

Arctic Mission Adventure



ADOPT-A-VILLAGE



2020

COMPASSION ALASKA

SERVING | LOVING | GIVING

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***“There is nothing worse than losing your identity...
and there is nothing better than helping someone
find theirs....in Christ”***

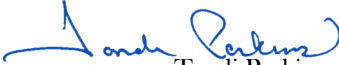
Imagine yourself part of a small village located on the Arctic tundra made up of a few dozen wooden homes, a small store, and governed by Elders. Extreme weather. No hospitals. No police. No streets. The only access is by a small, single engine plane. Now imagine being taught that so much of your culture is “wrong” - the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the way your village hunts and fishes, the stories the Elders tell, the songs they sing and the very words spoken are inferior.

Few of us truly understand the hardship, pain and hopelessness that can define life in Alaska villages. The effects of losing cultural identity for many Alaska Natives are passed down across generations in the form of addiction, domestic violence and suicide.

Considering these challenges, Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) volunteers live in these communities, with the goal of integrating into village life and building relationships through ministries that meet the needs of both old and young. They feed the hungry, clothe the needy, provide day camps and Vacation Bible School and pray for those in need. Our volunteers are living out what it means to have a new identity by adopting Native communities into the family of Christ.

With your support, we can continue to reach these communities or grow God’s work into new communities. Will you, your church, your school, your leaders adopt a village? When you adopt a village, you become part of a collective family that provides not only financial support, but spiritual and social support to those in the villages and to volunteers who serve them.

I invite you to read further and learn how you can be part of a family of God.


Tandi Perkins

Director of Development



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OBJECTIVES

1. Bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Third Angels Message to those who need the hope of salvation and a future with God.
2. Partner with individuals, churches and schools across the nation to financially and spiritually support the placement of a church planting pastor or Bible worker in bush Alaska.
3. Build church support equipping AMA with the ability to initiate outreach to kids through day camps, vacation Bible school, and afterschool programs.
4. Aid those in need of food, clothing and safe space.

HOW ADOPT-A-VILLAGE WORKS

Individuals, groups and churches that decide to “adopt a village” should prayerfully consider which village to support. When you are ready to move forward, follow these steps:

1. Prayerfully decide on the amount of support for a year or longer (can be the total amount needed by the village or a portion of it).
2. Next decide how the financial support will be given, fill out the application on the last page and email, fax or snail mail the form to:

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LEARN MORE

To learn more about Arctic Mission Adventure and the work in Alaska, watch this video <https://youtu.be/zL5H5xxLzXk> and visit:



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OVERVIEW

Ministries within Arctic Mission Adventure (AMA) include, but are not limited to, radio broadcasting, day camps, aviation support, community-based projects, partnering with local community leaders, church planting, church health & leadership development.

AMA MISSION
Encourage | Equip | Empower

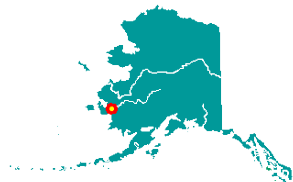
To meet each person where they are in life's journey and offer hope, respect and a future in Christ.

Life in Arctic Alaska is, in many cases, that of a third world country. To reach these communities, volunteers must fly—there is not a road system connecting villages. Communities are structured as “hubs”, centralized, larger towns that support smaller surrounding villages. Villagers travel to the hub for medical needs. Our hub villages are centers of influence that provide mental, emotional & spiritual support for those same villages.

