



ALASKA CONFERENCE

# ARCTIC MISSION ADVENTURE



## THE MISSION

AMA is designed to disciple the Alaska Native people of Northern and Northwestern Alaska.

## THE GOAL

To see the Seventh-day Adventist Church in villages throughout Alaska grow into dynamic, vibrant spiritual centers.

## THE NEED

From the late 1930's through early 1980's, the work in Alaska was vibrant and growing. In the mid-1980's, Alaska's status was changed from a mission to a conference and the work in the Arctic slowly died. Our dream is to rebuild the work there by placing self-supporting couples throughout Alaska. Because funding is limited, we are endeavoring to do this with volunteers, who with the help of sponsors, can carry out missionary endeavors.

## WHAT IS AMA

### Extended Commitment

In mission work, the greatest success occurs when indigenous people are trained and empowered to live and share the gospel and lead their own people. This requires a commitment to live in a community for an extended period of time.

### Leadership Training

Life in an Alaskan village closely parallels that of a third-world developing country. In the Arctic, unemployment is high and many survive on government support. The church encourages self-reliance and the development of spiritual gifts with the native community thereby creating a paradigm for cross-cultural leadership and how to develop local leaders while encouraging their self-support.

### Job Description

No matter your training, when you enter a village you will be viewed as the pastoral team for the church. It should be clearly understood by the community that you are primarily supported by local employment or donors rather than the conference.

## TARGET VILLAGES

The AMA initiative encompasses ten villages in Alaska:

**Aleknagik • Ambler • Barrow • Bethel • Gambell  
Kotzebue • Savoonga • Selawik • Shungnak • Togiak**

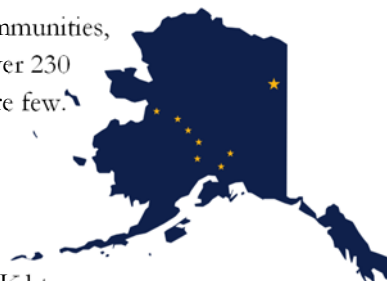
God has led individuals to serve in some of these communities, but there is so much more work to be done! With over 230 villages in Alaska, the need is great but the workers are few.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

[www.alaskaconference.org/arctic-mission-adventure](http://www.alaskaconference.org/arctic-mission-adventure)

### Village Life:

[www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/cr\\_BLOCK.htm](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/commdb/cr_BLOCK.htm)



## A CALL TO SERVICE

### *Where does the Lord find you today?*

This is a question worth pondering in your life. If the lord were to come to your home, where would He find you? Involved in a career, raising a family, or preoccupied with recreation in some form of business? Or would He find you with a willing heart, ready to serve wherever He may lead?

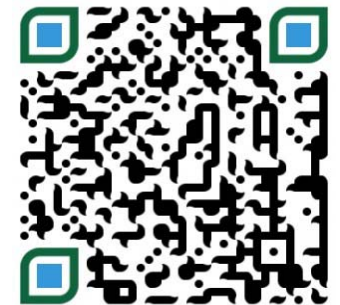
### *What is the Lord's calling in your life? What is your reason for existence?*

If God were to call you to work for Him, what would it take for you to set aside all the matters to you and give God your all? What would it take to step out in faith, with no means of support, and answer God's call?

### *How long would it take for you to say "yes" to the Lord's calling?*

Let's suppose that out of the blue God called you to be a missionary in some remote area of Alaska. How would you feel about giving up your job and the things that tie you to this world? Would you have a hard time leaving friends and family and move into un-entered territory knowing that your faith in God is going to be stretched to the utmost service?

## AMA AT WORK



## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Community Information: [www.commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal/](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal/)

General Employment: [www.jobs.state.ak.us](http://www.jobs.state.ak.us)

Education Employment: [www.alaskateacher.org](http://www.alaskateacher.org)

Healthcare Workers: [www.healthcareersinalaska.info](http://www.healthcareersinalaska.info)

Masters in Education: [mastersineducationguide.com/state/Alaska/](http://mastersineducationguide.com/state/Alaska/)

Teaching in Alaska: [www.teacher.org/state/alaska](http://www.teacher.org/state/alaska)

Teaching Degree Requirements: [teacherdegrees.com/state/Alaska](http://teacherdegrees.com/state/Alaska)

Working in Alaska: [www.labor.state.ak.us/esd\\_alaska\\_jobs/ak\\_over.htm](http://www.labor.state.ak.us/esd_alaska_jobs/ak_over.htm)

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# BECOME AN AMA VOLUNTEER

1. Complete and return the this brief, two-page application (attach separate sheets as needed)
2. Visit [www.ncrisk.org/adventist/](http://www.ncrisk.org/adventist/) create an account and submit your information for a background check
3. The conference will review your application and if approved, contact you to discuss next steps!

