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## WHY MISSIONS

### Get Involved

- Write cards of encouragement for mothers at East Lake Initiative (ELI)
- Donate Toiletries for Serving You Ministries   
Scan the QR code to get to the Amazon shopping list
- Donate freezer meals or cases of waters for ELI

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*  
Matthew 5:16

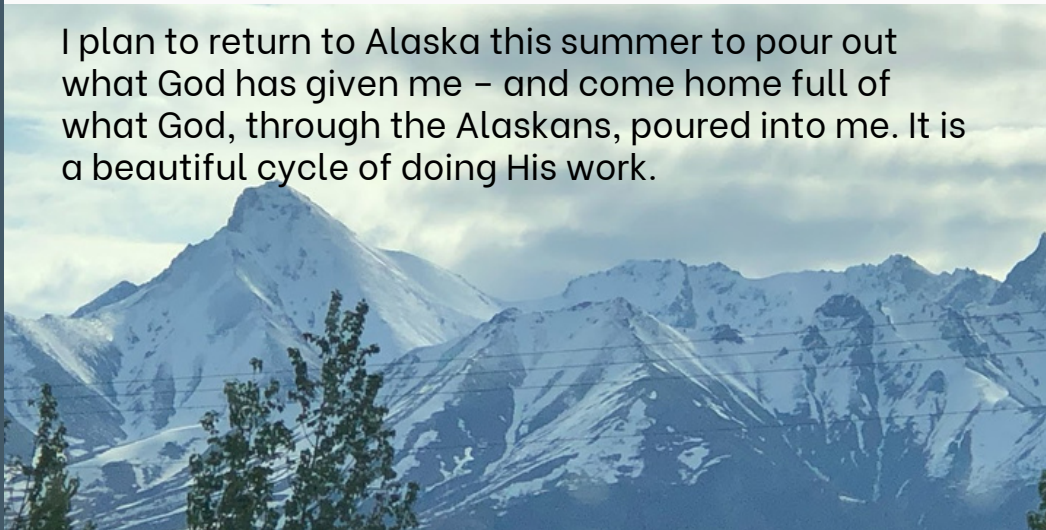
### *Alaska Mission Possible!*

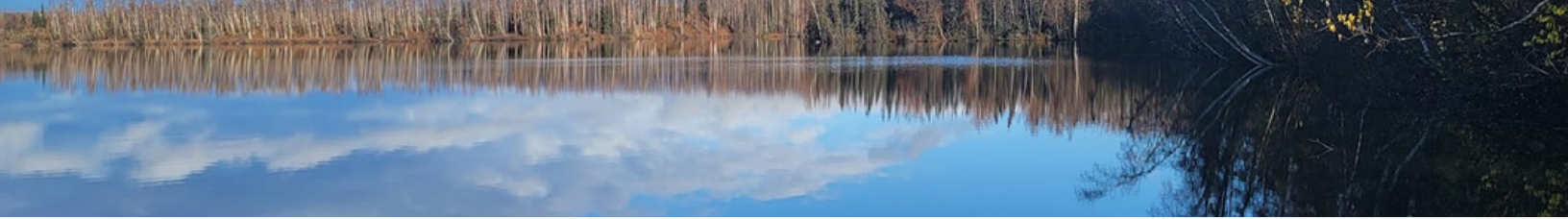
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Last summer I participated in a mission trip to Valdez, Alaska. During the trip, we served in Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Valdez. It was a spectacular trip! I enjoy seeing God's world and the different places He created. I also enjoy experiencing how people serve God in different places, under different circumstances, and through different conditions. This trip allowed me to do just that.

As I make plans for a mission trip, I tend to think about what I can offer the people there. What can I pour out? Then I realize by the end of the trip that I always come home full – even overflowing. In the process of pouring out, God does not leave me empty. He offers encounters with people that pour into me.

I plan to return to Alaska this summer to pour out what God has given me – and come home full of what God, through the Alaskans, poured into me. It is a beautiful cycle of doing His work.





## Why Serve?

WHY? The famous question asked from a very young age throughout our lives. Oftentimes the “WHY” cannot be answered. When we have our “plans” and they do not go the way we hoped, we ask Why? When we see suffering, we ask Why?

Most of us want to find our purpose and know why we’re here and I think the best way to find your purpose is by serving with intention.

Serving teaches us, and helps us grow and see other perspectives while allowing us to use our gifts to serve the Lord while loving on others. I am reminded of 1 Peter 4:10-11 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” When serving we use our gifts, no matter what your gift is, whether it’s teaching or encouragement. The Lord blessed each of us with a unique gift and we are called to serve others as faithful servants of Jesus.

*“Faith doesn’t mean an absence of fear. It means facing fear and trusting that God’s goodness is greater.”*

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