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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! All I can say is, "What perilous times we live in." Already spring tornadoes by the hundreds have wreaked havoc across the eastern part of our country. The middle states where so much of our wheat and corn grow is waiting through a 500 year flood not to mention the political realm which is causing people to rise up against one another in such a way as we have not experienced, at least, in my lifetime. For you and me, Jesus is the answer, and this is not a "cop out!" For we know that times will get worse, and Jesus will still be the answer. He is the same yesterday, today and forever more. He is our Rock! So we will keep our faith in Him.

As you saw in our last newsletter, some of last month was planning and putting together vacation Bible schools and adult meetings, especially in Arizona for the month of June. We are meeting with others this week as we put together our Fairbanks trip for later in the summer. When cost is a major factor, it becomes much more challenging. Ladies, it's like going to the grocery store. If you have plenty of money, you can just buy what you want. However, when money is limited, you have to shop, shop & shop some more in order to make the right decisions not go over budget. Do you throw up your hands and give up? No, and just like you, we continue to pray for God's favor, and keep on, using restraints, and asking God to make a way, where there is none. He hasn't let us down yet. Sometimes our timing does not line up with His, but His is the best. So we wait...til He gives us the go ahead. Nancy is always popping her head in my office saying, "Guess what God has done?" I must admit, sometimes it can only be explained, that God is still in the "answering business." Miracles can happen when least expected!

I want to thank you for your prayers towards this ministry and for us especially. Most all of you know of the physical challenges and surgery on my spine back in 2005. It did not stop me, but it did slow me down. In the last 2 years it has gotten much worse. It has been hard to do anything about it without insurance. But now that I am over 65, and the long awaited for Medicare benefits, I am now able to get some help with a team of doctors in Florida. From the tests and exams, it looks like I will become a lot healthier, and even today, I was told that I would be able to walk much better in the near future. PTL! I truly hope so, as the Lord has good plans for my life, especially in ministry, and I am "itching" to be able to "go forth" to accomplish them. *AND I want many of you to come and go with us into the adventures that God opens for us.* So keep praying and standing.

We are as excited this year as ever before about the plans we have been working through, and for the salvations which will take place in our new-found friends we will be making in Arizona, Alaska, and even North Carolina. Thank you for your support—both prayers and financial gifts to this ministry and us. Without your part in this team, the trips would be greatly lacking! For we are all still ..Laborers Together for His Kingdom,



(Top) Kay McMillian showing off Mutsy, our doggie puppet and a "handful" of finger puppets to explain the salvation message. Kay has lots of new and fresh ways of bringing the "message" of God's love to our Arizona Navajo friends.

(Below) A group of Methodist ladies of Lakeland, Florida, Nancy recently shared the calling that F.R.O.M. Ministries carries to Alaska and other mission fields.



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
Palmer, Alaska	August 1-14, 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,

Yeah, that's what I am talking about! To all of you who gave up a "Happy Meal" in the month of April, and sent in \$5.00 towards Bibles and Crafts, you deserve a standing ovation! For those of you who kept your \$5.00 for your "Happy Meal", come on now, we're just asking you to give up one, only one. You can do it, you know! The kids are counting on you!

So \$230.00 came in towards the Bibles and crafts. I am believing for a minimum of \$500.00 for this project. I am ordering 100 pocket size New Testaments so each child can have one. We will also have the entire Bible on hand to give to those who have not ever asked Jesus into their hearts. Then there are crafts, some of them are simple and require only paper & glitter. Others are a little nicer and will be more lasting.

So what do you think? Can we do this? Can we raise another \$270.00 for these Bibles & crafts. Usually, covered in the team members' cost is a small amount towards crafts and prizes, but as you know, funds are not what they used to be. So we will buy very few prizes this year. VBS will still be fun and fulfilling, but the children will have something truly lasting!

I had the best e-mail this week. One of our native Alaskan friends wrote and told me that this was their 15th month of being drug free! And it all came about because she was faithful. You see this dear friend came to the church faithfully for years Sunday after Sunday. She heard the word preached, she came forward for prayer, she asked for forgiveness, but she could not seemingly quit her habit. Though she tried and believed. Though she knew that she had this terrible burden, it did not stop her from being faithful to come. Now for many of us, we might say, "well, I can't go to church, because I have this habit. When I get straightened out, I will go." No, she just kept coming.

Well, one day she heard that her cousin was in the hospital in Anchorage dying of cancer at a very early age, like 20 something year old. She asked God to send someone in her family to minister to him. He was not a Christian, and she didn't want him to die without Jesus in his heart. Well, no one went. She knew that he would not receive a stranger talking to him. But she didn't know what to do.

Then she decided that she would fly the jet from Bethel to Anchorage and visit him. Now that was not a cheap visit, it cost her a lot of money—like over \$400.00. When she arrived,

she found that he was really in a bad way, and no other family member was with him. So she stayed over two weeks until he went home to be with the Lord. Yes, she was the one that God called to go. And she was the one who led him in the prayer of forgiveness, and asked Jesus into his heart.

When my friend returned to Bethel, she came forward for prayer one night at the end of the service. She prayed one more time and asked God to deliver her from drugs....and the rest is history. She is so thankful that she is no longer caught up with that burden. It is her testimony, and it is always a part of the story that God used her to tell her cousin about Jesus. Yes, God is good, all the time. And you never know when God might call you - to go and tell....be ready and always faithful.

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—ALL TO HEAR THE GOSPEL
- ◆ TORNADO & FLOOD VICTIMS

Monthly Budget Needs	\$6,000.00
Received—April	<u>4,640.11</u>
Short fall	\$1,359.89
Received for Bibles & Crafts	\$230.00

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