



A Bucket and a Tote

Along with most other locations in the United States and beyond, the Covid-19 pandemic is ravaging both the urban and remote villages alike. Cold winter weather has driven the citizens of the far north indoors, where in the remote native villages many times there are 3 and 4 generations of a family crowded under one roof. If one contracts the virus it is next to impossible to stop the spread.

Due to this reality, the state and local governments have restricted travel to the rural areas. Special travel plans are required to be approved by the Department of Health and Social Services prior to flight to any remote

village. Such plans must outline contagion mitigation protocols that will be followed as well as detailed information on how the company (AWA-Alaska) will deal with any personnel who become sick while on such a flight.

Jim Keeney, one of our volunteer pilots-in-training, is a heating contractor. He is a specialist in biomass heating systems, which many villages are moving toward. It is essentially hi-tech wood-burning on a grand scale. They use it to heat community buildings like clinics, water plants, and city offices. Jim was asked to go to the remote village of Huslia, to inspect and troubleshoot a new installation that has failed to operate properly.

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

—John 20:19-21

This special assignment gave us the opportunity to inquire whether there were any folks in the village that were running short on food. As a result, we transported enough shelf stable food for five families to last them several weeks. Each family was to receive a bucket and a tote. The food items were intended to provide a fairly balanced diet, while they last. The Fairbanks ACS (Adventist Community Services) provided the food stocks from their warehouse.

The chief of the village met us at the airport along with a woman whom he had assigned to distribute the food buckets and totes. They expressed much thankfulness that a previously unknown entity would turn a plumbing/heating inspection into an added blessing to their village.

It is our hope that further doors will be opened for us to provide transportation for essential resources in the near future. We thank our faithful supporters who not only daily pray for our health and safety, but continue to fund this ministry in the northern latitudes.

Funds are low and especially needed as people continue to deal with the isolation and transportation issues the virus has created. AWA is blessed to help where we can.

Please call today 1-888-477-8945 or go to the website, flyaway.org to partner with us to help these people in the far north.
Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers and your donations!
God bless you all,
Jim and Linda Kincaid



Jim Kincaid, and his wife, Linda, are your AWA Missionaries stationed at AWA's Alaska Mission Base