



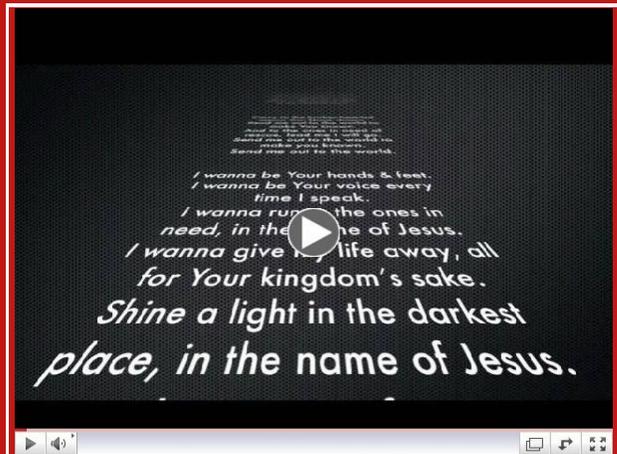
## Monday Matters

### September 16, 2013

#### Bethel Dream Center

This week we want to share a special message from our son, Anthony Nelson. He and Kristin, his wife, along with their children, are missionaries to Alaska. In a recent newsletter, he shared the following:

*Just recently we made the decision to adjust our timeline and relocate to Bethel, Alaska - planting the Bethel Dream Center without further delay. We did not come to this decision easily; in fact it took almost a year. It seemed that as soon as we made ourselves available for service in Alaska several good opportunities presented themselves, all of which seemed to be met with God's approval. But after having given a year in Anchorage, Alaska, it became clear that planting the Bethel Dream Center for the Western Region of Alaska was the time-sensitive dream that we needed to pursue.*



**Send Me Out  
by Steve Fee**

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**Quote of the Week**



*We are grateful for our year in Anchorage. By investing in Anchorage Native Assembly we have developed a well-rounded perspective on ministry to the less fortunate - many of whom are from western Alaska. It has allowed us to sharpen our ministry strategy, allowing us to serve a region more effectively. And finally, it has been a true honor to have developed a mentoring friendship with Pastors Eldon and Gloria Hicks, patriarchs of the faith.*

*A sense of relief and renewed energy now flows through our home and we can hardly wait to move. On September 12 we will load two 20' containers and our van on a barge that will travel west to Bethel (there are no roads to Bethel). Because all our worldly possessions will be on the barge we will stay at a local church's apartment here in Anchorage. And then on the 23rd we will fly out and take up temporary residence in the AG church apartment in Bethel until we can locate a suitable and affordable home in which to live.*



The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta of Alaska is region that is home to thousands of Yup'ik Eskmos - full of

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

~ C.T. Studd ~

Missionary to China, India and Africa

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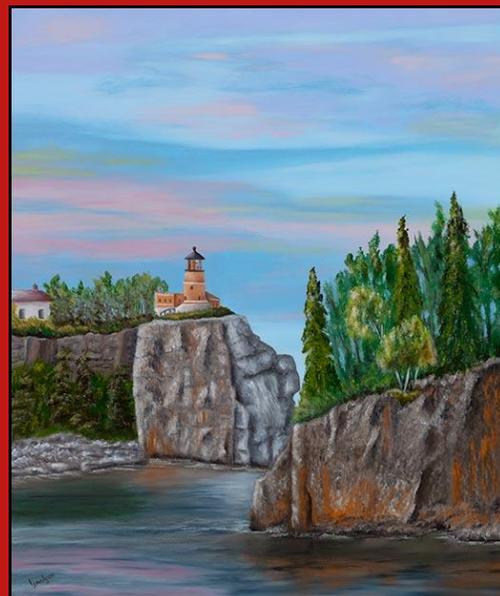
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potential. We will serve these people in a way that empowers.

It is the vision of this missionary family to:

- Plant two Dream Centers (centers emphasizing needs based Christian ministry)
- Plant several churches for the Native people
- Develop future Native pastors and leaders

There is a definite need in these villages.

- 90% unemployment in many of the villages
- Suicide is the #1 cause of death for Alaskans under the age of 50
- Rape is 2.5 times higher than the national average
- 1/3 of Alaskan women will be raped in their lifetime
- The sexual assault of children is 6 times higher than the national average.

Rev. Harriet Brown who served on the Alaskan Mission Field for 60 years said: **"I see every home in Western Alaska lit up for Jesus. I've seen it in my dreams and I've seen it in a vision. Every home lit up for Jesus!"**

Anthony and Kristin Nelson want to see that vision come true. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they reach out to the villages in Western Alaska.

By Ron Nelson

## Lighthouse by Linda J. Nelson

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