



### ***Too Cold to Fly***

We have been planning for several months to fulfill an agreement to distribute essential protective equipment and cleaning supplies to 11 Interior Alaska remote villages. In late December we received the first shipment, consisting of approximately 4,000 lbs. This material was stored in the local ACS (Adventist Community Services) Warehouse pending receipt of the remaining items. The final 4,000 lbs was delivered during the first week of February.

We have been eager to get started on this project, so that the people in the villages can have the materials and products that will help them enhance their personal

hygiene and hopefully help prevent, or slow down the spread of infection.

Unfortunately, about the time we received the final shipment, we began to experience the coldest weather of the entire winter so far. Our low temperature cutoff is minus 25F for flight operations. For much of the last two weeks we have seen temps in the minus 40F to minus 55F for the villages we need to fly to. Finally, yesterday it looked hopeful. A warming trend was beginning across Alaska's Interior. The weather was very good. We loaded and secured the 30 boxes, filling the airplane totally. After filing a flight plan we called the clinic in the village of Eagle and told them our ETA.



As we rolled down the runway and lifted off a mechanical issue manifested itself. So we immediately turned, circled the landing pattern, and landed where we had just departed.

We then had to call the Eagle clinic and tell them the disappointing news that our flight was canceled.

The rest of the day was spent troubleshooting and addressing the maintenance issue. The temperatures had climbed to minus 10F, but working inside the airplane required unloading most of the boxes, and working outside the airplane required stopping to warm the hands by sitting in the car every little while.

But by the end of the day the airplane was ready for reloading, and hopefully today we will be successful in our mission.

We are thankful for many things. Including, the fact that God has given us a meaningful task to do for Him, good health with which to carry it out, and some faithful supporters who pray and fund our efforts.

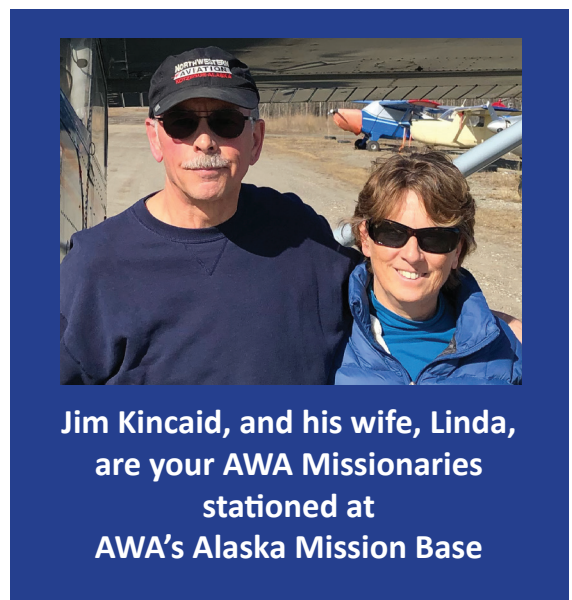
Thank you for your prayers and your donations!

God bless you all,

*Jim and Linda Kincaid*

**Editor's note:**

We are grateful for missionaries willing to serve under such extreme conditions. Please pray for the Kincaids as they faithfully do their work of being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your support is needed to help them keep flying their critical missions to the remote villages. Thank you!



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