HUB	Kotzebue	Nome	Bethel*	Dillingham	Barrow
NO. OF VILLAGES SUPPORTED	15	17	59	22	15
CURRENT INFRA-STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church Company ● Rents Facility ● No Parsonage ● No church building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members ● Pastor ● Radio Station ● Church ● Parsonage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church ● Mission Volunteer ● Radio Station ● Parsonage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church ● School ● Pastor ● Radio Station ● Parsonage ● Youth Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church ● Pastor ● Radio Station ● Adopt-a-village established
NEEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Station <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camps <input type="checkbox"/> Church Building <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation Support <input type="checkbox"/> Parsonage <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, Groceries and Vehicle support & replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camps <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Crave <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, Groceries and Vehicle support & replacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Village <input type="checkbox"/> Day Camps <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism <input type="checkbox"/> Field School <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Training <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Camp Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation Support <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, Groceries and Vehicle support & replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Village <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, Groceries and Vehicle support & replacement <input type="checkbox"/> Expand Camp <input type="checkbox"/> Polarix impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parsonage and church renovations and repairs <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities, Groceries and Vehicle support & replacement

**(259 villages serviced by hospital)*

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BETHEL

Bethel lies about 500 miles west-northwest of Anchorage and is accessible by air only. With a population of over 6,000 people, Bethel is the main port of the Kuskokwim River in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and serves as the transportation and administrative hub for over 50 surrounding Native villages. Bethel was first established by Yup'ik Eskimos who called the village “Manteriilleq,” meaning “Smokehouse People.”

The Bethel Church has been in existence for a number of years. In 1977, two student missionaries came to the village for outreach. In the early 80's, Pastor Dave Brown served the community and a multi-purpose building was constructed. Since then, many others have served the Bethel district to grow God's work in the region. Today, AMA volunteers Vecous and Loretta serve the community.

VOLUNTEERS

Vecous & Loretta Waite



Vecous and Loretta Waite have been volunteers in Bethel since September 2015. Vecous, a businessman and finish carpenter, and Loretta, a caterer and preschool teacher, provide leadership to the church in Bethel. The Waites daily demonstrate God's love through their hands-on, selfless work. God has blessed these efforts by adding precious souls to His kingdom.

NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Evangelism Outreach

Feeding the Homeless

Children's Ministries

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$10,000

\$5,000/yr

\$7,000



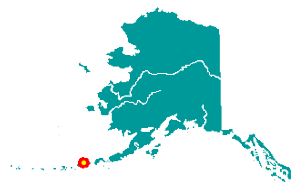
2019 GOALS MET

Bethel Camp Meeting—March 2019

Radio Station—KUIM 96.1 FM

Summer Day Camp—June 2019 (45 kids)

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DUTCH HARBOR

Dutch Harbor, located on Amaknak Island in Unalaska, is one of the few American sites bombed by the Japanese in WWII. Today, it is known for fishing or seafood processing which is the major industry on the islands. UniSea, the largest corporation, is a major employer although there are several employment opportunities: teachers, a fire chief and police officers are some of the positions that are available. There are many different cultures and people groups represented in community. Historically as well as today, Dutch Harbor/Unalaska is predominately native Aleut; Filipino as the largest Asian population on the island.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Epher Caroro



Pastor Epher is a recent transplant to Unalaska/ Dutch Harbor as of 2019. Over the past several months, he has begun developing relationships in the community in hopes to get a solid group established. In 2020, he hopes his relationships will develop into more consistent Bible Studies and expanding the work.



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Broadcast Ministry

Community & Youth Outreach

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$18,000

\$7,000



2019 GOALS MET

Began developing community relationships toward Bible studies and a core group



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GAMBELL

Located on a sound bordering the Chukchi Sea, about 30 miles above the Arctic Circle, about 70 percent of Kotzebue residents are Inūpiat Eskimos. Historically, Kotzebue served as a trading and gathering center for communities in the region. The Noatak, Selawik and Kobuk Rivers drain into the Kotzebue Sound forming a center for transportation to points inland. People from interior villages as well as inhabitants of Russia came to trade furs, seal-oil, hides, rifles, ammunition, and seal skins at Kotzebue. People also gathered for competitions like the current World Eskimo Indian Olympics.

VOLUNTEERS

Petu "Chris" & Jess Koonooka



As a Yupik teacher at the local Gambell school, Petu not only instructs young people, but gives them a piece of history, culture and the language. For many years, Petu has been working with the local pastors and AMA workers on ministry-related events. In the past year, Petu transitioned to a "Pastor-in-Training" helping to maintain the church & parsonage as well as keeping up with other ministry needs.



