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**Blessings in the all powerful name of Jesus Christ!**

***Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.***

A few days before the first board meeting of the year we received this scripture. The Lord was showing us not to try to plan with our own wisdom and work out of our own strength, but to wait upon Him in worship and prayer — that is what we did! Most importantly, worship and prayer draws His people together, and as a leadership team we need that; we need God’s strength to overcome our weakness. God has “good” plans for the YWAM Fairbanks base, and in the upcoming months we believe that unique and powerful ministries will come forth.

### **GOALS for 2015**

- Build the foundations with prayer and connect with local ministries and churches that have a like-minded vision for discipleship and working with the Native Community. We are already hosting weekly prayer meetings at the base in Fairbanks and the Faith Christian Mission building in North Pole, Alaska.
- Build the resident staff of the base. We will need additional maintenance, landscapers, builders, counselors and outreach leaders to prepare the base to host outreach teams and eventually a six-month Disciple Ship Training School (DTS).
- Prepare the base physically by making a comprehensive list of all repairs and construction that will need to be done. Mission builder teams will be arriving in June to begin those repairs and we need all materials on hand.
- Host three to four outreach teams for ministry and relationship-building in the villages.

### **NEWS**

- Two members of the YWAM team had an opportunity to go to the leadership conference in YWAM Chico (California), where leaders from around the world spoke of the new model of taking away the titles of “District Leader” to simply being elders and advisors in the movement. Each base is an independent nonprofit, but networked with other bases for a common cause — Christ is the true head!
- **Cold weather crisis:** It is always cold in North Pole and Fairbanks this time of year, but during a





particular cold spell from the last part of January into the present in February, we had temps that went as low as 50 below 0 and rarely above 25 below 0. It was during this time that the oil boiler, that heats the main three story building and has the water well pump in it, stopped working . This caused the entire building to freeze (it only takes a few hours at this temperature) and broke many of the water lines and heating pipes. The pictures show several inches of water that flooded the bottom floor and then started freezing inside — yes inside! But, praise God we found out and as a team went over there and extracted all the water out. Without the main system we could only heat the building up with electric heaters to dry it out, but cannot maintain temperature, especially in the upper stories. We see this as an attack of the enemy, but God will use it to His purposes. We are looking into a redundant system — oil and wood with backup — that will not allow this to happen again and we look forward to your prayer and support as we decide what to do. This is a **major** need.



There are so many hurting because of drugs, abuse, suicide, and depression. We want to be a light in this community and disciple the people God has given us the opportunity to be in relationship with. It starts in prayer and it will end in salvation. **We see this base as a literal light on a hill** (it overlooks Fairbanks from the hills). Let us believe God together.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Ministry teams coming this summer
- Repair of boiler system and pipes on main campus building
- Wisdom for leadership of Youth With A Mission - workers for the harvest.



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