

Missionaries to
ALASKA



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Dear Brethren,

Clouds covered the landscape in the wee hours of the morning as George Pitka and I were leaving the town of Fairbanks, Alaska heading south. There was no fear or stress about ministry of winning thousands a week to find favor with man, but an anticipation of the highest sorts: to see the Hand of GOD open a door. Driving the 380-mile trek to Anchorage was filled with excitement to meet and reacquaint with Harrison Miklahook, Jr., a Siberian Yupik from the St. Laurence Island who had flown in from Nome, Alaska that morning! Upon arrival, my mind, heart and soul turned to GOD to direct my heart, mind and mouth!!! There was no written sermon to hand or recite, this was ALL ABOUT GOD. He made my mouth, HE knew me before He formed me in the womb of my mother as well as George and Harrison and HE brought us together as this was CERTAINLY NO coincidental meeting!!! We were not there to impress or reject if someone didn't meet someone's standards. We were getting closer to the moment to see What GOD WANTED TO DO IN THE LIVES OF THREE MEN!!!!

I am thankful to be an Independent Baptist!! I am 69 years old and pushing 70 😊!! If I were in some board run by men, would I even be allowed on the field? Would any of what I will tell you EVER HAVE HAPPENED??!! I am thankful for HOLY SPIRIT CALLED AND CHURCH SENT MISSIONARIES!! Old is old whatever that is. I don't think GOD is concerned about me being old (smiles), but I KNOW HE wants me to DO HIS WILL!!



Upon arrival we made contact with Harrison! I had been staying in touch with Prayer Warriors. My pastor, Brother Ron Thomas, and mission friends and supporters of this GREAT WORK, Brothers Chuck Shorter and Jerry Summy!!! Our home church, Rodgers Baptist Church as well as the brethren from their churches and from you and your churches have been praying hard for great things from God concerning an Open Door into the Uttermost Eskimo Villages and YOUR PRAYERS WERE MADE EVIDENT!! GOD laid us prone in our hearts and took away human pride and glory. Our hearts were knitted together as we embraced upon seeing each other for the first time in 18 years.

Harrison had flown in to Anchorage with his cousin to the Alaska Native Medical Center. Brother George and I drove there to pick him up and park where we could talk and pray. Looking into Harrison's eyes and face spoke volumes!! We are all getting older. His dad had passed away which touched me as I had witnessed to him years ago in Nome. If there was any ice to break it was broken! I explained to him that we were not here to pressure nor

to convince him of anything but that this meeting was to see what God wanted to do in our lives!! I have never been more serious in my life and I wanted Harrison and George to know this is ALL ABOUT GOD or bust!!!

NO GREATER SUBJECT exists than GOD. We began with John 1:1-4. We dealt with its substance, God's self-existence, His power as Creator and knowing the trillions of atoms in a hand and the universe, HIS Knowing YOUR thoughts and my thoughts before we think them - Psalm 139, His KNOWING US before HE formed us in the womb, knowing all things ABOUT US, who would be our parents, where and when HE WOULD Place US!!!

Tears were flowing out of Harrison and he apologized to which I said no, no I am soon with you. This was really very heartfelt and touching! So I said, "Harrison do you really think that the meeting here today between us was happenstance or coincidence or did the ALMIGHTY GOD ORCHESTRATE THIS MEETING????!!!!" I couldn't see George, but I know he was touched deeply as he was in the seat behind me! With raining tears, Harrison concluded this was ALL OF GOD!!! He gave his testimony of his salvation, the same as I spoke of in my last letter a couple of weeks ago!!! He hung his head telling me how he left God for the world and how he has brought it to GOD, but you could feel he was saying that maybe God won't want him now for service. I said FORGET THE PAST, STEP FORWARD!! I said GOD had you in HIS incubator. GOD is way ahead of us and working when we are not!!! Time to GOD is nothing, but to us time is of the essence. God orchestrates great happenings and events. God saved wicked Paul and put him in His incubator on the backside of the desert and made him what HE wanted him to be and the same for you, Harrison and all of us!!! I spoke of Brian and Daisy and asked the same of Harrison, "Do you ever think of taking the Gospel to Your People!!???" He hung his head and moaned a few words. I read Acts 1:8, Ye Shall be Witnesses to the UTTERMOST!! We met in a gym 20 years ago. Was that coincidence? You got saved, was that coincidence? We organized CVBC this February and until that was accomplished my thoughts were 100 percent on that but when it was done God turned my mind to You and you told me you had started thinking of me before we made contact, WAS THAT COINCIDENCE??!!!! We all joined hands and we all prayed and committed our hearts to the getting the Gospel into the uttermost villages north or south!! GOD had His Way! Tears were raining!!

I am bound for the month of June to jury duty but will immediately start Bible studies with Bro. Harrison and Bro. George. Prayerfully we will go to Nome in July and we are looking to be in Savoonga on the St. Laurence Island as well!! Any special offerings towards these goals are much appreciated!! Just put Eskimo Missions in the memo line of your check.

Forgive any feeling of grogginess 😊🙏 in my words as we drove home last evening drained physically, but spiritually REJOICING!! Tired doesn't matter besides I have an excuse 🙏👉; I'm OLD NOW OR SOON TO BE. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Needs: LOTS OF PRAYERS!!!!!!

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TO THE UTTERMOST,

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