



Monday Matters September 10, 2012

This Monday REALLY Matters!

I remember flying to Alaska a few years back and realizing that life was going to be different for my wife and I. The purpose of this trip was to help my son and his family pack up all their belongings in a U-Haul truck with a twelve foot trailer plus another vehicle. They had served as missionaries and pastors for a number of years in Alaska. The drive was long but after eight days and almost 4,000 miles of cold, snow, rain, sunshine and 100 degree temperatures, we arrived in Louisville, Kentucky.

My son accepted an associate pastor position in nearby Lexington. Life was grand. All our grandchildren were close by and we could watch them grow and spoil them rotten.

Then two years ago they shared with us a vision, a dream they both had. While they had moved back to the lower 48, their hearts remained in Alaska with the Yup'ik Eskimos. They reflected on the dreams they had of reaching out to the people that no one seemed to care about. They told of the conditions that the Natives lived in, their rate of



I'll Tell It Wherever I Go
- The Gaither Vocal
Band

"God is training me to be a missionary as a kid so I can be one when I'm grown up."

Juliana Nelson - Age 6

"I'm most excited about meeting people who are going to help us get people saved in Alaska, so they can go to heaven."

unemployment and their excessive use of alcohol among other things. Anthony and Kristin shared of their concern for the souls of these people as well as their physical and economic wellbeing.



This Monday, September 10th, they leave the comfort of having a secure position in a church, of having their own home, and of being close to their parents. They fly to Alaska to share the Gospel and love of Jesus. They will be establishing a Dream Center in Anchorage where 50,000 Native Alaskans live and then reach out to Bethel on the western coast and spread the message of love and hope to some fifty villages where no one has reached before. In addition, they want to plant several churches for the Yup'ik Eskimos and raise up native leaders for those churches.

While in some ways this is a sad day for the rest of the family, we have learned over the past two years that this is what the Lord has called them to do and we are thrilled about their passion for souls. We have seen them crisscross the United States for these two years in their travel trailer with their children to share their vision and raise support so they can follow His calling.

We will miss the frequent overnight visits of the grandchildren, of watching them play soccer or performing in a ballet. We will miss spending holidays with all of them and sharing the excitement those times have brought. We have come to accept that this will be a new way of life for them ... and for us.

The Bible teaches that there are times when one must leave family and do what the Lord has called one to do. Could we

Leif Nelson - Age 9

Quote of the Week

"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!"

Rev. Harriet Brown
1916 - 2005
60 years on the Alaskan
Mission Field



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ask for anything more from our children than to be doing His work?

Thank you for allowing me to share this personal message.

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