



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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"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Psalms 37:4

Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

A popular saying of ours is, "And it came to pass..." We are seeing the end of our deputation travels and our desire to be in Alaska fulfilled! But...the traveling is NOT over quite yet; we have 3,853 miles to go in order to reach the field where God has called us! We have set our departure date for April 26 and it will be a long drive to Haines, Alaska from Harrisonville, Missouri. It is going to take approximately three weeks to get there considering the road conditions of the Al-Can and we will be pulling our travel trailer. Many churches have responded to our need for overnight accommodations with trailer hook-ups, which is a blessing, until we get to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. From there to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, there is very little in the way of churches available.

The Lord has brought about a change for our beginning ministry in Alaska. A few months ago, Bro. Russ Simpson had contacted me about coming to Haines to work alongside him and his wife. Believing I was heading in another direction at the time, I had not truly considered it. However, over the last three months the Lord has worked in many ways and circumstances. I believe it is His will that we begin work in Haines with Bro. Simpson at this time. Haines is a town in southeast Alaska of approximately 1,500 people. Bro. Simpson has been there for about six years and we look forward to serving with him. It is in the Tlingit Indian area with the Mother Village, Klukwan, only twenty-two miles from Haines! These are the Indians who carve totem poles. Haines is about 775 miles from Anchorage and a four hour ferry ride to Juneau. We are greatly anticipating our arrival on the field and getting started working alongside Bro. Simpson.

Many of the needs for transitioning to the field have been met and we greatly appreciate those who have had a part in making this happen. We would like to extend a BIG **"THANK YOU"** to Bro. Dale Thatcher and Grace Baptist Church in Milan, New Mexico, for covering our passport costs. That was a great blessing! There are still many things that need to be taken care of for our trip and the finances to accomplish this move. We are estimating the fuel cost alone to be approximately \$2,500. If any of you might prayerfully consider helping with our transition fund, we would be very grateful. Please continue to pray for our family as we get closer to our departing date. Our daughter Jenna is getting married April 1 and our son, Bryan, will be staying at our home church. We have many things to get finalized and packed before being ready to leave. Thank you for standing behind us during these years of deputation and for continuing to "hold the rope" with us, as we make this final journey to reach the field where God has called us. We would ask for **special prayer** concerning the crossing of the United States-Canadian border. Many have stories of the thorough inspections that can take place at the border and we would like to miss this delay in our travels! (Around May 6th!) God bless you and thank you all again.

Prayer Needs: Jenna's Wedding, Finances for Move, Border Crossing, Transition to Haines and Our Family, Safety for Trip & Vehicle.

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