

DRINKING FROM THE FIREHOSE

August

Greetings from Wasilla, Alaska! Brothers and sisters, I am very excited to talk with you about the things that happened in the month of August. Full of fun, connection and restarting some ministries from last before summer. Before I go into all that, however, I want to thank you all so very much for all you do for me, and for partnering with me in doing the Lord's work.

We started the month off with going to Family Camp. Families from the Valley, Anchorage and elsewhere came together at the Midnight Sun Bible Camp campground and we spent quality time together, encouraging one another and getting to know each other. Some of the people in the cabin I was assigned were people I knew, but had not yet really gotten to know, and it was awesome getting to talk with them more and have deeper conversations. Also, one of my AIM classmates named

Dorothy, who is from the Valley, came back for a bit and we got to spend time reconnecting and talking. After camp, she and the mission team here met up for lunch and got to spend time together and talk about ministries, people we love and our futures. She is now in Tucson, Arizona going to college and working with a mission group involved with the church there.

Another of the cool things we experienced was going to a reindeer farm here in the Valley. While there we learned some history of the place and got to feed some reindeer ourselves! We also got to see a bison, a baby moose and some elk. All were such amazing creatures!



Later in August. We were blessed to help one of the elders take down an old shed he no longer needed. We spent about two or three hours with him taking apart the small structure in his backyard and getting to spend good time with him and one another.

To close out August, we had the Youth Retreat. Normally it would be held at the campground like all the other camps, but due to smoke from various wildfires in the state the location was moved. A member of the congregation opened her property for the event and so forty-five campers and fifteen adults camped outside in her yard. We played many card games and competitive outdoor games, heard great lessons from Mike and spent great quality time building each other up and strengthening our relationships with each other. It was so great seeing people I love dearly and forming closer bonds with those I didn't know too well! God's Body is such a beautiful thing to

be a part of and be in unity
with!

Thank you all so very much
for all you do! I would like
to take this opportunity to
let you know that I will be
returning from my field
time in December and
graduating the program in
March! Everything all off
you have done, from
encouraging text messages
to prayer to financial
support and everything
else means so much to
me! I love you all dearly!

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