

The McCoys

Church Planting In Native Alaska - First Quarter 2021

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Greetings once again to all from the McCoys here in Unalakleet, Alaska.

I want to begin this letter by thanking all of you for your faithfulness during the last 14 months of new challenges. Due to the grace of God we have been able to hold the fort on this end of the world as well. A few have given extra so we were able to replace most of the equipment for KLIU and are making preparations to be set up even better than before.

We have had several young people saved this year and they seem to be growing and sincere about growing spiritually. Along those lines we have had some that have been saved when they were younger, that had stopped coming but have returned.

The community has lightened up on many of the mandates including the mandatory wearing of mask. However like everyone else we are still feeling the financial effects of the Covid fear over the past 14 months. One of the negative impacts directly related to this ministry is the cost of building materials. Apparently they have tripled in price since the last time we ordered and the costs are still rising. This has resulted in us suspending moving forward on the current building program until the prices become more reasonable.

Earlier in the year I was approached by a man in town who had built a house for his daughter that connects to our new church location on the hill. She has since moved away and decided not to return. Over the years we helped him on this particular house through the Labor of Love ministry, and as a result he asked if we would be interested in buying it at a reduced cost. I believe that this is the Lord's doing for many reasons that include: Provide housing for the Missionary/Pastor, is directly adjacent to the church property, will move the ministry immediately to the new location, and lastly provide ownership for the church thus making better use of the Lord's money rather than renting.

One of the reasons I held off on this letter until now is I wanted to pray and seek the Lord's direction in this matter in particular. Also this is an ongoing arrangement between myself and the seller to make things advantageous for him and affordable for the church. Obviously the more money we pay up front the cheaper our payment will be, the more finances we can put into the ministry, and the sooner we can pay the building off.

The property also has a newly built garage separate from the house. Which could easily be remodeled, a few changes made, and used for a temporary church building until material prices level out.

As a result of this, I have been scheduling work groups for the summer. Since Covid is still fresh in everyone's mind, I am not going to schedule Labor of Love outreaches but rather focus on the church building, maintenance, and mechanical needs.

Please pray about two things for us here in Unalakleet this summer.

1. Churches being a part of the Lord's work here in Unalakleet by coming to help.
2. Added finances to purchase the house - I am not going to place a dollar amount as I would rather those who believe they are so led to give as the Lord allows.