



Bringing Food to the Mission

Hello friends and family!

The snow is mainly gone in our yard! We are excited for the spring! The community is anticipating warmer weather and, particularly, the fishing season. If there were no fish out here, I am convinced that Dillingham and all the surrounding villages would not exist. It's what brought people here years ago, and it's what keeps people coming back.

All the boats that have been put up for the winter will be put back into the water soon, and the town will start filling up with fishermen and cannery workers. During the summer, the population here doubles because of all the fishing that's going on.

Something else that will be coming into the harbor is shipping barges. Something that we just got started was

a drop for a bulk food company called Azure Standard. We just found out we were approved to be a drop this last weekend. We're excited to get bulk food items like grains, beans, and other goods directly to the harbor here in town via barge, not only for our own benefit but also to help community members access them.

Some things that you can order are not available here in the bush, and others are cheaper. We like to encourage people to eat healthy, but what's the point if they don't have access to some of these foods? Before we moved here, Yosi found out that there used to be a drop years ago, but the lady who used to coordinate moved to another state, and the people stopped getting their stuff. After seeing what's in the stores here and what we were able to get from online, we decided to start a drop when the barges start coming again.



Yosi had the opportunity to tell some of the local ladies about the drop yesterday at our “End of Year Homeschool Celebration” for the co-op our boys attended. Their faces lit up when they heard we’d started a drop again. They were very excited because they needed to restock their pantries. We hope to make more connections in the community through this, and the community will be blessed with more healthy food. Please keep our Spring-Summer drop in your prayers.

We just completed a seminar at our church on the Sanctuary and its services, presented by our two missionary students from Oklahoma Academy. They talked about how the tabernacle was a way for God to dwell with us. Another way that God dwells with us is through our body temples, and it matters to God how we treat them. It is through our minds that we hear the Holy Spirit speaking to us. We all enjoyed their presentations, and even our boys were very excited to attend the meetings.

Up here in Alaska, suicide is a big problem. I imagine it’s seen as a release from the burdens that seem too great to bear. I think the weight can feel especially heavy here in the bush because of the dark, cold climate, the isolation, the struggle to survive, the disruption of community structure over the years, and probably a whole list of other things, some unique to each individual.

Think about this: one of the main gifts of the Spirit is comfort. Jesus even calls the Holy Spirit “The Comforter”! So tell me, how are you to experience it to the fullest if you’re not clear-minded? Therefore, we see it as necessary to eat and live in ways that keep us in optimal shape. We hope to help others on their health journey through this food drop, connecting with the community and helping them connect with God.

Keep our Dillingham church in your prayers, along with all the outreach events they plan for the community.

Pray that we will be ready to receive the Holy Spirit to welcome new people into our church and give them hope and a purpose to live for God!

—Josh Fix

PRAY FOR:

- Spring-Summer Azure Drop
- Outreach to the community

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- \$50,000 for Avionics Upgrades



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