

# FROMM

Families Reaching Out  
In Missions & Ministries

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

Greetings in the Mighty Name of Jesus! When we left you the last time, I guess you noticed that we had been busy? That was very true, but the rest of the time that our team had together was a very good one. Let me tell you about it!

The five of us drove to Denali park (AKA: Mount McKinley) and spent the night. We didn't see the Mountain and only one lone moose and 2 caribou with tracking collars showed up as we searched the area. But the best part was yet to come. Have you ever wanted to come to Alaska and see wild animals out in the "really" wild? Well, because we wanted to see some friends who lived in Glenallen, we decided to cut across to see them on the Denali Highway, which was 135 miles of gravel road where the fastest one could drive was 35 miles an hour. Nancy and I had never been down this road before, and of course, neither had June, Bill or Ann. My oh My! It was the most beautiful scenery we had ever seen. And then we came upon a HUGE herd of Caribou...I am talking about 200-300 of them—some crossing streams, some across the road in front of us, and some above and below us on the not too distant hills and valleys.

After 1000 caribou pictures later, we traveled on to visit with Reverend Carl and Ruth Dennis—he is one of F.R.O.M.M.'s Board of Directors and long time friends of Bill and June Johnson's. You know encouraging people is a ministry that we all can engage in and love to do. Sometimes coming in different ways. Proverbs 17:22 states, *A merry heart does good, like medicine.* If this is true, there was enough "medicine" to make us well until eternity, for we laughed continually, while sharing meals and visiting! Arriving back in Anchorage, the Johnsons departed for Florida, Ann returned to work, and Nancy and I prepared for our last VBS to start in 2 days.

Sunday we were in a Samoan church, God is Love Fellowship, where I had preached a couple of times before. What a great time those folks have with the Lord in their worship service! Pastor Fia stood up to preach, and stated that he had never done this before, but he had to obey the Holy Spirit. He turned to Nancy, and said, "Would you come and share what the Lord has for us today? Challenge the parents and the children in this new school year to do their best no matter what their circumstances!" You could have pushed my wife over with a feather!!! She looked at me, stood up, and went to the pulpit. She shared our VBS topic—"Having Enough Faith to be Obedient to God's Call." She did a great job, and the message was well received. Pastor Fia then asked if both of us would pray over all the children. It was so meaningful to all, and we hope that the children & their parents will take The Call seriously this school year.

Monday morning we drove 45 miles to Palmer, bringing along our friend, Nancy Winniford, to hold our last VBS of the year at Valley Harvest Church. God blessed our socks off as He provided six teens to assist us with about 15 children daily. Nancy W. became Mz. Grundy once again, I mainly taught the Bible stories and sang songs, and Nancy gave direction to the teens in VBS registration, memory verse activity, crafts, games and snacks. We were so thankful for these young people who had volunteered to help, answering "The Call" just a few days before the new school year was to begin. Pastor Barry and I go back to almost the beginning of our time in Alaska Ministries, and it was good to be with him again. He is doing a great job with "his flock" in Palmer Alaska.

With our "jobs" done, a few days later we boarded the jet to Florida where I had a few doctor appointments, caught up on office work for a couple of weeks. Then we were back to Alaska again by way of Jacksonville to meet with Karen who is updating our website coming to you soon through a computer near you. From there, we drove on to western North Carolina where we are planning to do future work with the Cherokee Indian Nation, staying with friends, Ron & JoAnn a couple of days. Then on to Raleigh spending the night with friends, Joe & Shela, who then took us to the airport the next day for Alaska. So now we are finishing up our last few weeks of ministry in Homer. Are you tired yet?

We really thank you for your prayers and financial support as we are about our Father's business. You help us to "make it happen." Thanks so much, for we are all....

...Laborers Together for His Kingdom



Above: Some of the caribou crossing a river. Left: Beautiful mountains on the Denali Highway which is all gravel. Right: Bill Johnson, Carl & Ruth Dennis, Ann Jenkins, June Johnson, Nancy and Eugene.



## Nancy's Nuggets:

Dear Ones,

I truly am at a loss as to where to begin! So I guess I will just start with a couple of God things, the Reader's Digest version.

- ◆ Yeah, I found my Bethel & Nunap pictures "hiding" in another file, deep into the file. I am so relieved as it brought back so many wonderful blessings from God for me to share.
- ◆ Eugene was able to walk every day about a mile to the playground to hold our KBK in Bethel. Amazing God!
- ◆ It rained and was cold the first 2 days at Bethel Kidz Bible Klubz...so at the end of the second day, I said to the boys and girls, "Let's pray and ask God to stop the rain, and let the sun shine. So we did." As we opened our eyes, the clouds parted, and the sun shone with blue sky in the background. I wish you could have seen the children's eyes as we all stood in amazement, especially me!
- ◆ Look below, our finances are increasing. PTL!
- ◆ 6 teens volunteered to help us at Valley Harvest Church with VBS.
- ◆ This has been an awesome summer filled with so many lives touched and loved through our Lord Jesus and His helpers!
- ◆ Eugene and I are trusting God for "enough faith to be obedient to His Call." PTL!

So we know that you celebrate as we do, these wonderful "blessings" God is pouring out on F.R.O.M. Ministries as we all continue in ministering to those in need of God's love wherever He may send us.

You are our dearest friends and partners, and we want to celebrate together on November 12th a mighty harvest from God. Please, please plan to come and enjoy the night together whether you can stay an hour or a few minutes, we hope you will be here.

Until then, we remain in Him,

**Nancy**



## Mark Your Calendars and Come!

**11th Annual**

**F.R.O.M.M. Reunion**

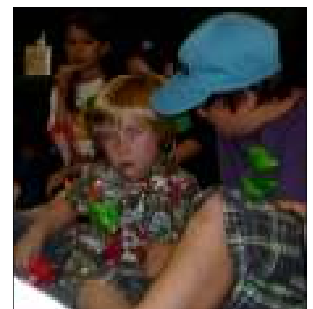
**ISLE OF FAITH METHODIST CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

**5:00-8:00 PM**

*Bring a friend*

*Bring a finger food or snack to share!*



**Monthly Budget Needs** **\$6,000.00**

**Received August** **— 4,300.50**

**Short fall** **\$1,699.50**

*Praise the Lord for increased finances!!*

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

- ◆ INCREASE IN FINANCES FOR OPERATING BUDGET
- ◆ MORE MINISTRY PARTNERS
- ◆ F.R.O.M.M. PARTNERS FACING MAJOR CHALLENGES:  
IN HEALTH, JOB NEEDS, FINANCIAL INCOME
- ◆ OUR NATION

