

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, we have written several times about our missions documentary showing the needs of the gospel in remote Alaska. As we have worked on editing this video over the last few months, I have to admit, it has been a challenge. I have explained it to several people like this.

Imagine having ten puzzles dumped on the table in front of you. Your goal is to make one beautiful puzzle that tells a story, but you have nine puzzles mixed in that are not the pieces you need to tell a great story. In addition to all of the extra pieces, you also don't have the box with the picture. It is your job to determine the picture simply from the pieces that lie in front of you. You start by trying to find the edge pieces to give you a framework for the rest of the puzzle. Gradually, you start to eliminate pieces that you are reasonably sure are not part of the picture, but as you remove them there is a nagging doubt in the back of your mind that you may be getting rid of a piece you need or want.

This is much how I feel in editing this documentary. During our trip last summer, we captured 39 hours of video footage. Many hours of this footage is the "nine extra puzzles." As I have edited, I have started to assemble the "edge" pieces, or the basic storyline of the video. I have started to eliminate pieces of footage that most likely won't be part of the final video. There have been days of editing where I got "stuck" and struggled to see the picture I was trying to create. In all of this, there is another aspect of the puzzle. I am missing pieces. From the beginning of this project, we have been planning a second trip to Alaska to capture what ministering in bush Alaska looks like in the wintertime. I leave for that trip today (February 24th) and will spend two weeks in Alaska, filming in several different villages in the state.

God also seems to be opening the door to take one final trip for this project to the southeast area of Alaska this summer.

#### PLEASE PRAY

I want to ask you to pray for several things.

1. God's wisdom to piece together a video that will be effective at challenging the hearts of Christians about missions in Alaska and around the world.
2. God's direction about a trip to Southeast Alaska this summer.
3. Safety and effectiveness in my winter trip.
4. The family that will stay behind. Due to the cost of travel and the fast-paced nature of this trip, I (Nathan) will be going alone. These times apart can be difficult for the family. Our daughter Grace has been telling me that she wants me to stay home and not to go to Alaska. She needs God's peace and I need God's wisdom to love and support my family even while I am gone.

Thank you for your continued support as we endeavor to make videos that help Christians to lift up their eyes and look on the fields that are white already to harvest.

Nathan, Hannah, Grace, and Micah