



Pictured: The loaded airplane before launch and Red Cross personnel unload in Manley.

Spring Flooding

Those of us who live in the northern climes look forward to the glories of the short, intense, warm, beautiful summers that grace our horizons. After 8 months of cold, snow, and dark we are well ready for a change. But with the change comes the very real threat of river ice jams and subsequent flooding. This particular winter brought more than 30 inches of snow above the yearly average, so the weather-mongers and hydrologists have been forecasting worse than average high water. Most of the approximately 225 native villages are located close to rivers or the Arctic Sea coast.

The first week of May saw the first river ice movement, with Manley Hot Springs the first

of probably many small communities needing outside assistance with resources not easily accessible.

Due to our long-standing relationship with ACS (Adventist Community Services) and NARVOAD (Northern Alaska Regional Voluntary Agencies in Disaster) the state of Alaska SEOC (State Emergency Operations Center) called requesting a flight to transport as many Red Cross household cleaning kits to Manley Hot Springs as we could squeeze on board. We were able to take 38 five-gallon buckets.

Volunteer Pilots Jim Keeney and Jim Kincaid cared for the flying duties.

A Refuge

*You have been a
refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy
in their distress, a shelter
from the storm and
a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the
ruthless is like a storm
driving against a wall.*

—Isaiah 25:4

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

A Shelter in the Time of Storm

The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain

Mighty Rock in a weary land,
Cooling shade on the burning sand,
Faithful guide for the pilgrim band—
A shelter in the time of storm.

A shade by day, defense by night,
A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no fears affright,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain

The raging storms may round us beat,
A shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain

O Rock divine, O Refuge dear,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our helper ever near,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain

—Vernon J. Charlesworth