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*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder. And  
His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

Every Christmas we celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. When God gives a gift, He wraps it in a person and His name is JESUS! Jesus is our salvation, wisdom, peace and all that God could provide; in this day of turbulent government, we can rest on His shoulder. How much more should we respond in worship on our faces, as the shepherds did so long ago.

**GOOD NEWS:** Friday, November 20th, we had a meeting where pastors, leaders and businessmen, from the local Fairbanks and North Pole community, attended a luncheon to listen to a presentation given by Dennis Raines (Operations at YWAM Fairbanks) on the exciting vision God has given us on **Phase 1** of our new Freedom House program. As of right now, YWAM Freedom House will be the first faith-based recovery program, for those struggling with life-controlling addictions, in Interior Alaska. This program will be intense, onsite, and seven months long. After completing this program students can enter into **Phase 2** — a traditional five-month DTS (Discipleship Training School) with three months of discipleship training and two months of outreach. We also are planning to offer traditional Bible

**Prayer Requests:**

- Organization and Funding for New Fairbanks Freedom House Recovery Program - Phase 1
- More Supporters for YWAM discipleship programs - especially local churches

School courses for those in the community who want to strengthen their biblical knowledge but are not able to attend a full-time DTS.

**Personal:** I will be traveling to Texas to spend time with my children from December 15th through January 11th. While there, I will be attending the Propel Mission's Conference at The Heights Church in Cleburne, Texas, January 8-10, and sharing our work and vision for YWAM in Alaska.

**Testimony:** We participated in a wonderful revival at two Native churches in Fairbanks: Mountain Movers and Golden Heart Church. During the service, I received a vision of vertical tongues of fire. It seemed like a small fire meant to ignite a larger one. Another speaker, who I had not spoken to about my vision, kept prophesying for us to fan the flame. Many have seen "fire coming out of Fairbanks," spreading across Alaska. Where there is bondage and sin, grace will abound, and God will use each of us and you to be a part of this revival. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate you! Have a blessed and

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Christmas,*

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