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Families Reaching Out
In Missions & Ministries

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Dear F.R.O.M.M. Partners and Friends of the Family,

Greetings in the Mighty Name of Jesus! March 20th was the first day of spring, and where you live, it most likely is springtime with beautiful flowers and green grass. Have you ever moved and found yourself looking over your shoulder to see what people are doing back in the old home place? I am that way, I am daily checking the weather in Bethel, Alaska as well as talking to those folks there often about their situation. Right now the chill factor in that area is -20°. That's right, spring is just about to come to Bethel! Yeah, right! Don't ask me do I miss that, for I might tell you the honest truth.

The rest of the truth is I do miss the people—both younger and older, allowing Jesus to change their lives once and for all. When in a village of about 100 homes and 95 of them are dealing with major challenges of alcohol, drugs, incest, physical abuse, no job, and/ or no reason to go on, my heart and desire is to reach out to them. Such despair sweeps over the region and the feeling of a good future is lost—hopelessness sets in like never before. Then the worst of the worst becomes prevalent—suicide, high rates of crime, and the circle of evil becomes stronger. This whole atmosphere becomes the “norm,” and far below what God has intended it to be. With Jesus there is new life, fresh air, and real direction through the leading of the Holy Spirit, but how can they find Him unless God's people go?

Nancy and I do what we do because God has placed Hope and Love in our hearts, primarily because of the challenges we have faced in our own lives. Through the years, God has equipped us to help others. God is equipping today, I believe, by sending others to join us to share with those who need His Hope and Love in the midst of their desparateness. This year God has opened the door to First Nation Navajos in the southwest of the United States to our ministry locations.

As we work and plan the upcoming activities and ministry opportunities of the late spring, summer, & early fall, we know we will see lives changed because of people bringing the life-changing Good News. Come and see that with us. As you have heard me say “you've got to see it before you see it in order to see it. We “see it” in the sea of faces that God has begun to change, and we desire to add more of those changes until they all have been totally set free from their past. We can only do this through the Lord who calls and those (that's you) who respond to the call! (Acts 16:9-10).

I have a friend who has written many songs. In one of those, he said, “Come go with me to a place called Heaven....” I am reminding each of you (and myself) that along the way, God wants us to enjoy our walk through life. The only real way to enjoy our life here, and have His peace in a challenging world, is through receiving the Good News of Christ. We need more help spreading the NEWS! Those of you who support this ministry faithfully month by month through prayers, encouragement and/or financially, you are such a blessing, and are fulfilling the Great Commission as you send us. Pray that as God continues to call those to this ministry—they are obedient to the calling, for each one is needed to fulfill bringing *New Life* to those who are desperate. Also, pray that those God is calling to give financially would be obedient. Have you seen the price of gas lately? And what about the airline prices? I would say, “I remember when....”, but that might bore you!

May God bless you until next time. Be sure to write, text, e-mail or just make a phone call...oh my gosh, what a concept! What is our communication coming to? We are still....

..Laborers Together for His Kingdom,



Don & Shirley Wischmeier along with the Strickland's will hold adult services in Arizona in June.



Kay McMillian is instrumental in our Arizona trip!

Ministry Locations, Dates & Costs

(These prices only cover ground costs once you are on the “field”)

Greasewood, Arizona	June 2-13, 2011	\$550.00
Bethel, Alaska	July 8-15, 2011	\$560.00
Nunapitchuk, Alaska	July 16-22, 2011	\$590.00
Fairbanks, Alaska	July 23-30, 2011	\$800.00
<i>(includes trip into Denali Park & overnight stay)</i>		
Palmer, Alaska	August 14, 2011	\$445.00

Included as part of costs \$100 non-refundable deposit required when securing trip.

All prices are subject to change if costs increase.

Nancy's Nuggets

Dear Ones,

Well, I am just about as excited as I can get! The teams are coming together for the summer. Now, we are really getting down to the planning of the curriculum and activities of each location. Eugene and I will be traveling to North Carolina to meet with some of the Arizona team by the time you receive this newsletter. Of course, we won't get to meet with Reverend Don and Shirley Wischmeier until we get to the southwest the end of May. But that will not be a problem. God can bring everything together quickly when we are all "on the same page" to reach His people with the *Good News of Christ!*

You know spring is here, and Resurrection Sunday is just around the corner. It makes one think, "What if Jesus had not risen?" What if we were left in this stinking world without a Savior? For it would be a stinking world! There would not be any hope, and so much fighting and persecution, none of us would want to "walk and enjoy" life on earth. But we would be stuck here until death, and then there would be no eternity worth being in either. For those who don't believe, pity on them.....so much that we should all want to tell someone what Jesus did for us. Telling others what God made provision for from the foundation of the world! My oh My, He loves us so. And then the Holy Spirit is here to continue leading us into all truth—if we let Him. Well, I don't know about you, but this is enough to start my engine for the upcoming six months!

God has great plans for us this year. Reading the Bible and seeking God's heart for the stories He wants us to share with the children. Searching for just the "right" memory verses that will pierce the children's hearts. Finding the best crafts that will cause them to enjoy and receive God's plan for their lives.... So I need your help!

We will be purchasing Bibles, crafts and prizes again this year. Can each of you give a little extra for the children? Remember these kids will not necessarily be "church" kids. Some of the children will never have received the Gospel. Some of them will be a "hair's breath away" from walking into major "stuff" in their lives. As a lot of the kids we will be reaching out to are getting ready to enter junior high or middle school. So I am asking all of our readers—please, could you send \$5.00 in the return envelope to help with the purchase of Bibles, crafts, prizes and game equipment? Now, you may think that \$5.00 is a lot of money, but \$5.00 will hardly buy a "happy meal" at McDonalds. And most all of us have enough money to buy a burger

a week. I will put in the first \$5.00, and give up my "happy meal" this week. Can I count on you?

We want to have Bibles on hand to give to the children who ask Jesus into their hearts for I am sure that most of them do not have a Bible at home. When the Eskimo children have been given a Bible, oh my, you should see the look of joy and wonder on their faces. I know it will be the same this year—and especially with the Native American Navajos. So help us out—\$5.00 for ALL of OUR READERS—please. And those of you who give on a regular basis, please could you put in an extra \$5.00 this time? The rewards will be eternal. You are a blessing!

For Him we live and breathe,

Nancy

PRAY REQUESTS

- ◆ TEAMS TO COME AND MINISTER IN ALASKA
- ◆ INCREASE IN FINANCES FOR OPERATING BUDGET
- ◆ MORE MINISTRY PARTNERS
- ◆ F.R.O.M.M. PARTNERS WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ILL
- ◆ OUR NATION & WORLD

Monthly Budget Needs	\$6,000.00
Received—March	3,815.00
Short fall	\$2,185.00

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Luke 5:4-6