

Pray for Job and Bethany Hale



Church Planting Missionaries In:

Napakiak, Alaska & Bethel Region

September 2024 Update

Dear praying friends and partners in the faith,

This has been a month full of things getting done and we are thrilled to see what God has allowed us to accomplish. Please continue reading for an update on some of God's work in the YK Delta of Alaska.

My wife and I arrived back home to Napakiak on August 12th. Two days later I was blessed to attend a men's retreat in Anchorage that Independent Baptist Church of Anchorage very generously flew several of us bush missionaries in for. They prepared delicious meals and had several encouraging messages and lessons as well as putting us up in an Airbnb while we were there. Praise God for a time of refreshment and fellowship with men of like-faith! I returned home from that by flying our new ministry plane, the Maule M-7, from Palmer to Napakiak. It has already been a blessing to have and we look forward to its continued benefits.

In the middle of August we had a flood here in Napakiak, brought on by high winds and rain from a storm combined with a blue moon which affected the tide. We often get floods in the fall time but usually later, at the end of August or in September. So the village was not expecting one so early. It hit on Sunday the 18th - shortly after our morning service the water level started rising rapidly. I went out in my front loader and helped as I could, bringing people from their porches to dry land and securing folks' wood and personal belongings from floating away. Everyone was safe, thankfully, and it was just another opportunity to serve our community, for which I'm grateful.

Praise the Lord - another soul has been written down in Glory! A man by the name of Steven accepted Christ as his Saviour a couple weeks ago. He is the stepfather of one of the teenagers who was recently saved, Chris. He had previously been very hard against the gospel or anything to do with God but his heart was softened and he came to church one Sunday morning, and afterwards I was privileged to lead him to the Lord. Hallelujah!

We have a large group of young people here helping right now. We are very grateful for all they've assisted us with so far!

Bethany's mother is in failing health due to heart complications. She spent some time in the hospital and is now home on hospice, where Bethany's dad is caring for her. Please be in prayer for both of them - Debbie and Joel - that they will continue to be blessed with God's peace and comfort and that the time of her Home-going will be sweet.

Distributing Bibles in villages is still in full swing, as we're able. We have done 26 villages up to now and have 64 left to get Bibles into. Please get in touch with us if you or your church are interested in sponsoring one or more villages for \$700-\$1,000 each. Airplane fuel is costly and we can go out only as the funds are available.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Bethany's mom Debbie, who has congestive heart failure.
- Pray for Michael who has cancer, and for his family during this time.
- Pray for the growth of new believers and the strengthening of the others.

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