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Dear friends,

Greetings from Fairbanks, Manley Hot Springs, Russian Mission, Kako Bible Camp, Rock Crossing Bible Camp, Ft. Yukon, Selawik, Kaltag, Kotzebue, Paradise Valley, Galena, and Athabaskan Indian villages (Rhymes with "Half-a-gas-can"), to mention a few locations to which I have flown for missionaries and campers. The people say "Greetings to all." Now I know that this is somewhat general, but these people know it is you who have sent us and keep us here for their benefit.

No mosquitoes this summer to speak of. Not one bite did I receive this summer. And I'm really good, bait because I didn't wear any repellent, only ate a little garlic and take daily showers.



The camps for Eskimo and Indian teens went well. Five campers were saved and quite a larger number made decisions about their walk with the Lord. This airplane load of young people, standing with Missionary John Sleppy and, I are those who prayed to receive Christ. Airplane fuel in that area sells for around \$7 a gallon, which would prohibit any young people going to camp without your help. We thank all of you who sent gifts for their camp transportation fees. Again, this year there were no accidents. Safety is of the Lord.

The walls and roof of the new log cabin by the hangar is almost completed, thanks to a total of five work teams that came to help so far. Two more are scheduled to come in September and October. Thanks to all of you who came and worked so hard. They all spent personal dollars to come, and their churches helped finance the project. One local man loaned me a backhoe all summer, and another man two blocks away loaned me a fork lift that reaches out forty feet! One work team member, not impressed by my small Bobcat, rented a track backhoe and put in the septic tank. He was blessed with two huge halibut --180 and 160 pounders. When I took two of these work teams fishing, we brought back close to 2300 lbs of halibut, much of which is inside my freezer. At the grocery store here, halibut is selling for \$18 per lb.

All work team members said that they gained weight eating here. The Lord gave perfect weather when we needed it for me to flight see them around Mt. McKinley's 20,320 feet, and beautiful weather to go fishing on perfect seas for twelve hours.

I twisted a knee getting off a piece of equipment at the cabin site and then really hurt my ankle in Selawik helping a missionary helping a missionary hook up a trailer. I've been hobbling around on both legs for over a month. Both are healing quite well now with "Move Free" and with no help from Benny Hinn.

We've been blessed with several preachers who have spoken to our Manley Hot Springs folk. They extend heartfelt thanks. It's a welcome break from Esther, where I've been preaching for a year now.

We were visited by a wonderful nomadic Eskimo family, who stayed at the guest house for a few days. She is the Lord's—he is not. Pray for Chip. He flew with me to Manley and heard the Gospel.

Pray for the Bob Mace family. Years ago, I flew him to Kotzebue at -40 on his first trip there. He died of cancer recently, a relatively young man. One of his sons, Luke is a missionary in Kaltag. He was hoping to make a sheep hunt with Luke this month, but the Lord took him to heaven instead.

Please pray for our village kids. Some of our village teen girls are abused regularly. One boy had cigarette burns on his young chest. I dream of founding a boarding school where these kids would be safe from abuse and able to learn in a Christian school environment. There is an old lodge on a private hot springs for sale northeast of Fairbanks which I would like to convert into the school. It all takes money. If only I could just get Sourdough Sam to find me a good creek with some real gold in it! http://www.romancingalaska.com/interior/INT_circle_hot_springs.htm

Faithfully yours,

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Far North Flying Chaplain

SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ:



"Work team members putting on weight? That's OK. Fat people are harder to kidnap."