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Four Wheeler

Church Building Maintenance/Repairs

Day Camp

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$8,000

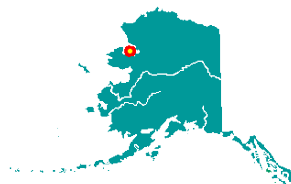
\$7,000

\$18,000

2019 GOALS MET

Radio Station Broadcasting KSVQ 89.3 FM

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KOTZEBUE

Kotzebue lies on a sand spit at the end of the Baldwin Peninsula in the Kotzebue Sound, about 80 miles above the Arctic Circle. Kotzebue has a population of over 3,000, about 70% Native Alaskan (Iñupiat Eskimo) and serves a supply hub for ten satellite villages in the Northwest Arctic Borough and one in the North Slope Borough. The Iñupiat Eskimo speaks the same language, Iñupiat (in-yu-pak), as other Arctic Circle communities in Northern Canada and Greenland.

Adventist presence in this village hub comprises of two families with no place to worship. The short and long-term goals of AMA in Kotzebue is to make contact with and minister directly to Alaska Natives of all ages through day camps, installing a radio station and various outreach programs along with a place to worship.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Chad & Elizabeth Angasan



Chad and Elizabeth have been supporting this community since summer of 2019. Chad recently completed his Masters of Divinity at Andrews University while Elizabeth is finishing her Bachelor of Science degree in Visual Arts Education Secondary (K-12).



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Permanent Meeting Place

Parsonage & Furnishings

Mens Ministry | Iron Dads

ANNUAL

\$12,000

Cost tbd

\$15,000

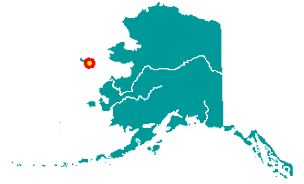
2019 GOALS MET

Community Outreach

Established Church Vision & Goals



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SAVOONGA

Savoonga is located on the northern coast of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea, 164 miles west of Nome and 39 miles southeast of Gambell. The island has been inhabited for the past 2,000 years by both Alaskan and Siberian Yup'ik Eskimos. A tragic famine in 1878-80 severely reduced the island's 4,000 population.

The Adventist work began in the late 1930s-early 1940s through teachers working in local schools. From their efforts, along with support by the Alaska Mission, a small group of believers was established in Savoonga. By 1972, a small chapel and parsonage had been built. Today conference holds an Arctic Camp Meeting each year in Savoonga. Volunteer Elouise Hawkes has become an AMA ambassador as she shares her village experiences with those in the "Lower 48".

VOLUNTEER

Elouise Hawkes



Elouise and her late husband Bill arrived in Savoonga in early 2010 and quickly grew to love the people. After Bill's passing in February 2016, Elouise continues to return to the Savoonga. She shares, "Even though life can be a challenge, I love Savoonga. I love the simple life. I love the people. I wish I was younger so I could give my whole life to work in the Arctic."

NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

4-Wheeler

Food Bank

Church Repairs

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$8,000

\$12,000

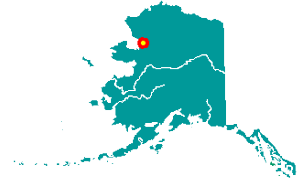
\$7,000

2019 GOALS MET

Radio Station Broadcasting KKLK 89.3 FM



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SELAWIK

The first contact was in 1949 when the Nome pastor discovered an interest in the Sabbath by a Native living here at the time. In 1986, there were 36 Selawik Natives who dedicated their modest, but attractive place of worship. Presently there are 10-12 people who worship in the church. There is a comfortable parsonage and church for volunteers as well as a radio station. AMA volunteers, José and Edna Estrella have an ongoing food ministry. The ministry is growing and there are two immediate needs: raise the parsonage off the ground and renovate the interior of the church so that there is space to accommodate meetings.

