

DRINKING FROM THE FIREHOSE

Greetings from Wasilla, Alaska! These past couple of months have been filled with blessing and love! Since I did not send out a newsletter for June, I will talk about some of the things we did then, and what we did in July. I hope that reading about these things encourages you in the mission we are United in!

June

In June, we helped out with a couple Vacation Bible Schools and youth events. First, we did Vacation Bible School at Valley church of Christ, where this year's theme was that God keeps His promises. The mission team was in charge of the experiment room where we would help the kids have a visual aid to help them understand the lesson. We talked about Noah, Abraham, salvation in Christ, and more. It was such a great time watching the little ones have fun and laugh as they were about the things God has done!

The next week, we had Vacation Bible School in South Anchorage where we talked about the power of God to triumph over enemies. We talked about the wall of Jericho falling the crossing of the Jordan and the story of the twelve spies. Again, it was a great time spent with the children and helping them learn and to be engaged in God's Word.

We then had a Youth Forum in Nikiski. At this event, we stayed with a couple from there and got to spend good time with people we hadn't seen in a while. And the men of the mission team each gave lessons about choices and how to make the best ones and escape bad ones. We had a cookout by a river one night, had fun out on a lake, worshipped together and had quality time together that weekend.

Lastly, we had Camp Cannon. This takes place in Homer at the home of one of the brothers and his family. Christians from Homer and Anchor Point. As well as us from the Valley, attended and made stronger connection with

one another, lifting each other up in good conversation and company.

July

July was full of camp. First was Primary Week, where elementary kids come and have fun and learn about the Scriptures and who God is. I and another brother here were counselors for seven young boys, all about ten years old.

Next was Junior Week. This week is focused on junior high kids. I was a Teacher's Assistant this week. I helped a brother named Cy keep the attention of the kids during class and got to spend a lot of the time playing games with them and having a good time getting to know them better.

The final week is Senior Week, focused on teenagers. During this week I and a brother named Tim were counselors for six young men. Pat Schaeffer, an instructor for AIM, came and taught this week, and the spirituality and growth

of this week was amazing to watch. The other weeks as well were awesome, but because the campers of Senior Week are more mature, the spirituality and intensity are deeper. We finished out that week with two baptisms! It was beautiful! The Lord worked in His people.

Now we are starting to shift our focus toward our regular ministries again and ask for prayers of wisdom and discernment for how to go about them. I am also entering the final few months of my field time. Please pray for me for guidance and wisdom as I soon start the next chapter of my life. And please also pray for our new sisters! I love you all and I thank you for partnering with me on this adventure.

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