

Covenant Youth of Alaska

Improving Lives, One Life at a Time

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Letter from the Executive Director:

Dear CYAK Support Team,

We thank God every time we think of you! While we strive to reach, disciple and develop leaders here in Alaska, we know it only happens when God calls people to be involved and to sacrifice. While some of us are called to make sacrifices through "going" we cannot go without people being called to sacrifice through giving. Jesus was a living sacrifice, and he asks us not to seek our own comfort, but to also live a sacrificial life. Thank you for your important sacrifice in this mission.

This month we will gather and train about 30 people who are on the front lines serving youth in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta region. Some of them are working as public school based counselors in the villages, some are village police safety officers, and some are CYAK youth workers. We are gathering in Mt. Village, and it will be a time of encouragement, equipping, and networking for those serving youth in the trenches in the villages. Next month we will be gathering in Unalakleet for a similar CYAK worker gathering for workers in the Norton Sound region.

This vision only happens when people get involved, and we together are the hands and feet of Christ. Thank you for your significant part in this mission. You are the backbone to this ministry.

Byron Bruckner Covenant Youth of Alaska Executive Director



Fall colors at the Gathering in Big Lake, AK

Ministry Highlight: Arigaa

Arigaa is a ministry intended for young adults from the village who are attending UAA or have moved to Anchorage. Translated, the Inupiaq word Arigaa means "sweet" or "so good". What a fun year it has been so far as our dinner table is overflowing with students! Every Thursday evening we gather together to share a meal, have a Bible study and of course play some ultimate or Nerf basketball. It is such a blessing to be a part of a group of about 25 young adults choosing to dedicate their Thursday nights to the Lord and fellowship with one another.



Young adults at Arigaa! October 2010



Pete at the Gathering

What's coming up:

- Singspiration: October 29, 2010
- Fall Blast in Elim: November 12–14, 2010
- Youth Worker Training-Norton Sound: November 19-20, 2010
- Arigaa, CCF, and the Job Corps Ministries continue to meet!