

December 2006

The Roughton Family
Missionaries to Alaska

Dear Pastors, Church Family, and Friends;

What a blessed time of year, the Christmas holiday season! There is a reason for this season, which is sometimes buried deeply in all the activity, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Let us not forget why we celebrate, Christ's first advent. We are currently off the road for the last three weeks of the month and will begin meetings again in January. We have our mission conference with our home church this month and then will enjoy some family time at home.

When reflecting back over the last several months since beginning deputation in April, there have been many miles traveled (over 14,000), many churches visited (45 in all), and we have met many wonderful people. The Lord has blessed us abundantly with the generosity of His people everywhere and we have enjoyed seeing Him at work in the many churches we have been in. We also have learned many things during these first eight months of deputation and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2007.

One thing that will be happening in our family during this next year is a new baby! Cheryl is expecting a baby in May. Our travel trailer will be getting a little cozier! Please pray for her and for us as we add this new addition to the family.

As most of you know, I quit my job as a pharmacist with Wal-Mart in October when learning of their support of the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. I am most pleased to report that Wal-Mart has retracted this support and is no longer financially helping this organization in any way. I thank the Lord that people got behind the problem and worked to see it stopped. My family is enjoying shopping at Wal-Mart again!

I am planning to be in Alaska during the summer next year. I hope to be able to help in some of the summer camps and activities there that concentrate on children from the villages. Plus, it will be nice to see what a Alaskan summer is like after making my first trip in December last year! Some of my children will be accompanying me and we hope to be a help and blessing to the missionaries and the people there.

We have been blessed with safety for our travels and have enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of God's people. We would ask that you all continue to pray for our schedule for meetings, our safety while on the road, and God's timing for our ministry. We also ask for your prayers concerning our financial needs for the trip to Alaska this coming summer. I believe this trip will greatly open our eyes and our hearts even more to the needs of the native people in Alaska.

In His Service,
Bart Roughton, Missionary to Alaska