



ALASKA/BC — a — MISSION FIELD

Here in Alaska/BC, we can find a desperate people, hungry for the Word of God. Culturally and regionally isolated, the Alaskan Native Americans cry out for help as the world around them continues to move, unaware of their plight.

Astonishingly, more than one-fifth of the Alaskan Native American population lives in poverty. Between 32 and 40 percent of these people are under the age of 18, a group that faces a great deal of peer pressure and suicidal tendencies. With heightened abuse of women and rampant alcoholism, these tribes need a touch from the Lord to be freed from their bondage.

Church of God World Missions, in partnership with congregations throughout the United States, is dedicated to raising funds to help reach these people and give them a hope that can be found only in God.

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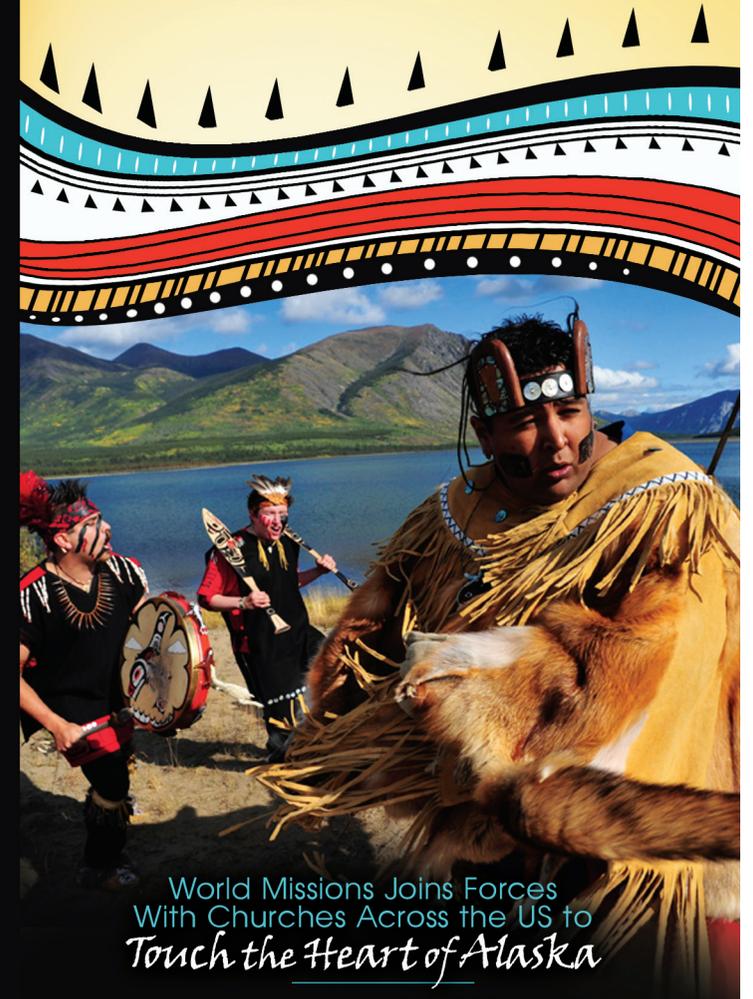
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PARTNERING *Together* TO REACH THE *Alaskan* NATIVE AMERICAN



World Missions Joins Forces
With Churches Across the US to
Touch the Heart of Alaska

Project #102-7088

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP

Alaska/BC has partnered with Church of God World Missions and launched a ministry to reach the Alaskan Native Americans in our region. This project has been a great success! Donors from across the United States have given their time and labor. As a result, congregations and communities such as Metlakatla, Kenai, Barrow, Wasilla and Kotzebue have all benefited from this project. Most importantly, **facilities have been upgraded, ministry has been greatly improved and the gospel has been further advanced.** Did you know that . . .

- The high school drop out rate among Alaskan Natives is an alarming 67 percent
- Alcohol and sexual abuse is rampant in these communities
- Child sexual assault is six times the national average
- Suicide rates are the highest in the nation

As you can see, **our challenge is great, but our God is greater!** Under the oversight of the Alaska/BC State Council, funds are prioritized and distributed accordingly. **There is still much work to be done and many souls to touch with the love of God.** We need your prayers, your love, your partnership, your involvement, and your financial support. Will you help us? Will you partner with us? We need your help!

Pat and Jan Wright
Alaska/BC
Administrative
Bishop



THE FOCUS ON FOUR TRIBES



Funds for the Alaskan Native American project will be used in the following ways:

- **Benevolence ministries** primarily to churches with significant outreaches to Alaskan Native Americans
- **Training and development** of Native American leaders
- **Church planting**

THE CHURCH'S Challenge

For the Native American challenge, we are asking pastors to prayerfully consider sowing into the Alaskan harvest. Even if your congregation cannot afford to give much, small amounts can become large amounts when combined with many others.

In Acts 20:35, Paul told us,

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than receive’” (NIV).

Let this be your prayer and challenge as your church blesses the Alaskan Native Americans who need your help.

*As the missions representative for Alaska, I have seen firsthand the great need to reach the native people with the message of the Gospel. **Together, let's push forward and reach out to the Alaskan Native Americans, a people right in our midst. Forgotten and despondent, these people need the church's help to bring about lasting change.***

*Together...
We Can!!*

R. Terrell Brinson
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