

NORTH RIVER NEWS

Covenant Bible Camp | Unalakleet, AK

New Camp Truck

The Lord has blessed Bible with a new camp truck (see photo on page 2). We wrote two successful grants which funded the new vehicle. Please pray for two more pending grants for improving our trails and creating 2 positions for local college students.

2015 Camp Dates

Call 2 Worship 5/25-31
 Leadership Camp 6/1-8
 High School 6/8-15
 Junior High 6/15-22
 Trailblazers 6/22-27
 Pathfinders 6/27-7/2
 Camp Projects 7/3-27
 CYAK Team 7/27-31
 REACH Camp 8/2-9

Staff Highlights

Camp Director Nick Bruckner took leave following the birth of Jack Benjamin in May. Ruth Johnson filled in until June 22 as Interim Director and led well. Over 100 people served over 40,000 hours of Kingdom service in 2014. We praise God for His faithful servants!



Looking Back, Forward

The ice on the river is three feet thick despite another balmy winter in Unalakleet. Bible Camp is quiet, blanketed in snow. The camp office phone rang last month and a young woman was on the other end of the line. She tearfully shared how badly she missed Bible Camp - a place where she always feels safe. A place where she was surrounded by people who she knew cared. A place where she experienced the presence of God, year after year. She asked for prayer and we asked God together for strength to endure this difficult season. Her call reminded me of the heart of our mission in the darkest time of the year: *to share the Good News about Jesus and live it out together*. Let's look back on 2014 as we anticipate God's work in 2015.





We saw God work in 2014 in so many ways. God provided the \$15,000 needed for camper scholarships through His people. Over 500 people stayed at camp for a week or more - campers represented 25 Alaskan communities. 34 campers began new lives in Christ. Over 100 campers recommitted themselves to serving the living God. Many staff grew deeper roots as they heard campers' testimonies, worshipped, and served with hearts shaped by the Kingdom. The summer theme was Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Volunteer staff shared and embodied the Gospel with our many campers, day in and day out. Volunteers worked tirelessly from May through August. They labored through rain and clouds of mosquitoes to complete the foundation, exterior, and ramp of the Paul Johnson Memorial Shop, plumb a new water system, hook up a new well, build a new dish drying area, fix the sinking Temple floor, build a new dock ramp, make many cabin improvements, build picnic tables, and more. Donors upgraded 50 sleeping mats and six new canoes were put into service. We thank God for all!

3 Prayers for 2015

- 1) Pray God would call a staff to the mission of healing and proclamation of the *Good News* about Jesus at Bible Camp in 2015. (Applications are on the camp website)
- 2) Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare young people's hearts and minds to be transformed at camp in 2015. Pray for seeds planted in past summers to grow and bear fruit.
- 3) Pray that God would provide for financial needs (\$7,500 for camper scholarships and \$8,000 for camp operations by 3/31).

Seeking 72 in 2015

In Luke 10, Jesus sends out 72 of his followers with no money and no food with a mission to heal the sick and share the news that 'the Kingdom is near' (10:9). They took a risk and trusted Him. Their faith was tested and they returned with amazing stories of God's provision.

Again in 2015, the ministry of Bible Camp will rely on Jesus' followers going on mission. Camp still needs many volunteers. Camp also needs 72 of Jesus' followers to partner in the mission by donating monthly or annually to Bible Camp. If you are interested in becoming one of the 72, please contact nick@covenantbiblecamp.org for more information.