



Winter Musings - A View From the Past - 1984

As we've started a new year, heading that much closer to Jesus' soon return I consider how far we come in ministry. So much time, blessing, and stories. My mind goes back to the early days of our ministry among the villages of Northwest Alaska. Our history is documented by the procession of the aircraft we have operated. The particular airplane pictured was a Cessna 185 mission plane we flew for close to 5 years.

On any particular Sabbath, we would launch from Kotzebue well before daylight and fly east to the villages of Ambler and Shungnak. There we would land on the

Kobuk River ice in front of the village just as day was dawning. We would hold a service for the small group of villagers who attended from week to week.

Then we would fly west to the village of Selawik and hold an afternoon service. After all this, we would finish out the Sabbath with a service in Kotzebue. This routine made a full day of ministry. Back then, we were the only mission staff in the entire region. In those days very few televisions were seen in the villages. There was only one telephone in each village, and very few villages had running water or sewer.



Now, every house it seems, sports several TVs, and everyone from 12 or 14 on up has a smartphone. What a different world there is now. As technology spreads to the third world, an accompanying secularization comes with it. People can be more difficult to reach with the gospel. But the positive side is that as the worldview broadens because of the influence of tech, the end-time prophetic message gains a context. I believe that God is going to do a mighty work among the indigenous peoples of the world as He makes ready a people to meet Him when He comes.

Thank you for your support of the indigenous ministry here in Alaska. God's precious children are everywhere and we're honored to serve where we can become a pathway to them knowing Him for a saving, eternal relationship.

We take this opportunity to thank those who support us by their prayers and funds.

God bless you all,

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