

Today is the 19th of October and the second snow of the season is drifting down. It's been about three weeks since we said goodbye to the family of Sandhill Cranes that have for years nested just across our runway from our hangar. We won't see them again until sometime in May, next spring.

In Alaska, as with all extreme northern latitude locations, summer is a very short, intense period of time in which we northern tribes celebrate the long, sunny days with a myriad of outdoor activities, such as camping, hiking, floating the beautiful rivers, all the while knowing that winter is coming with its own set of limitations of extreme low temperatures, frozen ground, depressing darkness, the necessity of having on hand extra food, water, stove oil, or firewood.

In II Timothy 4:9, 13, 21 the Apostle Paul urges his son in the faith, Timothy, to come quickly and come before winter. Why? Because Paul has a premonition that he will not live to see the spring. He knows that the possibility of traveling by ship will end in mid-fall, and not be available again until spring.

The message, "Come before winter" has voiced a critical message to all who will listen since the time it was written.

It is a message that speaks of action, not procrastination; it speaks of present opportunities to be pursued, past wrongs righted, and eternal realities invested in.

In spite of the chaos in our world and the limited confidence anyone around us may have in any positive



future, we can say with confidence with Job. "I know my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth;" Job 19:25.

So, we who inhabit the northern regions can say with confidence that as long as this earth exists, the Sandhill Cranes will return to their home by our runway as their Creator has instructed them. And meanwhile, that same Creator is still upon His throne, and He has instructed us that we have a mission to carry forward, souls to be saved, sin to be rebuked, food delivered to the hungry, medicines carried to the sick, and clothing for those who need it.

We are very thankful for those who continue, during these difficult times, to support AWA with prayers and finances. We join together in lifting our hearts and minds to the coming of our Lord and King. Working together we can relieve suffering and provide hope to those with no hope.

Trust the Lord in all things and rejoice that He has wonderful plans for your life, the lives of those you can impact through AWA and those who you many only meet when we reach our final destination. Our season of woe is short in comparison to the awesome joy we will experience throughout eternity.

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Thank you for your prayers and your donations!

God bless you all, Jim and Linda Kincaid



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