This Christmas, would you help our SEND North missionaries share the love of Christ with those throughout Alaska and northern Canada?

SEND North Christmas Project 2018

Your donation benefits these areas of SEND North’s ministry:

**Making**
Disciple-Making
Help fund flying kids to summer camp so they can learn about Jesus.

**Training**
Disciple-Training
Host regional training events with local church leaders so they can enhance their skills in disciple making.

**Expanding**
Eastward Expansion
Help SEND North reach areas across northern Canada as we expand our ministry eastward.

**Caring**
Member Care
Help SEND provide care for its missionaries when it is needed most.

Make a donation by mail using the enclosed card/envelope or make a donation online at sendnorth.org/Christmas.

*Donations are tax deductible
Search the term “eastward expansion” and you will find information about the European Union, NATO, Russian history and so on. In North America’s historical context, the focus was always on westward expansion.

However, eastward expansion is a term used a lot around SEND North these days. This is our God-sized vision of Send North’s disciple-making from Alaska and Northwest Canada, moving eastward.

Northern Canada is immensely vast. Its 1.5 million square miles is almost three times the size of Alaska. Small communities of First Nations and Inuit people dot its landscape. These communities are mostly fly-in only due to their remoteness. Much like Alaskan villages, these communities face the many struggles of living in a place with long months of darkness and extreme weather: alcoholism, drug abuse, physical/sexual abuse, and high rates of suicide.

Also, like Alaska, many of these communities lack the Gospel. SEND North, with its purpose of making northern disciple-makers, is poised to reach out to these areas, where Christ’s love is deeply needed.

You might ask how SEND North plans to expand eastward…

One of the best ways to move into a new community is by filling a need. The communities of the 60/70 Window most often need teachers and health workers. We help Christian teachers and health workers move into these communities where they form relationships, start Bible studies, and lead people to Christ.

We also host short-term volunteer teams from Canada and the Lower 48, who share through VBS programs or kids’ clubs. This builds relationships between the team, SEND North, and the community. In 2019 we hope to have teams working in Yellowknife, NWT.

Will you pray for SEND North’s Eastward Expansion?

Would you consider a donation to the SEND North Christmas Project (see back page)?

Will you pray for teachers, mechanics, counselors, pastors, short-term volunteer teams, and health workers to go and make a difference in these places that desperately need Christ?
Nearly two years ago Anchorage Correctional Complex launched a bold, new program. The State and A.C.C. Chaplains, the facility Superintendent, and governmental officials collaborated with Alaska Correctional Ministries to start the “Alpha II/Faith Mod.” Faith mods are fairly common in sentenced facilities (prisons where inmates serve out their sentences) but are nearly non-existent in pre-sentenced facilities, due to the short-term, transitory nature of the inmates and the challenges associated with inmates new to the correctional system. The A.C.C Faith Mod is one of only a handful existing in pre-sentenced facilities nationwide.

When “the doors were opened” to the Faith Mod, men quickly applied and filled the available cells. One of them was a man we’ll call “Saul.” He was tired of the drugs-arrest-jail-freedom cycle he’d been living for several decades. He was willing to “give God a try” in the faith mod, so he applied, was accepted, and moved to the mod. Then something unexpected happened. “Saul” actually found God in jail, and he was forever changed.

The volunteers who came to teach and preach in the mod helped him grow in his new faith. And he grew quickly. I remember when he quoted Galatians 2:20 to the group as his new purpose in life; denying himself and living for his Savior. Eventually he applied to a discipleship program in another facility and was accepted. “Saul” spent the next year learning doctrine, life skills, and how to live with purpose in a community of others. Then something else unexpected happened.

The Lord led Saul to return to the A.C.C. Faith Mod; where he would serve as an “Ambassador for the Chaplaincy.” Saul gave up many of the “comforts” he was enjoying in a sentenced facility to return to the high-security/bleak accommodations in A.C.C. He now mentors 25 guys whose pasts are similar to his own, encouraging them in their faith, 24 hours a day.

Jesus said; “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10

Redemption is always costly, and sometimes unexpected, but it’s a very good thing!
Read any travel magazines or literature and you’ll find listed the many advantages of traveling to new places. Lists will include benefits such as challenging oneself, learning about the world, expanding one’s perspective, building and strengthening relationships, and experiencing new opportunities.

But what if your travels were for expanding your Kingdom perspective? What if your journey led to a better understanding of what God is doing in the difficult places of this world?

SEND North conducts SURGE trips primarily for church leadership throughout Alaska and northern Canada every year. On a SURGE trip it is possible to catch a glimpse of God’s story in the North as told through personal interactions with our missionaries on the field. It’s a comprehensive experience that provides a chance to gain first-hand understanding by seeing, hearing and sharing in village life while visiting various northern communities.

For more information, please contact Steven Hall shall@send.org.

See, Hear, Share: Missions in the North

What do you get when you combine a very talented videographer, the incredible scenery of the Far North, and a God-sized story to tell?

ANSWER: Our new SEND NORTH video

Last January, SEND North began working with Liberty University digital media student, Kyler Beal, on a project to produce a new field video. It was a huge task! But in the end, we now have a great ministry video to share.

YOU CAN VIEW IT AT: YouTube ➔ SEND North The Gospel in The Far North