

DRINKING FROM THE FIREHOSE

January



Greetings to you, brethren in the faith, from Wasilla, Alaska. January was a month of birth, beauty and friendship! We had the opportunity to keep connected with friends we hadn't seen in several months, welcomed a new preacher to one of the congregations here and witnessed five births into Christ this month! I cannot wait to tell you about it!

Firstly, I wish to tell you all about the births of our new brother and sisters. Early on in the month, a man named Tony came forward and was baptized into Christ. The following Sunday, a woman who had been attending for awhile came forward as well, and that week a girl in the youth group was

baptized! On the last Sunday of the month, the eldest daughter of the first new sister came forward as well! They are all wonderful people and love the Lord! Please pray for their journey, and their continual growth as they walk in the Light.

Also at the start of the month, we were invited to have supper with a preacher in Anchorage and his family. Not just once, but it will now be a monthly time of fellowship and bonding! We as the mission team have also been invited to attend their congregation's monthly singing day! We are very excited for this opportunity to bond with our brothers and sisters in Anchorage and to promote unity among the brethren! Please pray for us and the churches here, that unity may continue here and may be found in the Church all over the world!

On Saturday, the 19th, we attended a singing service in Nikiski. Each of the men on the mission team led songs alongside men from Homer, Anchor Point, Soldotna, Nikiski and other towns. We enjoyed snacks and fellowship together along with praise to our God in song for over two hours. It was so much fun and full of good fellowship!

The following weekend we were in Homer, as our coordinator Mike was teaching them about how to do small-groups and we were helping serve there. We were hosted by a brother in that town and had an amazing time with him over

food and many laughs. We attended their worship service the next day and hear Mike preach a sermon how to resist the devil. Then we went home and I was blessed with the opportunity to lead a young-adult small group that night.

That same weekend, we welcomed Ben Buchanan to Alaska! He is an AIM and Sunset International Bible Institute graduate who will be preaching in Eagle River for at least the next six months! Please pray for success in his ministries and growth of the church and the members there. He is very excited to start this part of his life and we are glad to have him!

Next to all these things, we have been able to continue our ministry at UAA (University of Alaska in Anchorage) and it has been great meeting new people and seeing friends we've made.

All of this is only possible because of your joining me on this adventure and partnering with me in this mission. Words cannot describe how much our Lord has taught me in the past year and a half, and I am excited to see what these next several months have in store! Thank you for your support in all the many forms it comes in! I love you all very much and am looking forward to the day I see you all again!



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