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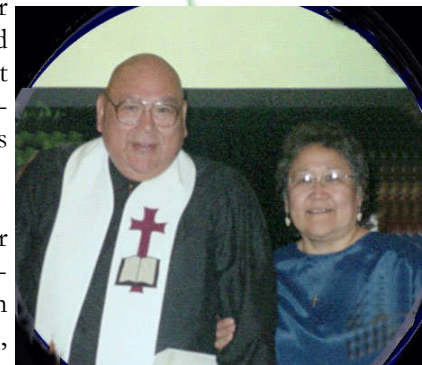
Bringing the "Always Getting Ready" Mindset into Leadership by Rodney Sawyer

When Nancy and I were candidating at Bethel almost ten years ago, the church board gave us a big red book about the history of Bethel. One of the reoccurring themes in the book about the Western Alaskan Culture was "Always Getting Ready." To survive in the harsh climate of bush Alaska, one had to always be in the "always getting ready" mode. That simply meant looking for the next food source, whether it was salmon, caribou, berries, birds or whatever.

"leadership for the future." In a similar fashion, if we are not getting the next generation ready to lead, our future will not be bright. Nor will we be following the biblical precedence of "making disciples."

This year at our Annual Meeting, the keynote speaker will be a Native Hawaiian and Covenant pastor by the name of Randy Furushima. When Randy and I talked

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Joel and Olga busy preparing to host the 2006 Annual Meeting

As we prepare for the ECCAK Annual Meeting in Unalakleet in 2006, our theme focus will be on

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about several possible themes for the conference, leadership was the one that really “tripped his trigger!” Therefore, I believe that the Lord will really work in and through Pastor Randy to challenge us to continue on the foundation that the Lord has built.

I would like to leave you with one final thought before closing this article. God has been moving in the last twelve years by giving us a bumper crop of leaders and emerging leaders. I believe we must be highly intentional in the future in three areas if we are to be “always getting ready” in the area of future leadership. Those three areas are: [1] discovery, [2] development and [3] deployment. We are doing very well in the discovery area, thanks in part to CYAK, CCF, ACC, CBC, etc. I am hoping and praying, with the Lord’s help, we can become stronger in developing and deploying! I believe the local church is the key to this.

"The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority."

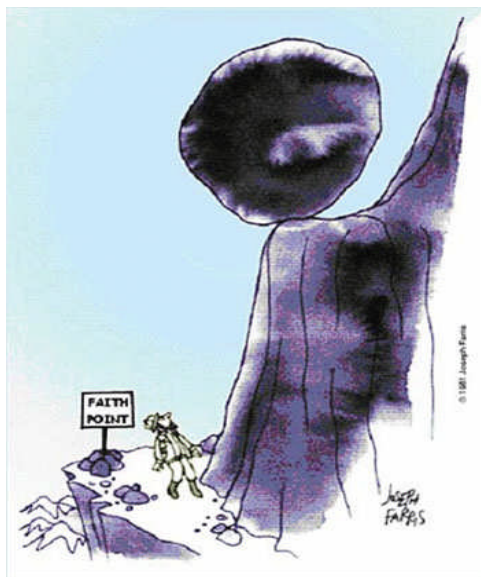
Author Kenneth Blanchard

New Leadership Begins



Nathan Kaganak, John Uttereyuk, Monroe Kaganak and Field Director Rodney Sawyer lay hands on the Cardwells at the close of the pastoral installation service in Scammon Bay on Dec. 4, 2005.

Note: To save postage this year, contribution receipts will be mailed twice a year rather than monthly.



How Can I Help?

