

Dear Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor and Youth Worker;

I hope and trust this letter finds you at peace with our Lord and Savior as you are serving him. Each day we wake, we are blessed to be in His presence and able to labor for his kingdom.

It is my privilege to bring to you this packet of information regarding the Joplin District NYI Missions project for next summer. That is correct; we are already planning for the summer of 2010.

From June 25-July 2, 2010 we will minister to the Alaska District Church of the Nazarene by working at local churches and the District Campground around Anchorage. While we do not have a lot of the specific details this far out, we are excited about the opportunities that lay ahead in Alaska for our youth and sponsors from the district. It is important to know upfront that this trip is considered our international trip and thus is reserved for High School and College and Career students only. Students must be at minimum a current high school student at the time of submitting an application to be considered for the trip. We do this to ensure that the team that is assembled to attend is mature enough to handle the stresses of international travel.

While some churches may elect to organize and participate in a mission trip through their local NYI, many churches may not be able to do this due to the overall cost of a trip. That is why we have the district NYI mission trip each summer-to partner with the local NYI programs to assist them in encouraging students in becoming more like Christ. This trip will be the only way that many of the students across our district are able to participate in a mission project. That is why we need.

For our trip to be successful, we need you to join in on the process of Alaska 2010. We need you to do the following three things:

1. Show the excitement and joy of missions work through out your church: As teens see an excitement in the adults about missions, they will then catch on and desire to join with us.
2. Decide if your local NYI will join in as a group and participate or if you will make it available to each student on an individual basis.
3. Advertise this great opportunity directly to the teens and any youth volunteers from your local NYI. Enclosed with this letter is the application packet that will tell them everything they need to know and do to participate in the trip.

Again this year, we will be allowing sponsors to go for free based on a ratio of 1 sponsor to every 6-8 youth. Any sponsor that wishes to attend but are not selected to have their way paid through these slots, are still encouraged to go but will be required to pay the full price of the trip.

And one last bit of exciting news. Any teen that puts an application in for both District Camp and Alaska 2010 will receive \$100 off their camp registration fees! That is a great bargain for the teens and we need to sell this to them. District Camp and Alaska 2010 for about \$1500! A trip to Alaska alone would exceed that cost!

So how about it! Will you assist the Joplin District NYI in this awesome and wonderful opportunity of ministering in Alaska? Join with us in giving the students of the Joplin District NYI the opportunity to experience serving Christ in a way like never before!

In Christ,  
Brian Murrison  
NYI Missions Coordinator



Dear Sponsors and Students,

Greetings to you as you consider this great opportunity of serving God in the great land of Alaska! Your District NYI Council is excited to offer you this trip of a lifetime to encounter God in his grandeur as you serve Him by reaching out to those in need in Alaska.

The information that you find enclosed with this letter will tell you everything that you need to know about this great opportunity of service. We will embark on a mission project at Camp Maranatha located north of Anchorage, Alaska. Camp Maranatha is the Alaskan District Church of the Nazarene campgrounds. It sets amongst some of God's most gorgeous landscapes of mountains and glaciers while only a short drive from the ocean waters.

Our trip will start on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will fly into Anchorage, AK and then begin our work on the camp grounds, returning on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, just in time for your family get together on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Imagine now as you gather with friends and family on that holiday next year, being able to share with them the great time you had in serving God and building strong bonds with your friends on the Joplin District NYI. What an awesome opportunity this will be.

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The cost of this trip has been kept as low as possible. For \$1350, you will have all expenses paid for. You will only need to bring spending money for any souvenirs or extras you would like to purchase while on the trip. We recognize that this is a significant amount of money, but remember, God is faithful and will provide your needs if he intends on you participating in this mission trip. Plus, you have almost an entire year to get the money raised and turned in.

And one added bonus! If you plan to attend camp next year and would like to go on the mission trip, we are offering you \$100 off your camp registration fees. That is correct; you will go to camp for \$100 less than those not going on the mission trip! District Camp and Alaska 2010 for around \$1500! How awesome is that!

So start planning and praying now! Do not wait another minute! Pause and ask God to guide you in your decision making and to provide your needs, whatever they are. Find a prayer partner and give them the letter that is enclosed. Have them begin praying for you also. God is faithful and will see that your needs are met!

If you have any questions about the trip, please feel free to contact me at my home at 620-325-2565 or by email at [murrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:murrison@sbcglobal.net).

In Christ,  
Brian Murrison  
Joplin District NYI Missions Coordinator

Dear Prayer Partner,

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 students and sponsors from all across the Joplin District Church of the Nazarene will depart for Anchorage, Alaska to embark an experience that will be life changing for each of them. You are receiving this letter because you were asked by one of these student's/sponsor's to be their prayer partner for this great experience.

I personally would like to thank you for accepting this great privilege. I firmly believe that the impact that our students/sponsors have on those we minister to in Alaska will be directly related to the support they receive in prayer from you. And as we all know, while mission trips are for the purpose of ministering to those in need, it is also a time that many are impacted by God and develop a better sense of biblical compassion and service. For some, their experience may bring forth a full time call into the mission field.

So with this I would like to ask you to pray specifically for the following as it relates to the student/sponsor experience on the work and witness trip.

- Pray that God will meet the financial needs of the student to be able to participate in the mission trip.
- Prior to the trip, pray daily that God will work in the heart of the student/sponsor, preparing him/her to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and God's work in his/her life during the trip.
- For travel mercies for the entire group going to and from Alaska and also during the week.
- If possible, meet with the student/sponsor on a regular basis and encourage him/her with fellowship, scripture and prayer in the weeks leading up to the trip.
- Pray that the student/sponsor will develop a strong bond with others on the trip, both with other students and sponsors.
- During the trip, pray that God will use the student/sponsor in spreading His love through both work projects and activities.
- That God will reveal himself to the student/sponsor in a new and refreshing way, challenging him/her to grow in his/her understanding and acting upon biblical compassion and being a servant.
- That God will speak directly to the student/sponsor about his/her future in regards to missions.

Again, thank you so very much for being willing to share in Alaska 2010 through your prayers. I sense God already working and preparing great things for our students and sponsors. It will be a great experience and I look forward to the students return to share how God worked in the lives of those we minister to and our students alike.

In Christ,  
Brian Murrison  
Missions Coordinator  
Joplin District NYI