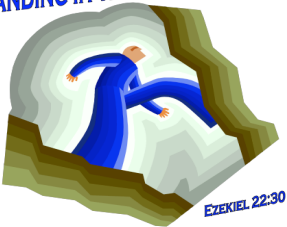


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STANDING IN THE GAP MINISTRIES



Are you a Gapper for Christ's cause?

## GOD-APPOINTED

A Gapper is first one who is appointed by God for a task. As ones whom God has commanded to share their faith, all believers fall into this category.

## ACTIVE IN PROCLAIMING

A Gapper is secondly one who is active in proclaiming the Good News of God's grace through showing a broken world God's love.

## GROWING THE KINGDOM

Lastly, a Gapper is one who God uses to expand His kingdom as many others trust Christ as their personal Gap Stander.

Christmas 2009

# ALASKA



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“And I sought for a man...”

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



## CELEBRATING OUR GAP STANDER'S BIRTH...

**“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” - Matthew 1:23**

### MINISTRY UPDATE

Christmas greetings from Derek, Laura, and Elias Black! Winter is now upon us and we are currently back home for the month of December. We thank God for the 3 months and 17 meetings in Alaska!

Thank you everyone for praying for our Alaskan round of deputation this fall! Thank you as well to all of the churches in Alaska that so graciously received us during our stay the past three months! We had very good receptivity among many of the Alaska churches and we praise God for our increased support level (currently 30%)! If all of the churches where we feel we had especially good meetings decide to partner with us, our support level would jump to near 45%! It truly is our passion to partner with solid churches beyond just the financial level, as we work together for the furtherance of the Gospel across Alaska's villages!

Elias adjusted well to Alaska and we had so much fun showing him the land that is so dear to

our hearts! Laura really enjoyed being back in what she considers her home state. We also enjoyed being able to visit some of her family during our travels.

It truly is an awesome truth to know that God will always lead us and provide for our needs! We praise Him for providing many opportunities for ministry across Alaska and for supplying the necessary finances to travel these past few months. As we visited a few villages, our hearts were again broken for the needs of the villages. Please pray for native youth; that they would seek their acceptance in Jesus instead of this world's distractions and peer pressure. God continually increases our burden for village ministry and we are eager to build the ministry partnerships to make our ministry possible.

Please continue to pray for future meetings! We are thankful for the meetings and receptivity in Alaska, but we need more ministry partners outside of Alaska as well. With some



missionaries raising support for 4 or 5 years, the current situation for missionaries on deputation among the independent churches is quite challenging. I'm not sure of the appropriate solution, but it definitely deserves some attention. Thank you so much for your continued prayers!

# JUST A THOUGHT

## CHRISTMAS...AWESOME!

Does Christmas seem like the same old same old routine that you do every year? I know for me it's so easy to hear the Christmas story again and fail to really appreciate it. This Christmas season, think on this: Divinity willingly stepped from the heavens into humanity! Did you get that? Furthermore, He didn't come in grand majesty (that's future & He will someday), but He first came in humility, shattering all human expectations. Reflecting on how Scripture unfolds the account, there was a veiled majesty to Christ's entrance into the world. Imagine the angelic host that discreetly

appeared to the lowly shepherds. Imagine the celestial orchestration of our sovereign God's proclamation to the wise men. More visibly however, He came through a scandalous appearing relationship at tax-time to a low class city in a cave. Our Jesus identified with us! He came to us, Emmanuel (the incarnation of Deity)! He lived among us in order to save us! Wow! Let that sink deep in your heart this Christmas! Truly our God is worthy of our adoration this Christmas! Glory in the Highest!



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