



An August Psalm of Thanks...

Psalm 100! Shout joyfully to the Lord, ALL the earth...It is He who has made us, and we are not ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture...For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. If ever there was a time to meditate on the larger narrative and solid foundational truths upon which we live, it surely is now. It is such a time as this! While our world is in turmoil and chaos, we know that He is not unaware. He does love His creation and His people. We can trust Him and know that His heart is most surely grieved at the sinfulness of man and all the suffering for it was not in His original plan. And we know that He is at work; He is involved in His creation. Even at times like these.

EnGage! Alaska

Our EnGage interns completed their summer internship with us. Levi is back at his school, and Crystal has completely satisfied the requirements for her BA at Alaska Bible College. Pray for both of them. Levi will graduate in December and is seeking God's plan for his future. Crystal is actively seeking a ministry position here in the Valley. We were blessed to have both of them in our internship.



Crystal and Levi both successfully completed their cross-cultural internship- EnGage! Alaska.



Summer Ministry Team (s)

We were so thankful for many ministry work teams this summer. One of these teams was Faith Church from Loveland Colorado. They did an amazing amount of work completing a renovation to the Wilderness Lodge, and we were not only thankful for their labor but for the joy of being with them and sharing true fellowship together. Part of that fellowship for Steve and I was joining them on a trip to Knik Glacier, just outside of Palmer. It was a cloudy, cool day (as was the majority of our summer) but the scenery was spectacular. We are very thankful for the ministry of teams like these.



This...
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As these summer ministry activities were over, we jumped right into other things. I (Jill) completed another graduate course toward my MA in counseling. We enjoyed hosting a long-time ministry partner, the Swansons, as they celebrated Luke's retirement from the police force. Several days after they headed back home I started another semester of instruction at Alaska Bible College, again teaching the Introduction to Teacher Education course. Two days later our daughter and grandson from Colorado arrived (waiting the birth of granddaughter Kaylie & Stefan's first baby.) Life is busy. Life is good.

As we look ahead there is much to look forward to and much to pray about. Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership with us in ministry.



Family Fun...
Congratulations to Sarah & Jeremy- 25th Anniversary.
Congratulations to Jacob- joined the Marines!

Excited for both Jayna & Anna- heading to Bible School.
Praying for the safe arrival of another great grandson this month.

Praise:

- We are so thankful for all those that ministered with the InterAct staff this summer- helping with ministry in villages, in urban settings, in rural ministries and here on our Lazy Mountain Campus.
- We are praising God for the recovery of several family members from a variety of things ranging from illness to surgery.
- We are thankful that our home construction project is pretty much completed! Now for the rest of the organizing.
- We are thankful for each day of good health, and do not take this lightly. Praise Him for that, and we pray for sustained health to work in accordance with His calling.

We are thankful for some family milestones....

- Praising Him for Jeremy & Sarah (our eldest) 25th wedding anniversary!
- We are so proud of our grandson, Jacob, a new Marine in the works. He is at his first round of training in California.
- We are proud that we have two more granddaughters attending Bible school, one in Wisconsin and one in Texas.

Prayer:

- Pray for our niece as she begins treatment for a brain tumor. Pray for several other close acquaintances undergoing cancer treatment.
- Pray for us as we prepare for staff Onboarding in September, a potential women's retreat in September, Steve's leadership meeting in Oregon, new staff training in October, LEaD Alaska the end of October, and staff field visits this fall. That, along with my (Jill's) class at Alaska Bible College.
- Pray for wisdom with several intense situations, that we are discerning and that the outcome glorifies the Lord.
- Praying for the safe arrival of another great grandson.
- Pray for all of the Alaska field staff. Those that have labored long in their ministries, and those that are "new" to the ministry, and another family to arrive in September. We are thankful for each one. (You can go to the InterAct website and learn more about each of these staff.)

JOIN US ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH- IT IS INTERACT MINISTRIES' DAY OF PRAYER.

Serving in partnership with you, **Steve & Jill**

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We have more photos and information located on this site.**

Or...drop into our house for a summer visit on the front porch!