VOLUNTEERS

Edna & José Estrella

During a visit to Alaska in 2017, the Estrellas stopped by the Alaska Conference office for a Pathfinder patch. After a meeting with the vice president and 72 hours of miraculous signs, they knew God had called them to serve. In April 2018, they moved to the village of Selawik where they have become an integral part of the community.



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Food Bank

Weekly Youth Night

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$18,000

\$4,000



2019 GOALS MET

Three Kids Sponsored to Camp; Two were Baptized!

Donations Received for Snowmobile Purchase

Food Bank Established

Radio Station Broadcasting KSLK 101.7 FM

Soup Kitchen Established

Summer Day Camp—June 2019 (50 kids)

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SHUNGNAK

Shungnak is located on the right bank of the Kobuk River about 150 miles east of Kotzebue. The original settlement was 10 miles further upstream at Kobuk.

Mission work in Selawik begun in the 1930s and 40s by early Adventist flying missionaries. The first baptisms took place in the Selawik River. Several young people from the village spent some years at the Bristol Bay Mission School during the 50s and 60s. In this growing village of some 950 there are currently only about 15 members, but many local people have a connection to the church via family affiliation. Blessed with a new church and parsonage, AMA volunteers Tony and Airen Sherman are leading the small faithful group in Arctic Alaska.

VOLUNTEERS

Tony & Airen Sherman



Tony and Airen moved to the small community of Shungnak in 2011. As the local community health worker, it allowed Tony and his family to become an established of the community. After several years, the family left the village, but decided to return to Shungnak in November of 2018.



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Weekly Youth Night

Four-Wheeler & Sno-Go

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$4,000

\$12,000

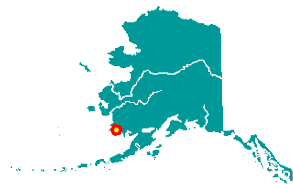


2019 GOALS MET

Radio Station Broadcasting KHGQ 101.7 FM



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TOGIAK

Togiak is located on the north side of Togiak Bay, 78 miles west of Dillingham and about 400 miles west of Anchorage. It lies in Togiak National Wildlife Refuge and is the gateway to Walrus Island Game Sanctuary; summer temperatures range from 37 to 66 degrees F. The only way to reach the village is by single engine airplane from Dillingham.

In 2009, a new church and parsonage was built and as a result, we have been blessed to have consistent volunteers in the community. Togiak has a combination parsonage and church as well as both local radio and television stations. The Goudes, the local volunteers, have established several ongoing ministries with a special emphasis on youth—day and resident camp participation, weekly kid/teen nights and a local food pantry.

VOLUNTEERS

Lynette & John Goude



Lynette and John are Arctic Mission's most "seasoned" volunteers as they have lived in Togiak since August 2015. Lynette works as a teacher for the Southwest Region School District while John is the Togiak Traditional Council's Fab Lab Coordinator. Their passion is ministering to the youth of their village.



NEEDS

Volunteer Support (Utilities, housing)

Weekly Youth Night

Vehicle Repair | Replacement

Cargo Storage Container

Parsonage Furniture

ANNUAL

\$12,000

\$7,500

\$6,000

\$2,500

\$3,500



2019 GOALS MET

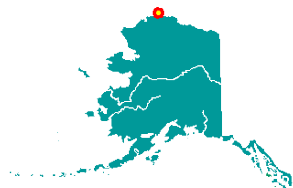
Established Food Pantry

Radio Station Broadcasting 107.5 FM

Sent 18 Kids to Resident Camp in Aleknagik



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UTQIAGVIK

Barrow, known officially as Utqiag̃vik, is the 11th northernmost public community in the world and the northern most city in the United States. About 60 percent of the 4,500 residents are Iñupiat, an indigenous Inuit ethnic group. Prior to 2018 there was a very small group of Seventh-day Adventist believers meeting either in homes or a school in Barrow.

