



Sharing Bread

The Alaskan Summer is upon us, and the town of Dillingham is astir with activity. The population here doubles during the fishing season, and the airport is busy with both commercial and sport fishermen. People come from all over the world to fish here because, as I'm told, the Bristol Bay area has the best salmon fishing in the whole world.

For the last month or so, we've been going around town and selling homemade whole-wheat bread that Yosi makes from flour she mills herself. It's been popular, and we have had opportunities to meet all kinds of people through this. We had someone recommend going to the little hospital here and selling the bread in the lobby, which seemed a little strange to us, but we heard it's done here often enough, so we went.

When we got there, the receptionist announced over the PA that bread was available in the lobby, and people

started coming out, including staff and locals. So we have been going there weekly, and we have a customer base. They sure notice the different taste and appreciate the simple ingredients. Some get the bread because it helps them feel better. People are excited about a guilt-free food option. We encourage people to get their own mill so they can make delicious bread at home. But for those who can't, we are happy to make bread for them.

There's a decent number of people here who are already milling their own flour more or less out of necessity. It's cheaper, and if you want whole-wheat flour, it's better to buy the grain and mill it yourself; you're fighting the limited shelf life of whole wheat flour. Once flour is milled, it's just a matter of time before it spoils.

Over the last month, the boat harbor has been filling up with fishing boats that spent the winter up on blocks



in the boatyard. They use big trailers to pick them up off the blocks and take them down to the boat ramp to put them in the water. The boats are tied together, side by side, in long lines with only the first boat tied to the dock. We've been having leftover bread after selling it at the hospital, and so we've been taking it down to the harbor to sell to the fishermen. The boys and I would jump from boat to boat with loaves in hand, asking anyone we saw if they wanted homemade bread, and we would sell all of our remaining stock.

We also started a bulk food drop here in town while the barges are coming. It is hard to get certain foods here without breaking the budget. By selling our bread and emphasizing the importance of fresh food, we have met many people and shared our story with them. We get to tell them about our mission and the work we are doing.

This community has been home to many Adventists over the years. Many people have had very positive experiences with Adventists, and some have not. We hope to help build positive experiences with the community and show the truth God has given us in a way that makes sense and can be implemented meaningfully. We've been told that Adventists think they're better than everyone else. God help us! Most of us have been guilty of being at least a little egotistical at least once in our lives. It's something that God's people have been guilty of many times throughout their history. But that's not to excuse it! Christ's harshest rebuke was to the Pharisees of His day, who maintained an outward veneer that hid the rot inside. He was calling them to be clean through and through (Matthew 23:25-26). He has a similar rebuke for us today in Revelation 3, starting in verse 14. May God help us to see our true condition, individually and corporately, that we may humbly come to Him and receive help.

Please pray for the work we are doing in Alaska, as well as for other church members, ministers, volunteers, and missionaries. May God put His Spirit in us that we may be empowered to manifest the life of Christ to those in darkness and hopelessness.



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