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In Missions & Ministries

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

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! June is here and our summer activities have begun. As you receive this newsletter we will be on our way to a Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. You would not believe all the preparation that it takes to make everything come together for even one of these trips, and there are 5 in all this summer! The phone has been hot, as we talk to first this one and then another. Nancy has the dining room table now all laid out with those "Salvation Puppets" trying to get them cut out and glued before we leave. Then the children can put the faces on them during the VBS. Our F.R.O.M.M. office that was in the building outside is now the staging area for packing up all these items. Last week part of our Fairbanks team & dear friends, Bill and June, joined us for a couple of days to put that trip together. It was a great opportunity to fellowship and plan. But, I am not sure if I feel like Willy Nelson "on the road again," or Moses after a long camping stop when he finally raises his staff, and with the wind blowing in his face says, "Forward!" (Or was that John Wayne?) Nevertheless, we are off and running. Isn't it interesting how God calls, and we find joy in answering that call? Often there are challenges in that calling, but life is full of those. If we could solve all our challenges, then we would have no need for God. We can't, but He can and He does. PTL!

Through the years God has brought so many people our way to work along side us. Case in point, several years ago in Bethel, a native American Indian woman had invited a couple of ministers to come to Alaska to preach in Bethel for a week. They came without knowing exactly where they were going to be staying, speaking etc. (This happens a lot when going to remote Alaska.) Long story short, after talking to these men and the Lord, our church ended up hosting them since any other plans "seemed" to have fallen through. Many folks came out to hear these men share what the Lord had for them—good singing, preaching and time of healing/deliverance ministry. The next year, Rev. Don Weischmeier called, and wanted to return to hold services. Of course, the invitation was open for him to come. Then last year Nancy and I had an opportunity to go to Colorado and meet with Pastor Don and his wife, Shirley. Our time together was good, and we felt that the Lord would use us together for ministry in the near future. So when this opportunity came open to travel to Arizona, we immediately thought of them. They were both very much interested in joining us. Once again Don will be holding adult services in the evening, we will be meeting with other men as God opens the door, and we will assist the women with five days of vacation Bible school. So what "seemed" awkward several years ago really became a blessing in disguise. Nancy & I are looking forward to this time together with the folks God has coming.

Prayer changes things...so keep the "Prayer Corner" on the back page in your hearts for there are many needs this summer, especially the ones experiencing the tornados & flooding. AND we thank you for your encouragement and sowing financially into this ministry. Your part is a very important one. For we are all....Laborers Together for His Kingdom,

PS-Does anyone know how to cook up a mess of rattlesnake? Some say it tastes like chicken! I've gotta go.....Nancy, don't pick that thing up by the tail....



Top—Reverend Don & Shirley Weischmeier of Colorado will also be joining FROMM for the upcoming Arizona mission trip.

Center—Crafts & prizes for VBS this summer. Bibles are being shipped directly to Arizona

Bottom—June & Bill Johnson join Pastor Eugene recently in the Strickland's home to work on the Fairbanks VBS.

Ministry Locations, Dates & Costs

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

Greasewood, Arizona	TEAM FILED	2011	\$550.00
Bethel, Alaska	ROOM FOR 2 MORE	July 8-15, 2011	\$560.00
Nunapitchuk, Alaska		July 16-22, 2011	\$590.00
Fairbanks, Alaska	TEAM FILED	July 23-30, 2011	\$800.00
<i>(includes a trip into Bethel Park & overnight stay)</i>			
Palmer, Alaska	TEAM FILED	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,

You know we were going to drive to Arizona, but I am so thankful that we were able to find cheap tickets. I can't imagine driving through all of the flood and tornado devastation without stopping to help. I really do want to go and help these people, but of course, I don't know what I would do for them, but hug and pray. I am certain that you feel the same.

We have been holding vacation Bible schools and Kidz Bible Klubz for many years. I love to be with the children to love on them, teach them, sing and share with them, play games, memorize Bible verses and of course, enjoy the Oreo cookie stacking game. (That game is absolutely the most fun, because the kids are almost drooling to eat just one of those cookies...) Children are the greatest. This year as we were preparing our lessons, I began to ask God for His lessons, ones that would ignite in the children a heart to do the Will of God—become missionaries, even right where they live. To touch their hearts in such a mighty way that there would be a real, lasting difference in their attitudes, hearts and lives.

I look around America, even in children that are our own kin-folks, and see that they have made idols of their "stuff"! This love and worship of their "stuff" will destroy their relationship with God, and/or keep them from ever having a relationship with Him. Do you know what I am talking about? Cell phones, play stations (and the like), computer games, peers, shopping, Facebook and the like are their first thoughts when they wake and their last thoughts when they go to sleep.

In the villages, it is somewhat different, but still, there is no lasting commitment once we return to another town or city. Too many of our children go to the "fun" places in church life, but when it comes to "going deeper", they don't make the decision to do what is right no matter what. Have I drawn the right picture for you?

My desire this year is to challenge the young people, especially whom we have been teaching for years, to "see" the real commitment of obedience that Jesus made, the decision each of the disciples made, and then even Paul who being one of the biggest persecutors became one of the most persecuted for his faith. I am praying for these young people to hunger for God as never before. For in these last days, I believe that persecution will be stronger than ever, and that they are going to have to KNOW the Bible, be STRONG in their faith, and STAND when everyone else is gone.

We were recently with some friends who have elementary/jr. high children, and they were so fascinating. They could think and talk to me about life, and what they were doing with real interest. Now, they enjoyed the things that most children do, but they had been taught to think and talk. (Good job, parents!) They knew what was of value in life, and not necessarily the things of this world. I pray that these children will touch their generation with Jesus' love and their witness. We need more "YOUNG" disciples. Time is short. Life on earth can be snuffed out in an instant as we have recently seen .

So, I believe that God has given us the stories to tell. Pray that the children will listen with their hearts. For they will not only reach their peers, but children can even reach their parents (*For even a child shall lead them.*) for the Lord!

For Him we live and breathe,

Nancy

PS - Did Eugene say something about snakes? If he thinks that I am going to eat rattlesnakes, he must be kidding!

F.R.O.M.M. PRAYER CORNER

- ◆ SUMMER MISSIONS IN ARIZONA & ALASKA
- ◆ INCREASE IN FINANCES FOR OPERATING BUDGET
- ◆ MORE MINISTRY PARTNERS
- ◆ F.R.O.M.M. PARTNERS WHO ARE FACING MAJOR CHALLENGES: HEALTH , JOB LOSS, FINANCIAL CRISIS
- ◆ OUR NATION & WORLD—TO EMBRACE THE GOSPEL
- ◆ TORNADO & FLOOD VICTIMS IN AMERICA

Monthly Budget Needs	\$6,000.00
Received—May (to date 5/26)	<u>4,555.84</u>
Short fall	\$1,444.16
Total Received for Bibles/Crafts	\$240.00

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