In the last year and a half, God has begun opening doors for outreach to this community; the Adventist's in Barrow now have a long prayed for building for church use, they had their first ever Alaska camps program, an evangelistic meeting in the town—which resulted in eight baptisms— and a pathfinder club that will begin meeting in February of 2020, and more. Much of this would not have been possible without the support of Arctic Mission Adventure donors.

PASTORAL COUPLE

Celesta & Zack Babb



Celesta and Zack joined the conference team in mid-2018.

Both are recent graduates from Andrews University.

They minister to the churches in Delta Junction, North Pole and Utqiagvik.

NEEDS

Utqiagvik Day Camp

Raise Church Building

Renovate Church Interior

Ministry & Outreach

ANNUAL

\$10,000

\$12,000

\$15,000

\$5,000



2019 GOALS MET

Arctic Camp Meeting—April 2019

Evangelism Meetings—Eight Baptisms

VBS Camp—July 2019 (45 kids)

Purchase of Church Building & Parsonage

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APPLICATION

PERSONAL / ORGANIZATION INFORMATION
A tax-deductible receipt will be mailed to the address you provide

CONTACT		PHONE	
ORGANIZATION			
COORDINATOR			
ADDRESS		MOBILE	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	EMAIL

ADOPTED VILLAGE

CHOSEN VILLAGE 1	CHOSEN VILLAGE 2
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SUPPORTED NEED

Keeps The Lights On
 Community Food Bank
 Day Camps
 Youth Meetings
 Building Maintenance
 Transportation
 E-Pen Pal
 Mission Trip
 Other:

LEVEL OF SUPPORT

AMOUNT PLEDGED	FREQUENCY <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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AMA REPORTS

HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE AMA INFORMATION

Email
 Phone
 Snail Mail
 Social Media
 Direct Volunteer Contact
 Other:

COMMENTS

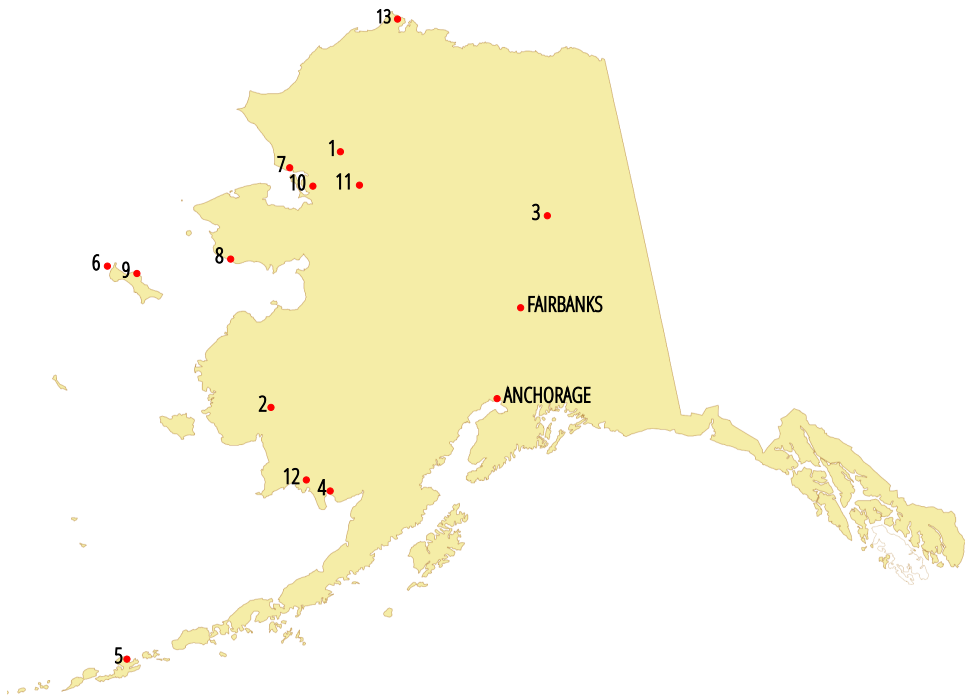
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