



Faith Christian Mission

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Prayer Requests:

- Health of Leadership
- Training Local Leaders
- Preparations for Winter

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:18

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” This is a quote from a poem by British Missionary C.T. Studd. My husband Dale Thurlby was fond of that quote and often used it at the end of his sermons. It will be eight years ago this November 5th, since Dale passed away in a car accident. It is good to remember what God brought us through in the past. We were in ministry together since 1966, pastoring, evangelizing and planting churches all over the U.S., as well as serving as missionaries in Mexico, Bolivia, Panama, Costa Rica, Samoa and American Samoa, Australia and New Zealand. In 2009, after settling down in West Texas where we had a ministry school, we obeyed the call to come to Alaska and be used however God would lead us. It was in 2014, after five years of ministry under Faith Christian Mission, partnering with various churches and groups, that the door opened to oversee the YWAM base in Fairbanks. That opportunity was passed on to me, even after Dale died. I have overseen the YWAM Fairbanks base, along with our board, since that time. Below is a picture of Dale taken during our ministry time in Samoa. We served longer



there than any other location together. God has been faithful in all our years of service to provide.

We have to ask ourselves if our lives are focused on what we can enjoy from this world? Or, is our focus on serving the Lord for a treasure that is laid up in heaven - knowing Christ for eternity! It is so easy to be caught up in materialism and pursuing our own goals, but Paul says, “For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus”. - Philippians 2:21. What are the interests of Christ Jesus? — to seek and save the lost, to become His disciple and bring glory to the Father. This picture was



taken recently of the aurora borealis active above the YWAM base. There is already much snow on the ground in Fairbanks and temperatures have already dropped below zero several times. We had to cut and stack a lot of wood during the summer to help keep the base warm this winter, and we are thankful for all the ministry teams that helped accomplish this task. We are really hoping this next summer to put new, efficient windows into the base, to make it much easier to retain heat.

We have several outreaches and ministry events this month, and we hope to share some encouraging testimonies in our next newsletter about what God is doing. Marvin Carroll, pastor of Golden Heart church and a leader at YWAM, is finally back home after his surgery, and is recovering well. Pray for his strength to return. I will be traveling in December to see my children and their families in Texas — please pray for easy travel. Remember to be thankful this season and serve the Lord with gladness.

*Co-laborers in Christ,
Joyce Thurlby*