*The AMA initiative makes provisions for a missionary to be placed in one of the native villages where the Alaska Conference has historically worked and currently has living quarters and a chapel. If an individual wants to go to a village where the conference does not have any history or buildings, options may be available, but housing and worship options may be limited.*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

<b>FIRST NAME</b>		<b>LAST NAME</b>	
<b>ADDRESS</b>		<b>CITY, STATE &amp; ZIP CODE</b>	
<b>PHONE</b>	<b>CELL</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>GENDER</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	<b>MARITAL STATUS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED	
<b>U.S. CITIZEN?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>IF MARRIED, IS SPOUSE A US CITIZEN?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>SPOUSE NAME</b>	<b>DOB</b>
<b>WHAT CHURCH DO YOU ATTEND?</b>		<b>CHILDREN</b>	<b>DOB</b>
<b>ADDRESS</b>		1.	
<b>HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BAPTIZED MEMBER?</b>		2.	
		3.	
		4.	
		5.	
<b>LIST CHURCH OFFICES/POSITIONS</b>			

## EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>SKILLS / TALENTS / HOBBIES</b>
<b>WHAT TYPE OF WORK WILL YOU SEEK IN THE VILLAGE?</b>	
<b>EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HIGH SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> VOCATIONAL TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> COLLEGE	

**HOW HAS YOUR EDUCATION PREPARED YOU FOR MISSION SERVICE?**

**HOW WILL YOU MEET THE EDUCATION NEEDS OF YOUR CHILDREN?**  
 HOME SCHOOL    PUBLIC SCHOOL    LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOL    BOARDING SCHOOL

**DO YOU HAVE DEBT TO PAY BEFORE YOU MOVE?**  YES    NO

<b>PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS:</b> \$	<b>EDUCATION LOANS:</b> \$	<b>CREDIT CARD DEBT:</b> \$	<b>OTHER DEBT:</b> \$
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**WILL YOU NEED TO RAISE FUNDS AS AN AMA VOLUNTEER?**  YES    NO

**DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALREADY IN PLACE?**  YES    NO

**MISSION PREFERENCES AND HISTORY**

**CHECK YOUR INITIAL AREA OF INTEREST:**  
 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS (1-4 YRS)    CAREER MISSIONS (5-10 YRS)

**DO YOU HAVE PREVIOUS MISSION SERVICE EXPERIENCE?**  YES    NO

IF YES, HOW MANY YRS: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE THREE PLACES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING (Optional)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE AS A MISSIONARY?</b>	<b>WHAT WERE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREVIOUS MISSION WORK?</b>
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<b>HAVE YOU LIVED IN A SMALL TOWN, ISLAND, CAMP OR ANY OTHER SMALL COMMUNITY?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>HOW DID YOU REACT TO THAT EXPERIENCE?</b>
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**SHARE YOUR PRESPECTIVE ON WORKING WITH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CULTURES:**

<b>WHAT DATE COULD YOU BE AVAILABLE?</b>	<p><b>Request three recommendations letters from your a) pastor, b) employer, and c) non-family member and list the names of references chosen. Your application will be processed when letters are received.</b></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	

**RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Alaska Conference of SDA, 6100 O'Malley Rd, Anchorage AK 99507**

*By signing above, I agree that the information given is accurate. I authorize the Alaska Conference and its affiliates to investigate my suitability for a potential assignment, which may include criminal background checks. I authorize the references above to release any and all of my personal information to the Alaska Conference and its affiliates investigating my suitability for service to the Alaska Conference and its affiliates. I agree to represent the standards, procedures and Biblical beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.*