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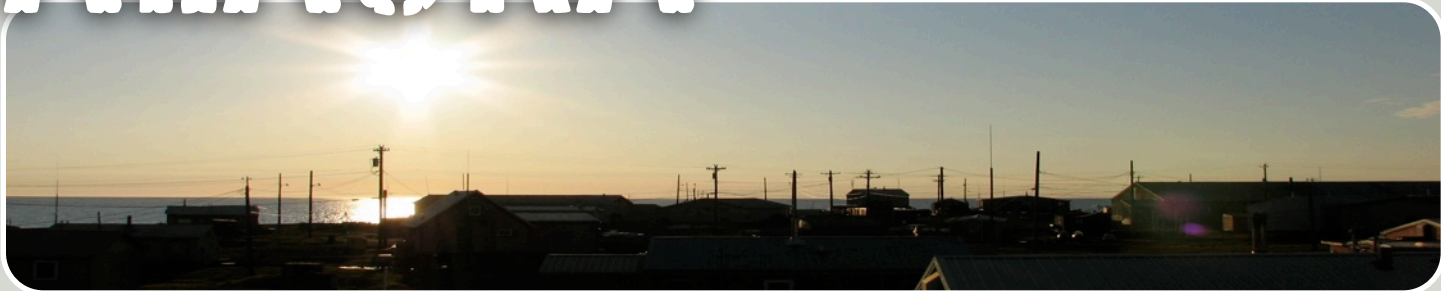
ALASKA



Standing in the Gap Ministries

A Ministry of the Black family serving among the remote native villages of Alaska.

“And I sought for a man...”



A GAP STANDER FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” - Ezekiel 22:30

WHO WE ARE

We are Derek, Laura, and Elias Black and God has given us a passion for remote Alaskan ministry. It is our burden to be gap standers in the needy land of Alaska, just like our Savior was the Gap Stander for all mankind. We believers now have the awesome privilege of sharing the Good News about the Gap Stander! It is our passion to bring God's message of grace to the Eskimo peoples of Alaska through indigenous church planting.

FAMILY UPDATE

As many of you know, we have been preparing to begin our raising support (deputation) phase for some time. Over the past 9 months, God has blessed us as we have finished paying off all of our school debts! I have

thoroughly been enjoying teaching 5th grade this school year. God has used this time to teach me much about ministry and dealing with people. Laura has likewise enjoyed her continued nursing position at a local hospital emergency room. She recently began work again, after a 3 month maternity leave. Yes, maternity leave! On December 23 God blessed us with our son, Elias. He encountered some breathing troubles with some floppy tissue in his throat within the first few weeks of his life. We spent several weeks in and out of the hospital as doctors tested and performed the necessary procedures to improve his struggles. We have truly experienced God's goodness throughout the first 3 months of Elias' life. The procedures were a success and our son is now breathing normally! We praise God for His work!



*Derek, Laura, and Elias Black
Your partner gap standers for
the Gap Stander in Alaska.*

CONTINUE TO PRAY




“Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.” - 1 Cor. 3:8-9

Paul addressed the church at Corinth regarding their view on ministry in relation to their church's previous and current leaders. This

passage is really awesome because it is so practical for the development of our proper view of ministry. You see, the pastoral staff, lay leadership, congregation, and missionary alike all share in the cooperative effort of laboring together for the expansion of God's Kingdom!

So we want to thank you so much for partnering with us through your prayers! May we continue to experience God's working grace in our cooperative ministry effort!

Prayer Corner

-  **Pray for us to make the right contacts for prospective meetings (esp. in an unstable economy).**
-  **Pray for financial needs to be met.**
-  **Pray that we would maintain a close walk with our God and a burden for AK.**

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