- **Pray:** Our bi-monthly newsletter called, “The Chilling News,” is full of stories about the people and the ministry of ECCAK throughout the state. It also has a daily prayer calendar. Please let us know and we will add you to our mailing list.
- **Encouragement:** Writing and/or calling those who serve in the bush is a great ministry! Want to adopt a church or a pastor? Ask for a prayer card of a pastor.
- **Mission teams:** There are often times when we have need for teams of people to come and join with a local church, camp, college, youth group, etc. for a specific construction project or outreach event.
- **Volunteers:** The ECCAK office needs volunteers to assist in administration, grant writing, special projects etc.
- **Financial:** God often calls people to give to ECCAK beyond the normal local church tithe or churches to place ECCAK in their mission budget. Some are led to leave a gift through estate planning to carry on the work in Alaska into the future.
- **Teachers or nurses:** Christian teachers or nurses often come to Bush Alaska as “missionaries” and serve in the local Covenant church during off hours.
- **Pastors and Youth Workers:** Often we have empty pulpits and are in need of pastors, short and long-term. Many villages have no one reaching out to the youth.
- **Donate Air Miles:** Many people accumulate free air miles. Please consider donating some to ECCAK to help a bush pastor and family get away for R & R.

If you feel God calling you to be a part of God’s work in Alaska, please let us hear from you:

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In Memory of Maynard & Loraine Londborg

By Henry W. Pearson (Hank)

I first met Maynard Londborg when we came to Alaska in 1964. Maynard was the director and teacher at the Covenant High School in Unalakleet. Maynard and Loraine first came to Alaska in 1946, and served in Yakutat for 2 years. A children's home was constructed in Unalakleet in 1946. Maynard and Loraine helped in caring and working there with other missionaries. They also served in Marshall for a couple of years in a Bible School. In 1954, Maynard realized his dream in establishing Covenant High School, where he served as Principal and taught many subjects. Loraine taught piano lessons to village children and also helped in visitation and nursing. In 1955-56, Maynard served as a delegate to the Alaska Constitution Commission and was a signer of the State Constitution.

In 1966, the Londborgs returned to the lower 48 where Maynard served at Minnehaha Academy as Chaplain and Bible teacher for 10 years. They went on to Little Falls Covenant Church in Minnesota; Maynard was the Senior Pastor for 9 years.

In 1985, at the invitation of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska with Don Bruckner as Field

Director, the Londborgs returned to Alaska to plant churches. I became the Field Director the next year, and worked with Maynard seeking a place to plant a church. South Anchorage didn't seem ready at that time. The work in May-Su was where God was leading us to plant a church. There were many wonderful people who wanted to have a new church.



Maynard also helped in our fall Bible School program for Pastors and wives on our Alaska field. We held from 2-8 weeks of classes at Lazy Mountain facilities. We were working on leadership and responsibility in Christian ministry.

He was a great man with many talents, which he used to the glory of God. He loved his work and many people were blessed and brought to the Lord through his ministry.

It was noted that the Alaska flag was hung at half mast at the time of his passing, Sept 5, 2004.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

In Christ,
Henry W. Pearson (Hank)

Partnership Helps Native Alaskans Attend College

(Reprinted with permission from Covenant News www.covchurch.org)

SOLDOTNA, AK (November 28, 2005) - Native Alaskan students who might not otherwise have attended college are now doing so through a cooperative program between Alaska Christian College (ACC) and Kenai Peninsula Community College (KPCC).

Twelve students now take some classes at ACC while taking a majority of general education classes at KPCC.

ACC is operated by the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska and part of its mission is to help Native Alaskans transition from village life to their first year of college life. Less than five percent of Alaska Native high school graduates complete even their first semester of college, statistics show. The two institutions are developing scholarships, payment plans,

tutoring and other means to help students have success.

ACC was formed in 2000 and each year is improving on reaching that goal, officials say. They point to students like Joleen Huffmon, who is attending her second year at ACC but also is carrying a full load of classes at KPCC as she pursues an English degree and a journalism career.

Lindsey Kinagak has returned for a third year at ACC, having completed a two-year Certificate of Biblical and General Studies at ACC, and is now pursuing an Associate of Arts degree at KPCC. She says the "close-knit family environment" helps her continue with her educational and spiritual growth.

