

# SEND North



## Letter from Jim Stamberg, Area Director

By Jim Stamberg, SEND North Area Director

In the icy darkness of winter in Alaska and Canada, life for the people of the North can become myopic and focused on the most rudimentary aspects of survival: thawing sewer lines, helping children avoid frostbite, keeping the woodstove going. In the midst of these challenging daily tasks, it can be easy to miss the God of indescribable glory who has made a way for all people to cross from death to life (John 5:24).

This is further compounded by the isolation that nearly every community of rural Alaska and Northern Canada accepts as normal. Dozens of miles of rugged terrain usually separate villages, and technological infrastructure lags behind many developing countries. While in urban areas people often encounter outspoken Christ followers, many villages of the North do not have a single person who is able to explain the Gospel to his neighbor. This means that they have no consistent access to a culturally relevant Gospel witness.

This is why SEND North exists. Our passion is to help launch and support full-time ministry workers who can share the light and hope of Jesus in some of the most remote and rugged places in

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“And He said, ‘go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’”

Matthew 28:19

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# No Greater Joy!

By Brad & Madelyn Fox, *SEND North missionaries serving in Bush Alaska*

We know the future holds sorrow and mourning—for the road is narrow and few will find it. Our hearts will break when one of our young ones chooses the world. Yet we also know that a few will follow Christ, and the small sacrifices of comfort and convenience and heartache will be worth it all as we live in eternity with these precious souls.

At the end of our time here on earth, we know that there is no greater joy than to hear that our children are walking in the truth (3 John, verse 4).

Please join us in asking God to soften hearts to respond to the Gospel in repentance and faith in our village.

**O**ur lives are devoted, day-by-day and minute-by-minute, to discipling the children of our village.

We look for opportunities to disciple adults, but children appear in the open door the Lord has provided for us here in the bush.

From fifteen years of age to the unborn baby, the Lord gives us a platform to share the Gospel that reaches beyond the children to their parents and aunts and uncles.

Each time a baby is born, we look for a verse and commit to praying this verse over the baby's life. Not only does our family do this, but the teen girls enjoy helping us look up a verse to pray over their younger sister or brother or cousin.

From then on, we are not just committed to praying for the child—we want to give our lives to walk alongside this child and teach them that Christ is worthy to follow.



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the world. It is not easy and their efforts are often met with resistance. Our prayer is that someday we will see every community of the 60-70 Window filled with local disciple-makers: local people who have been transformed by the Holy Spirit and live according to the teachings of Scripture; local people who are so passionate about Jesus that

they make an effort every day to help those around them take a step towards the Kingdom of God.

This task is bigger than SEND North. It is a task that God is calling His Church to pursue. Will you help?



*Jim & Marissa Stamberg*

# A Hand Sharing the Gospel

By Derek & Jenny Baker, *SEND North missionaries serving in Yukon, Canada*

One day while driving home, Derek saw a single work glove lying in the road. He was in a hurry so he didn't stop to pick it up, but after several days of driving by, he decided to walk from our house to get it. He picked up the glove and began walking along the ditch looking for its match. His search for the second glove led to a friend, HG, who was parking his car at the Health Centre. He came out into the street and began making small talk, but Derek could tell there was something bigger on his mind. He eventually told him that he wanted to join our church and faith, and asked what he needed to do. Derek shared the Gospel with him there in the street. HG assured him that he already believed in Christ because of his upbringing in the Catholic Church in the Philippines. Later at our house, they went through the Roman's Road and Derek asked if he wanted to ask for forgiveness for his sins and accept Jesus into his life. HG was confident he had already done that but that he had not yet been baptized. A friend was called and HG was baptized that very afternoon in Teslin Lake. Please pray for HG as he meets with Derek on a regular basis for discipleship.

Here is where the story gets even more interesting. When Derek first picked up the glove, he searched it over for the owner's name. Work gloves are a valued possession, and so people always write their names on the cuff with a marker. Derek was surprised to find that there was no name written on it. Weeks later, while discipling HG, Derek felt the need to share with him the story of the glove. When Derek mentioned that the glove had no name written on it, Derek was shocked to see that there was a name! The name was as clear as day on it. There is no explanation for this, other than God did something miraculous. Derek knew DS who owned the glove, yet never had a connection with him before. He returned the glove to the owner, with the hope that some day he will be able to talk more to him about the story behind the glove and how God used it for His purpose. Pray that God would prepare the heart of DS for the message of the Gospel.



# Financial Corner

By Clive Donaldson  
*SEND North Field Treasurer*

## STEWARDSHIP OF DONOR FUNDS:

Non-profit organizations like SEND North have a responsibility to practice sound financial management and to handle donated funds with integrity. Donors who believe in what we're doing for the Kingdom entrust their resources to us. They expect us to use their money to advance Christ's Kingdom, honoring their intent in giving while also meeting governmental requirements and practicing standards of excellence in financial management and accounting. While a percentage of donated funds must be used for administrative costs, we attempt to use the majority of every donated dollar to accomplish our purpose of Making Northern Disciple-Makers.

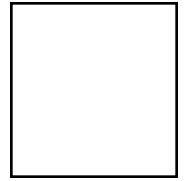
## SERVING IN THE STEWARDSHIP ROLE:

I have served with SEND North for close to 40 years, as the Field Treasurer for the last 28 of those years. In that time there have been many changes, but one thing remains constant: *it takes people to reach people for Christ and to develop them as leaders.* Our most treasured resource will always be our missionary personnel.

Reflecting on my missionary career, I have gained the most satisfaction from supporting our evangelists and church planters, using my gifts to serve them in administrative and financial ways, so they are able to spend their time doing what God has called them to do. As my missionary career comes to a close, SEND North is looking for the next Field Treasurer.



***SEND North is grateful for Clive's many years of excellent service. For more information about the Field Treasurer position, go to: [sendnorth.org](http://sendnorth.org). See Opportunities—CFO/Treasurer Alaska.***



## I Want To Get Involved!



### 1. Pray

- Cover SEND North's ministry and our missionaries in prayer



### 2. Give

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Sponsor a child for summer Bible camp
- Sponsor an inmate taking Positive Parenting classes
- Sponsor a portion of the SEND North Cherokee Six Aircraft Refurbish project



### 3. Go

- Organize a prayer team to come to Alaska/northern Canada
- Serve on a work team with SEND North
- Bring a VBS team to the field

**\*More projects can be found at [sendnorth.org](http://sendnorth.org), see Projects**

**Questions?** Contact **Steven Hall** SEND North Director of Partnerships at [shall@sendnorth.org](mailto:shall@sendnorth.org)

**I want to...**  Pray  Give  Go

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used to:

- Help SEND North with a general expenses gift (greatest need)
- Sponsor a child for camp
- Sponsor an inmate in Positive Parenting
- Sponsor a portion of the SEND North Cherokee Six Refurbish project (see insert)

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