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Hello Friends,

We made it back to Alaska at the end of May and hit the ground running. Pastor Curtis Guest and his son Allen arrived shortly after we returned home and were a tremendous blessing helping John and Joel get the spring maintenance done on the boat and RIG. They were able to go to Skwentna and meet the new roadhouse owners and hand out several John and Romans along the river.

Our first interior circuit went well; Brother Brian Tiarks and his sons, Chandler and Joseph, came up for a survey trip and to see the ministry. They were helpful with more maintenance that needed to be done. On the way home from the circuit, we noticed a burning smell inside the RIG. We stopped to investigate the smell and found that a piece of wood from the frame of the RIG came loose and lodged in the tire causing an emergency stop and repair. After a few hours we were on our way again. John was able to get in touch with the manufacturer, and they are able and willing to do repairs, we just need to take the RIG back to Indiana to get the work done.

We have been blessed to host several others wanting to see the ministry. Because of this we have been in the villages twice as much this summer. On one of these trips, we were able to have our first baptism. The village chief in Stevens Village had a clear testimony of salvation and was excited to follow the Lord in this next step of obedience. When John was going through scriptures he told John, "I want to be baptized by immersion and identify with the Baptist faith." What an amazing testimony!

John, Joel, several preachers, and a group of Navajo Indians from the lower 48 came to take a trip on the Yukon River. The purpose was to take a survey trip to where they feel God has called them and to "meet their cousins". They travelled 730 miles with 4 boats, visiting 14 villages going door to door and presenting the Gospel to those that would listen. The trip started at the Yukon River Bridge and ended in St Mary's. All these men are still busy and have several objectives for ministering to villages near St Mary's. John and Joel will not be home for another week and half.

John's mom is getting weaker. We decided to have Sarah stay in North Carolina so that mom could have help and personal care around the clock. Please continue to pray that we have wisdom making decisions for her care and any transitions that need to happen.

Thank you for your prayers, may God bless you all.

Janet



*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9*