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Fruitful Fall



It has been a great year of ministry but an exceptional Fall. Sheldon and Vicky left MI on Aug. 31 heading west to WA for meetings and then on to Alaska. We arrived back in MI Oct. 4. During that time we had the opportunity to share Christ with hundreds of boys and girls. We were privileged to witness God at work in their lives.

Most of you are probably aware that we were missionaries in Alaska shortly after we were married. Our two oldest children,

Karon and Kedron, were born while we lived up there. We left Alaska in 1978 because we realized that in order to be involved in this type of ministry full time we really needed to be where there were more churches and where the churches were closer together. However, we loved Alaska and God has allowed us to make several trips back there over the years.



Actually, it was five years ago since our last visit. This trip came about when the phone rang one day almost a year ago asking when we would be going back. Sheldon said that there wasn't anything on the calendar even though churches up there would be anxious to have us if we could get there. The man (Dan) on the other end offered to take care of getting us to AK and back if that would help the churches out and allow us to minister to kids up there. That was a huge blessing and savings for all of the churches.



Sheldon sent an email to the churches and within 20 minutes had received the first request for a date. By the end of the week the entire time was booked with the exception of four programs which came later. It was quite obvious that God intended for us to minister in AK this past fall..

We started off in Kennewick, WA and then on to Anchorage. From there we worked our way north to Palmer, through Wasilla, Talkeetna, on past Mt. McKinley to Fairbanks. Then we made our way back through Delta Junction to Glennallen and back to Anchorage. It was a busy schedule with lots of setup's and tear downs but the Lord kept us in good health and strength.

We did meetings in many of the churches we have been to in the past as well as some new ones. God is at work in Alaska and it was a blessing to be a small part of what He is doing there.

Were Added To The Church

We recently received a text message followed by a phone call to let us know that a new family has started attending one of the churches we were at a few weeks ago. The first time this family had attended the church was the night Sheldon did a program. They have been attending since that initial visit. It is always great to hear stories like this. When churches do their part in getting the word out and promoting something like a magic show, God does his part and people attend. For many it will be their first time to a church. They will come to see a magic show a lot faster than they will come just to hear a preacher preach. Nothing wrong with preaching but sometimes it takes a worm on the hook to get the fish to bite. That's where we come in. We can be the worm that attracts people in so that the Holy Spirit can set the hook. It is wonderful to hear of people being added to the Church.

ICEA

This year we were once again at the ICEA (International Christian Education Association) conference. It had been several years since we attended but because of people like you who responded to our email request, we were able to be back.

Sheldon taught classes while Vicky tended to a display table. It is always a great opportunity to introduce our ministry to pastors and youth workers from lots of churches from around the USA as well as Canada. Many good contacts were made for future meetings.



Like to add an iPad

You have seen them everywhere just like we have. Adults have them, teens have them and even toddlers are using them. Let's face it, the Apple iPad has changed the way many people live and work these days. Ministry is also being enhanced with their use. Recently Sheldon watched a class online entitled "Your church can save thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours" and it was all about how to use an iPad and an Apple TV instead of other much more expensive equipment. It is amazing what can be done and how easy it is. Needless to say, there is still a price tag attached to it. An [iPad 2](#) runs right at \$400 and the [Apple TV](#) is another \$100. Perhaps you would like to [help us](#) make this next step in technology.

Check The Mail

A few days ago we checked the mail and the check was in the mail. It actually arrived. It was the yearly check from GoodSearch. This years check was just barely under \$300. This was the result of all of the web searching and purchases you made this past year.

As long as you have the [Jest Kidding toolbar](#) installed on your computer, every time you search for something or make a purchase, GoodSearch adds money to our account. So keep looking stuff up on the web so that next years check will be even more.

If you don't have the [toolbar](#), you can get it free by going to www.jestkidding.com and going to the support section.

Summer Dates

We still have a couple of weeks open for the summer of 2013. If your church is looking for something special for vacation Bible school, have them contact us ASAP. We could also do another camp or two. We normally like to have the summer schedule in place by the end of Feb. so there isn't much time left.

God's Family Reaches Out

In the past 30 days we have had people from the United States, Vietnam, Canada, United Kingdom, Nigeria, South Africa, Finland, Latvia and Poland visit the [God's Family web site](#). Can you imagine what it would have cost to travel to each of these places to share the gospel? Yet we were there sharing the fact that Christ died for our sins so that we can be adopted into His family. Please continue to pray for this aspect of our ministry as it is reaching people we could not otherwise.

NASHVILLE TOUR

This spring we will finally be doing the [Nashville tour](#) that we have talked about for years. We live in Nashville, MI and most people know of the one further south in IN. I have even heard that there is one in TN. Actually, there are [11 Nashville's](#) and we are putting together a schedule that will put us at churches in all 11. By the looks of things at this point it looks like we will have the opportunity to share the gospel with around 3,500 people by the time we get back home. It is going to require that we find people to sponsor the tour because we do not want to sell tickets or charge the churches for being there. This is to be a time where people can bring their unsaved friends without any cost. We are working on a program with a country western slant to it. If your church would like to be included in the tour, let us know and we will see if we can fit it in. It should be a lot of fun. If you would like to be a part of this mission tour your [special gift](#) would be appreciated.

Health Update



This summer we went [west](#) to do the [meetings](#) that had been canceled last summer when Sheldon ended up in the [heart hospital](#). On the way back we stopped at both hospitals that he was in as well as the VA hospital. He had an appointment with the [same Dr.](#) that he saw last summer and had another stress test done. Praise the Lord, the results were good and [the Dr.](#) doesn't need to see him for two years.

On another note, as of the day of this writing, it has been 1 year and 4 months since the initial visit and the

VA has still not paid anything on one of the bills. We are keeping in touch each month and working with them to get things resolved.

Prayer Group

I would almost like to beg you to get on our Prayer Group email list. About 1 out of 10 on the regular mailing list is on it. That means that 9 out of 10 of you are missing out of the things that go on a monthly basis. It cost us around \$500 to mail this news letter where email is free. You can sign up to receive the emails by going to the "contact us" section of

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