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# ALASKA



## Standing in the Gap Ministries

A Ministry of the Black family, missionary appointees to the remote native villages of Alaska.

“And I sought for a man...”



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## 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

Well, we have officially begun our raising support phase (commonly referred to as deputation). We are really praying for churches to truly have a passion to view their support of

us as a ministry partnership, whereby we share in spiritual fruits together! (1 Cor. 3:8-9)

Please do continue to pray that God provides churches who are open to having us share our ministry with them amidst an economy that is waging war on churches’ missions budgets!

We are especially grateful for the receptivity we have found among Alaska’s churches along the road system. We are excited for this fall, as we have some 15 meetings scheduled throughout Alaska. Please pray for a productive trip, good meetings, our needs to be met, believers to be edified, and safety. We will be in Alaska from September 3rd through November 24th.



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

## A UNIQUE WITNESS

**“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.” - Mark 16:15**

Lastly, please pray for us as we seek to update and revamp our gap stander message portion of our website. This is a section of our site that is dedicated to sharing the gospel in a technological, unique way. It has consisted of several screens with audio files explaining the

different truths of salvation. It is our desire this time to update it using video in place of the current audio files.

We have “gap stander” cards that we hand out as introductory tracts, directing people to the full online gospel videos. These cards are available at our meetings and at our website via a download. We want our supporters to partner with us not just through missions, but also then through sharing the gospel right where you live.



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- Continue to pray for church meetings
- Pray for this fall’s Alaska meetings
- Pray for online gospel update

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