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Prayer Requests:

- Native Rally and Ministry Beginning December 8th
- Unity and cooperation between churches and YWAM

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6)

The birth of a new child brings new hope to a family. The birth of Jesus brought hope to the whole world. From the Old Testament throughout the New Testament, Jesus fulfills every promise of God. It is the greatest gift of all and the HOPE we trust in. Hope is real because it is in JESUS!

We are so blessed to have a committed leadership team and volunteers who help us out weekly with our meetings, teachings and prayer ministry. People are being discipled and the poor are fed. The lost are being saved by the power of God. Below is a picture of many of the leaders that support and aide us in ministry here in Fairbanks and Interior Alaska. Some of them have homes here and in other villages that they travel to. They represent many cultures and backgrounds, but are all committed to reaching the lost with the love of Jesus.

Plans: We are really seeking God as a group to hear His will on plans for next year. We don't want to ever assume that we know what God is going to do, but believe that God will open up new doors of ministry, as we seek to work with, and be unified with the many churches and ministries God has placed in Interior Alaska. Keep praying for breakthroughs and long-term leadership to arise among the Native Community.



We had the opportunity to invite those who did not have families in the area to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with us. We had over twenty guests at the main YWAM house and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Hospitality is an important ministry in YWAM and an outreach to those around us.

You may have heard about the 7.0 earthquake we had in Anchorage, AK on November 30th. Anchorage is 350 miles south of us, but we still felt the shaking from it. So far, we haven't noticed any damage in any of our buildings and praise God it was not any worse here.

I will be traveling this year to see my children and grandchildren on December 17th and returning to Alaska on December 31st. I am looking forward to seeing them and sharing Christmas. I usually only see them every six months and they change so much during that time. Each of us have to make every moment count, and many of us still have family members who need an encounter with God. May the presence of Christ encompass you and the Spirit of giving motivate you to be a blessing to all you encounter.



*Merry
Christmas,*

Joyce Thurlby