

**Standing in the Alaskan Gap**  
**David & Marci Joseph**  
**Ministry Update February 2011**



*After 21 years, we feel so thankful that God has allowed us to continue “standing in the gap” for the native people of the North. With grateful hearts we are able to serve as your ambassadors, because of you and others back home who make it possible for us to be here. Thank you.*

*Since December the Native Church in Fairbanks has been blessed by the leadership of a godly native man who has been preaching for David, doing an excellent job of bringing God’s Word to our congregation. Continue to pray for Harry Hafford as David is in a mentoring relationship with him for ministry, and as God leads, he will eventually turn the church completely over to Harry’s leadership. Pray also for a group of 3 men that David is mentoring for ministry - - Harry, Johnny and Brian -- as they are being equipped for native ministry.*

*God has not led us to leave the church at this time, but we will continue to train and come alongside to these native men and women, in order that this body of believers will continue on solid ground to reach their people for Chris in the future.*

*As the newly elected Field Director for InterAct Ministries in Alaska, David is giving more of his time to vision and administration of state missions. He oversees 28 missionaries from Fairbanks to Kodiak, and is involved in recruiting new missionaries, and has been asking God’s will in talking to others about*

*trying to develop our 140-acre campus in Palmer, Alaska to be a statewide training center for native leaders and new missionaries who serve in native ministry in Alaska. He is seeking partnering relationships with other like-minded churches and organizations to unite our efforts in Alaska for a greater impact.*

*Another big challenge which needs your prayer is developing a strategy to help plant native churches in over 100 villages that have no gospel witness and to develop several urban hubs throughout the state from which to impact these villages.*

*With the price of a gallon of gas and heating oil in our villages at between \$8 and \$10, more native people are finding it necessary to move into cities to find consistent work and a lower cost of living in which to support their families. Also, air fares are on the rise, which affect travel and shipping goods back and forth from cities to villages. This makes it very hard for so many to continue living in villages where they and their parents and grandparents have lived for countless generations. But during these hard times, we are finding that God is bringing some of the people from the remote areas into our cities where they can more readily hear the Gospel. Pray that God will use us in the Fairbanks Native Bible Church to seek out those who are moving in from the villages and be able to reach out and help them as they transition into life in the city.*

***Prayer Requests:***

- 1. The Native Strategy Meeting in Palmer, AK- February 26. David will meet with indigenous leaders and will come up with suggestions that will shape and impact the future of Alaska missions. Pray for wisdom and God's direction for Harry, Don, Edna, Linda, Lance, Karina and others who will be in attendance.*
- 2. After the Native Strategy Meeting, on February 27-28, David will meet with his InterAct Alaska advisory group called the ATM (Alaska Team Ministry group - David, Larissa, David H., George, Linda, Doug) to talk about how to implement the native strategy group's suggestions and make decisions that affect all InterAct missionaries in Alaska.*
- 3. Harry and Heather Hafford, and 3 children, Lynette, Leneil and Earl, as Harry assumes more leadership at the church and works to support his family. Pray that God will draw this couple closer to Him, and provide for their children, as Heather home schools them.*
- 4. Mens Mentoring group – David, Harry, Johnny and Brian.*
- 5. The Lord will bring to the Fairbanks Native Bible Church those who are moving in from the villages.*

6. *God's direction in partnering with others to develop a Native training leadership program at InterAct Alaska's 140-acre Palmer facility. And for God's call of an on-site person to administrate this program.*
7. *Discerning direction from the Lord on which villages to target in the placement of new missionaries.*
8. *Prospective new missionaries that God may be leading to minister with InterAct in Alaska -- Lance & Korina, John & Jenn, Kristin, Lisa, Rodney.*
9. *Pray that David will follow the Lord's leading as he prioritizes in managing his time and all the responsibilities he has, keeping time for spiritual growth and spending quality time with Marci.*
10. *Pray for Marci as she supports David as his administrative assistant as Field Director and at the Native Church in Fairbanks, and as she continues teaching an elementary Sunday School class and activities and mission outreach opportunities for them, and spends time in Indiana helping care for her parents.*
11. *Pray for Marci's parents who are in very poor health and in need of special attention. Marci's mom has Alzheimer's disease and her dad has very bad congestive heart failure. Pray that God will lead as they try to get Home Health Care services started.*
12. *Our adult son, Zach, as he seeks more permanent employment and finishes his apprenticeship, and finishes building his home. Pray that he will hear the Lord's leading in all his endeavors.*
13. *Our adult daughter, Betsy and her husband, A.J., that they will grow together in their relationship with the Lord and with each other. Pray for God's direction in A.J. finding a job in his field, which is advertising art and web design.*

*Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer in ministering to the Native Eskimo and Indian people of Alaska.*

*For His glory we live and serve,*

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