



In 2015, Cheryl Stem was one of the featured speakers at the ARVBA 'Mission Possible' Conference. Her passionate presentation of the needs of the Native Alaskans and the possibilities for gospel missions lead to several partnerships with ARVBA Churches and individuals becoming involved in ministry support and/or trips to aid the work.

The need is ongoing as the following excerpt from Cheryl's letter will affirm.

*Danny thank you so much for taking a few moments with me and giving me your phone number.*

*Loyd and I have been called to serve in Alaska in the Native American, Athabascan villages around Tok. It started out as a church mission trip for a week but God has lead us to a longer ministry even though it is not full time. We are there usually from around the 1st of July till sometime in September.*

*We work in 4 villages. Mentasta, Tetlin, Tanacross and Nothway and all are English speaking.*

*We need help! We need teams to come in for a week or more at a time and help with the village ministries.*

*God spoke to Loyd about buying a house that would be used to house missionaries and mission teams. In obedience to that call we bought a 5 bedroom, 5 bath home in which teams can stay free of charge while serving.*

*The cost for a person would be their airfare and the cost of food while they are there. Airfare into Fairbanks will run between \$700-1200. There will be ministry costs also but this would be different depending on if it is just one person or a church sending a team up.*

*We do VBS, bible studies, ladies ministry, Worship service, and kids retreats in which the kids from the villages come to the mission house and have a 3-day retreat in which they spend the night. Kinda like a mini camp but at a resort, so to speak.*

*We are open to any ideas of ministry and whatever talents or gifts people have they can be valuable to the ministry there.*

*God is at work. It is our 8th year (2015) and it seems like we are building a lot of relationships and bearing fruit. We saw God move this summer and 13 gave their life to Him. Praise the Lord!*

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.""*

*Matthew 9:36-38 NLT*

*Thanks again Danny!*

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