A Piece of Alaska History Trivia

(from Chip Swanson's book "A Time to Remember")

The first two Eskimos to be ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church were Reuben Paniptchuk and Jacob Kenick. It was in Alaska, in April of 1967, when the Rev. Emory Lindgren visited. The Conference that year was at White Mountain and Thomas Tungwenuk was elected chairman. Walter Outwater became inactive due to illness. In Unalakleet that year, Rita Young died due to an accident with the mission

truck. Carl Ahwinona was stationed at Shaktoolik. Joshua Ahwinona was stationed at Nome. Dana Kopanuk was at Mekoryuk, Walter Outwater at Nome, Howard Slwooko at Mountain Village, Thomas Tungwenuk at Wales, Fred Weston at Scammon Bay, Ben Whitman at Hooper Bay and Lincoln Riley at Elim. The denominational meeting was at Pasadena, California.

Treasure, Not Trash (Part 1)

By Paula Hill

Hello, my name is Paula Hill. I am 15 years old. Born on March 18, 1990. I am from Hooper Bay, Alaska. Located along the Bering Sea coast. I am gonna write about how Jesus changed my life. And He changed my life in different ways, some ways I do not want to mention.

He made me realize the true meaning of life, what it is all about. Made me realize I am loved, someone died for me on the cross. Jesus. I am watched over and cared for.

Also He made me realize there is a purpose for life. I learned this summer that He looks at me as a treasure, not trash.

He is my brother; he died for me and you, not for himself.

I know I am not a really good Christian. Nobody is. I learned from the pastor of the Covenant Church (Grant Funk of Hooper Bay) that it's not how many times you fall, it's how

many times you get up. He is a God of second chances. Here is a prayer. (Luke 11:2-4): "Father help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted."



Paula Hill (far left) with friends

(Watch for Part 2 in the next Chilling News, May 2006.)

Word Daffynitions

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

GOSSIP: A person who will never tell a lie if the truth will do more damage.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

POLYGON: A dead parrot.

QUIET: A state of household serenity which occurs before the birth of the first child and occurs again after the last child has left for college.

SHOW OFF: A child who is more talented than yours.

Trans-generational Violence and Teen Dating Violence

Part I

(Reprinted with permission from the Advocacy for Victims of Abuse web site.)

Domestic violence and youth violence are serious and pervasive problems that tend to occur in the same families and perpetuate one another. There are inextricable links between child abuse, domestic violence and youth violence. Family violence not only injures and kills women and children, it can teach the young people who experience and witness it that violence is acceptable. Young people exposed to abuse in their homes are more likely than others to become violent.

According to Dr. Jill Murray, 1 in 3 girls will be in a controlling, abusive dating relationship before she graduates from high school—from verbal and emotional abuse to sexual abuse or physical batter-

ing (But I Love Him, 2003). It's been shown that in most cases, Teen Dating Violence sets the stage for future partner abuse such as domestic violence. Adolescent girls in dating relationships often confuse jealousy, and possessiveness with flattery. Although this kind of attention appears to be flattering to young girls, it can promote a false sense of assurance and false hopes. Adolescent girls are led to believe that this is love, even though they spend most of the time in the relationship crying or apologizing for their behavior.

Advocacy for Victims of Abuse is an organization under the ECC Covenant Women's Ministry.

Resources for Recovery

Finding help online for dealing with addiction, emotional trauma, and abuse

(Reprinted with permission from The Covenant Companion)

After reading the July Webwatch on dealing with suicide, Gary Means of Cedar Creek Covenant Church in Maple Valley, Washington, sent the following recommendations for Christian recovery websites:

www.celebraterecovery.com for people struggling with addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional behaviors.

www.nacronline.com for people dealing with issues like abuse and addiction

www.xxxchurch.org to help people struggling with issues of pornography

www.confidentkids.com to help families dealing with addictions or other crises

www.alcoholism.about.com/od/christ has lists of articles and outside resources focused on Christian recovery

www.clergyrecovery.com for pastors and religious professionals of all denominations who are in recovery