spoken into their lives. It is a field truly white unto harvest but the laborers are few.

There are 56 villages around us, and our goal is to plant or plant independent Baptist churches as many as possible and turn them over to qualified native pastors.

Our current project is adding on to the building that we are living in and using for a church. This rear addition is for permanent living quarters for our family, so that there's more room at the front for church functions.

We also desire to put a KJV bible in every house in the 56 villages around us. we have already completed 2 ½ of the villages, and we estimate that we will need 15,000 more KJV bibles to finish the project.)

My wife and I are both private pilots and we have an airplane that the Lord provided for us, which is like a pickup truck to us. With no roads between villages, the only way to get to the villages is by airplane, or sometimes by boat in the summer. The plane provides transportation as we do ministry work, including helping missionaries and laymen in our area get to the villages and to get settled in when they come. One example is my wife's sister and brother-in-law. They live in a village about 100 miles away from us in a place called St Marys. They started an Independent Baptist church there and we often go over there to help them out and fly them in and out as needed.

Also, In 2013 the LORD directed us to start a potato garden in Napakiak to help the villagers with agriculture learning and to keep an in-road there to teach them the gospel.

Little bit of our backstory:

Shortly after I got saved at age 14, the Lord put a burden on my heart for the Alaska Native people. Through the next several years, I took every opportunity I could to reach out and minister the gospel to anyone I could.

I often organized outreach groups, even at a young age, street preaching, or whatever thing I could to do that the Lord wanted. In this, I was seeking to fulfill the call that the

Lord had for me. But I did not find fulfillment in this, because the Lord was calling me to very specific ministry that I didn't yet know at that time.

I've been in Alaska since 1998. The Lord prepared me for this ministry by the way I was raised in a primitive, simple manner in the wilderness. I moved to Bethel, Alaska in May of 2016 having worked in the nearby village of Napakiak since May of 2011.

The reason I moved to Bethel then and not to Napakiak is because I was single at that time and it was not advisable for me to live in the village as a single man. Instead, I lived in Bethel and did construction work to support myself and traveled to the village every week to do a discipleship Bible study with the believers that I had baptized in 2016 with the oversight of my pastor at the time. This provided me a good safe place and a good oversight church in Bethel to establish the ministry.

In 2017 the village of Napakiak gave us an old building that was going to fall into the river because of bank erosion problems. We moved this building uptown and placed it on a piece of property that was leased to us for one dollar per year.

In December of 2018 I met Bethany McGraw who became my wife a year and three months later. Praise the Lord! We were married March 20, 2020, and she moved from Crestview, Florida to Alaska to join in with the ministry. In 2021, we moved from Bethel to Napakiak and started our full-time ministry planting a church in this village.

I now know that I am in the center of God's will and doing exactly what he wants me to do. Honestly, I could not be happier with where I am at!

Thank you so much for reading and may God bless you...