



The Roughton Family

Independent Baptist Missionaries To

ALASKA



"I am come a light into the world that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." John 12:46

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"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

Dear Pastor Shipman, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

Names are a very important part of our lives. They give us identity and a sense of belonging, as well as a window into our character. As we are moving into the Christmas Season, how much more do the many names of Jesus mean to us? Immanuel, Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace... all names that show His character and reveal His identity. Let us ponder, as we celebrate His birthday, the many blessings that His name provides us, especially remembering that "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

We returned to Missouri from our trip to New Mexico and Arizona just before Thanksgiving. We were gone for about 10 weeks and have much to be thankful for. Four more churches have made us part of their Mission Family with many others praying on our behalf, which is a tremendous blessing! In addition to sharing God's Word and the need in Alaska, we were able to see and do many things while out West. Seeing the Grand Canyon and Painted Desert, as well as crossing the border into Mexico are just a few of them.

We had many interesting experiences and happenings during our trip, as well. Many of them we could have done without...such as needle sharp goat heads, late night encounters with border patrol, horned beetle bugs, skunks outside the trailer at night, trailer tire blow outs, cracked trailer water tank, truck repairs, broken trailer jacks...I am sure we are forgetting something and that is good! We also had many enjoyable memories while out there that will last a lifetime! We met a very nice man, Michael "Woods", while staying at one church (he lived in the trees behind the church...), we met another Michael on the trip as well...but the ending of that story is still being written... many churches allowed us to use their hook-ups for our trailer for which we are very grateful, we had a first taste of fish tacos, there were many beautiful sights to see hiking in both New Mexico and Arizona, fall in the Southwest was different but enjoyable. We were able to become acquainted with so many people who we will always remember! God crossed our path with a lot of His people who are busy serving Him!

I have included an additional sheet which includes many prayer needs and essentials for our upcoming transition to the field this spring, which is called 'breakup' in Alaska. I greatly appreciate your prayers and concern for my family as we continue working toward the goal of being in McGrath, Alaska, where God has called me to serve Him. God bless you all as you labour for and serve Him.

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