

Looking for Spring

Dateline: Fairbanks, Alaska. Today was forecasted to achieve about 24 degrees Fahrenheit. This is a huge change over the last week when temps as low as -70 were reported in the area. This current temp is approximately 75 degrees warmer than we had just a week ago.

Now that possible daylight has increased to about 8 hours, and the temperatures are moderating, we are actively planning to return to flying again. We expect to render flight support to the Alaska Rural Veterinary Association as they visit interior villages to treat sled dogs and other animals.

One of the most encouraging things has been the recent request for the baptism of two men from the village of Birch Creek. Isaac James and his uncle, Oscar James, have decided they want to be baptized to follow Jesus all the way. They came to Fairbanks from their village, which is 91 nautical miles due north of Fairbanks, to complete some training in late January. I gathered some Bible Lessons and DVDs featuring Monte Church's Native New Day series.

In a few weeks, we plan to fly to Birch Creek and review the Bible Lessons with them. It may take a few



visits to complete a review of the teachings of Jesus in preparation for baptism. We will then make plans for the big day.

The baptism will likely take place within a month or more when we can arrange travel to bring the men to Fairbanks for the service in one of our churches here.

When they are baptized, they will join the other three members of the village who have already taken that step.

Pictured are the Hawk XP, based at Anchorage's Merrill Field, and our C-206, based in Fairbanks. After the deep cold of the last few weeks, we are welcoming more moderate conditions.

God bless you all, Jim and Linda Kincaid

