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Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our church attendance to grow, and our outreaches.
- Pray for us to see people saved and baptized
- > Pray for the church to have a new roof. This one leaks
- Pray for our church to become self-sufficient
- We are praying for an all-wheel drive vehicle for the winter. Ours is getting older in years and we are spending a lot in repairs.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—Hebrews 13:5

Thank you so much for everyone who has been praying for us and faithfully supporting us. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and love from our supporting churches and individual friends. These past two months have been busy for us. March started out great with me going to the Army-Air Force Base and mentoring teenagers at the Alaska Military Youth Academy. It was great to be able to help guide them in the right direction. I got to give the gospel to about ten different teenagers as they took turns asking me questions.

Springtime finally came for us. With the warmer weather (40's and 50's), it has been great to be outside and do more door knocking. We have a more regular schedule for soul winning now that the weather is a lot better. In March, one person trusted the Lord at the door after giving him the gospel. So far in these past two months we have knocked on about 250 doors, left tracts on them if they were not home, and tried to give the gospel to those that were home.

In addition to door knocking, we placed a full-page advertisement in with the Eagle River Good Deal Magazine with a customer base of 45,000 people. We placed an ad with the Anchorage Daily news as well. Although we have not seen anyone in the church as a result so far, yet our website traffic increased by about 40% as a result of the ads we placed.

One of the things we have run into here is that there is a lot of apathy towards the gospel, and church itself. Most of the people we run into are either driven by entertainment, or they are involved in a cult. That is why we have to think outside of the box in order to get people to see the gospel. We place ads, send mailers, and do cold calls.

We were invited to and went to a Pilipino Banquet in March. The person who invited us was generous enough to pay for our tickets. We were able to meet a lot of people in the community. She even paid to have our church's name in the program as being a sponsor.

During the month of April, our big push was for Resurrection Sunday. We were expecting a lot of visitors that day, and so I made preparations for them. We were shocked when we did not have any visitors. Why? It was because at the same time we were having church, the wicked Lion's Club was having a huge Easter egg hunt right down the street at the park. Someone even parked their car in our parking lot to go to it instead of coming to church. So, as we left the house of God, I placed a tract and an invitation to our church on the windshield along with one of the chocolate crosses I was giving out for the holiday and we prayed for them.

There has been a lot of spiritual battle in our church after Resurrection Sunday. We lost three people who were regular attenders. Initially, it was over health reasons, but we feel it has to do with spiritual attacks. We still pray for them and hope they come back.

Please continue to pray for us as this summer brings with it so many new opportunities and challenges. As always, we continue to pray for an all-wheel drive vehicle for the winter. Our church is still praying for a new roof, as the one that is on it is leaky. However, with all of the challenges, God has been so good to us. Thank you to all those who have been encouraging us. Church planting is very difficult, but your encouragement has kept us going! We love you and do not be afraid to reach out to us!