

Faith Christian Mission

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. - Philippians 4:6

## Is prayer your steering wheel or spare tire? — Corrie Ten Boom

Let this be our understanding and foundation for 2021! Prayer must become our steering wheel. It can't just be what we turn to in an emergency. It is how we live and direct our lives everyday. We don't know what is in store for the world in 2021, but we do know that God is with us, and we know the heart of God through prayer. We are not alone — ever — Jesus sent the Paraclete (Holy Spirit), the one who comes along beside us, to endure to the end and receive salvation. When our eyes are on mankind then it is easy to become depressed, but as believers, our eyes on Jesus.

I had the opportunity to spend sometime with my children and grandchildren over Christmas. I arrived in Texas on December 14th and returned to Alaska on December 31st. Shana and her husband Marshall live in Corpus Christi, TX with their four children (Alexia, Destiny, Xavier and Connor). Derek and his wife Tonya live in Odessa, TX with their three children (Korban, Karis and Colleen). Below is a picture of all seven grandkids during Christmas.



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## **Prayer Requests:**

- Protection and Health for Workers
- Ministry Opportunities this Winter

It was a welcome break to go down there since, because of Covid, I was not able to visit at all during the Summer as I have in the past. Below is a picture of Marshall taking us on a boat ride in one of the bays around Corpus Christi. Much warmer than here in Alaska!



We believe that God will give us insight on how to continue ministry in the middle of the Covid crisis that is still ongoing. Many of my friends and coworkers in ministry have had this horrible virus and some even passed away. We hope for many ministry teams to be able to come during the spring and summer, and that many of the travel restrictions and quarantine requirements will be lifted by then. Many of the villages have also been isolated because of this. We are in the time of year here where many are depressed from the darkness and cold, but believe for the revival to continue that God has sparked in the Native Churches. We have some powerful young ministers that we are training up that will be able to go back to the villages and preach and teach.

I want to thank everyone for their faithful giving and support through this tough year and we continue to lift you up in prayer weekly. Let prayer be your steering wheel this year and live in a spirit of thanksgiving!

Co-laborers in Christ, Joyce Thurlby