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Greetings from Tennessee!

We are thrilled that you will be joining us on this incredible journey to Alaska. Our hearts are filled with anticipation for all that God has in store – not only for the lives of those we will serve, but also for the unique ways He will work in your life. We firmly believe that the Lord has brought this team together for a specific purpose, and we are eager to witness how He will use each of you to make a meaningful impact.

This packet contains important logistical details for the trip, as well as insight into the rich history and deep connection that Far-Flung Tin Can has with the people of Alaska.



In 2012, Kyle developed a deep desire to engage in ministry in Alaska, though the opportunity did not come to fruition until 2016. In 2018, the Far-Flung team traveled to Barrow, Alaska, to connect with and document the inspiring story of David and Tina Matthews. The resulting film, *Light of the North*, offers valuable background on the ministry you are about to partner with. It is available for rent or purchase on Vimeo.



The Inuit community has thrived in these harsh, frigid conditions for over 2,000 years, enduring temperatures as low as -70 degrees. Their resilience and unique way of life are both impressive and inspiring. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with them and to be welcomed into their lives.

Our mission is to come alongside their journey, encouraging their communities with the message that God loves them and has a purpose for them. Pastor David has often emphasized that their greatest need is for people to come, minister, and train local leaders—a need that is rarely met. This is where our partnership has been focused and we are honored to contribute in this way.

We are thrilled that you are now a part of this mission and look forward to seeing the impact we can make together!

What does missions look like in the Arctic?

The Arctic is not a region where we currently focus on building projects or exterior renovations—at least, not yet. The harsh Arctic conditions, with average February temperatures around -25 degrees, significantly limit outdoor activities. Situated at the top of the world, the extreme environment and isolation mean that ministry efforts are rare, and most who visit typically do so only once.

Our approach is service-oriented and relationally focused. The trip will include nightly services, daytime connections, children's programs, community engagement, and leadership training.

Nuts and Bolts

Mission trips involve a significant amount of information to review and share. By providing you with this packet, we aim to equip you with all the essential details well in advance of our departure. This will allow you to begin preparing for the trip early and ensure a smooth and meaningful experience.





Packing Guidelines

Clothing for Cold Weather

Although we won't spend extended periods outdoors, temperatures of -25°F can feel extreme quickly. Prepare by dressing warmly. We recommend:

- + A set of base layer clothing, Sweaters, Snow pants, Insulated winter boots,
- 1–2 pairs of gloves (worn simultaneously), Headgear (hat or balaclava), A heavy winter coat

Clothing for Church Services

Church attire does not need to be formal. Jeans and a nice shirt are perfectly appropriate, as there will be multiple services.

Flashlight

With only about 4 hours of daylight, a flashlight will be essential for certain situations.

Toiletries

Bring all personal hygiene products, including hair care, body wash, deodorant, and similar items. Hair dryers, curling irons, and flat irons can be plugged directly into the wall without a converter.

Medication

If you take daily medications, ensure they are in their original bottles with your name clearly labeled to avoid any issues at the airport.

Money

The only money you'll need is for souvenirs and food in the airports.

* Please note that you may be responsible for covering the cost of your checked luggage with certain airlines.

Your trip lead will be able to tell you that information ahead of time.

Bible & Journal

Apart from your passport, these may be the most important items to pack. We anticipate that the Lord will speak to you in meaningful ways during this trip, so bring a journal to record your experiences and reflections. We also want you to come equipped and prepared – don't leave your Sword at home.

Towels & Pillow

As we will be staying on cots in churches, be sure to bring your own towels and a pillow for added comfort.





Suggested Vaccinations

There are no specific vaccines required for this trip. However, we do recommend ensuring your tetanus vaccination is up to date as a precaution.

Allergies

If you have any allergies to food, animals, or substances that may cause a reaction, please inform us as soon as possible. This information will help us ensure your safety when selecting groceries and preparing meals during your stay. Additionally, if you require any medication for allergies or allergic reactions, please bring it with you and ensure it is clearly labeled with your name.



a Note from Kyle

We are so excited that you are joining us in the work on the northern slope. We travel to some of the most remote places on the planet, and the Arctic often feels like an entirely different world—even though it's part of the United States! The people here have thrived in harsh conditions for thousands of years, creating a truly unique and resilient culture.

We hope you fall in love with this incredible place as we have. Whether it's standing on the frozen ocean, spotting polar bears, marveling at the northern lights, or ministering to people who rarely receive visitors, this journey is one of the most extraordinary gifts God has ever given me—and now you get to share in that gift too!

Let's embrace this incredible adventure with God in the Arctic!



Tentative Schedule

• Please note that the itinerary for this trip is subject to change due to weather conditions, the evolving needs of the people we serve, unforeseen circumstances, or the guidance of the Lord.

Day 1 Travel to Anchorage, Alaska. Overnight stay at a hotel.

Day 2 Sightseeing and community outreach in Anchorage.

Day 3 Morning ministry at a local church in Anchorage. Depart Anchorage for Barrow.

Day 4 Evangelism/ministry in the morning. Youth conference in the evening. Overnight stay at the church.

Day 5 Ministry, sight-seeing and a visit to the Heritage Museum. Youth conference in the evening.

Day 6 Travel to a nearby village for ministry. Overnight stay in a school gymnasium.

Day 7 Morning ministry activities in the village. Return travel to Barrow. Overnight stay at the church.

Day 8 Ministry & activities TBD. Depart Barrow for return travel.

Day 9 & 10 Travel back home.

