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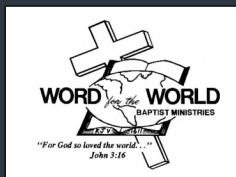
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## Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the work on our new church building/grand opening ceremony
- Please pray for our church attendance to grow, and our outreaches.
- Pray for us to see people saved and baptized

**“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”—Luke 1:37.**

We want to thank the Lord for the great things He has done in our lives. Too often we go to God in prayer and we either pray for the things that we think God can do in our limited minds, or we do not really believe He can do all things. Sometimes our prayers can be just a formality. In our previous prayer letters, we have been praying that God would give us a building for free. I am here to tell you that we serve a great and mighty God!

God has answered our prayers for a church building! Late last month, I received a message on my phone that I was not expecting. Someone had called me and said that they wanted to speak to me about donating their church building and assets to our church! With other things that were happening that same day, we saw this as the very hand of God and a direct answer to prayer. Normally, closing on a building would take about a month or longer. God made it happen in less than two weeks! The old church dissolved and donated all their cash assets, building, and everything in the building to Eagle River Baptist Church! Not only so, but we got another unexpected surprise. We were very low on personal funds, so we prayed for God to take care of it. And God did! Around the same time we closed on the church, someone donated \$5000 to us! This was money that we in desperate need of. Praise God for answered prayers!

We started Eagle River Baptist Church on May 7 2023, and eleven months later, less than a full year passing by, God gave us everything we could possibly need and \$123,500 to fix up the church building. What an amazing God we serve! In retrospect, we see why we have not grown in numbers. Had we grown in large numbers, we might have been tempted to rent a store front building with a three to five year contract. God had so much better in mind for us (Isaiah 55:8-9).

**“And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.”—Isaiah 30:18.**

We had our business meeting and have contracted with a local contractor to do the necessary work to the building. We are in the process of obtaining insurance for the building and the church, and squaring away the new bills and services. Because the church is under construction, we are holding services in a limited capacity. We are having Sunday morning, night, and Wednesday night church. Our prayer meetings have been very special. We are in a small waiting period where we are in much prayer and awaiting the power of God to bring them in when the time is right.

We had our first visitor on our first Sunday morning! He was a man that has not been to church in a long time, and like many Alaskans, he was a seasonal fisherman that works Bristol Bay, but lives in Eagle River. We do not expect to see much of him because of the work he does, but we do expect to see him from time to time.

**Upcoming Events:** I am planning on going to the MCS meeting in Rossville, GA June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. I am going to try to use June as a way to get the construction done on the church building while I am away from Alaska. Please pray for my safe travels. Once we have a projected finish date for the construction, we can begin planning on our grand opening. Please pray for that, as I have never conducted a grand opening for a church before. I encourage you to pray, and not to give up. We serve a great God! He is able to do exceeding above all that we ask or think.