

**THE MCCOYS
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3rd Quarter Prayer Letter**

Revelation 3:8 "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. Thank you to all those faithful that continue to support the McCoys and those that have recently partnered with us in 'this ministry' of planting churches,

Since surrendering to leave Alaska to begin the Lord's work on the North shore, Satan has tried to discourage but the Lord has really blessed and moved things along much more expeditiously. At this point I should back up and explain things that I wasn't able to mention in previous letters this year because so much was going on. One such thing I haven't mentioned but some of you know, while I was still seeking the Lord's will as to where He would have us to go, my dad fell and several days later passed away. I was able to spend a few of his last days on this side of eternity with him, then along with my Pastor, preach his funeral. Later my siblings and I began to work and fulfill my dad's wishes to sell his house. I didn't have a lot of time because I only had coverage for a short period in Unalakleet, and I needed to get back to prepare for the summer's ministry outreaches and for the Forss family to come in the fall.

Now fast forwarding to August, while preparing for the Forss family to come another tragedy occurred. My sister became ill then suddenly passed away in the hospital. This was a big shock to me because we had just been working to get dad's house sold and his estate settled months earlier. Also it was a big blow to me emotionally because I had just lost dad and now my sister. Suddenly in a short time, aside from the Lord, Lisa and Levi two of the most precious people to me on earth were now gone. Although the losses have left me a bit empty and Satan tries to use them to discourage, I know they are in Heaven and as a result it makes Heaven seem a little sweeter.

As I said originally my plans were to stay on in Unalakleet at least through November and help Michael Forss get set up. At the time I thought the only option was to return to the Lower 48 to preach my sister's funeral and then come back to Unalakleet. A few days later brother Forss called and said their support was coming in at such a rate that they would be able to come in September. Apparently the Lord was paving a way for us to be able to turn the work over much earlier then we thought. I postponed my sister's funeral a month, then Michael and I began working on a plan for them to come to Unalakleet and work with us a couple of weeks.

By mid September I preached my sister's funeral, successfully turned the work over, and began working towards our new church planting ministry on the North Shore in Hawaii. Since that time I have been able to help take care of some things in Unalakleet remotely and will still avail myself as needed, but the ministry itself is in more than capable hands. We have already heard a good report about what the Lord is continuing to do in Unalakleet.

Serving, Reporting, Visiting

While in the Lower 48 we have been able to report to some supporters and will continue to do so on our way to Hawaii. We also have been able to visit Lisa's mom, who is getting up there in years, and her only brother. This was a bit tough because they don't know the Lord and her mom has not been receptive to our witnessing efforts. One of the things that we were able to do is spend some time serving in our sending church. This gave us an opportunity to stay busy and focused while we prepare for Hawaii. Serving the Lord at our home church was a privilege and has also done much to recharge us a bit for the work ahead.

In closing we ask you pray for a few of our needs, most of which are spiritual - Please pray for Lisa's brother and mom to be saved, the Lord to help us with our schedule to personally update a few supporting churches, and for some extra funds to ship our vehicle to Hawaii.

In Christ,

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