

Faith Christian Mission

Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; Save me and I will be saved, For You are my praise. Jeremiah 17:14 NASB

All healing comes from God. As many of us are forced to "shelter at home" to avoid catching or spreading Covid-19, we can become overwhelmed by the circumstances. As of April 2, 42 cases have been reported where I live in Fairbanks Borough. Most of us are watching our church services online and doing video calls to speak to family and friends. All of this has definitely brought a halt to our plans, and none of us really knows how long this will last. But, ALL HEALING COMES FROM GOD!

In times like these, we have to reconsider that which is most important in our lives. First, is our relationship to God and what He has called us to do. We can still pray, we can still praise, we can still worship, we can still encourage and help those in need, even when we have to be six feet away — God's hand is not short that He can't touch people with a Word. I am reminded of the Centurion in Luke 7 that had such faith that He realized Jesus could just "say the Word" and his servant would be healed. God is never limited by distance.

In the midst of this medical emergency we can forget that all of us have something much worse than the Coronavirus. Sin has infected everyone of us because all have sinned. That is the most important salvation and healing that any of us can experience. Even if we are in perfect health we can still be "sick" with sin. Our attitude of love and holiness is more important than the temporary state of our bodies. That is what will last into eternity. Yet, God can heal both and bring healing to spirit, mind and body — but no matter what He is still

our praise!



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Prayer Requests:

- Protection and Health for Workers
- Long-Term Staff for YWAM
- Summer Outreach Teams



The above photo was taken before the shelter at home orders were issued in Alaska and is of a local Russian ministry that I had mentioned in our last newsletter. They are showing us a video of ministry they had promoted in the Native Villages. This is one of the groups that we planned to work with this summer. Of course, we don't have a time schedule right now in the midst of this outbreak, but plan to continue all outreach and ministry once the pandemic has passed and we can be mobile again. Yet, we still pray and minister any way we can.

It is still quite cold with much snow on the ground here. My car has been trapped several times in the garage from snow falling off my roof and not allowing me to open the garage door and back out. I have such good neighbors and fellow staff that come and help break up the ice and clear my driveway.

I want say a huge "Thank You!" to all those who gave extra to repair all the damage that happened when my house froze up while I was gone during Christmas. We still have sheetrock and shelves to repair and it will be done as soon as this lockdown ends. But again, thanks so much for your generous support and we all believe this will be over and we can proceed with our lives and ministry.

Co-laborers in Christ.

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