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# ALASKA



## Standing in the Gap Ministries

A Ministry of the Black family, missionary appointees to the remote native villages of Alaska.

"And I sought for a man..."



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## A GAP STANDER FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

**"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." - Ezekiel 22:30**

### MINISTRY UPDATE

Hey everybody, greetings from Derek, Laura, and Elias Black! Summer is now past and we are currently in Alaska for the fall months. We thank God for the eight Midwest meetings He gave us through the summer months.

Our Alaska meetings schedule is full, which is awesome! We arrived in the state the first week of September and have already presented our ministry several times. When we planned this trip, we did not have many church contacts outside of Fairbanks. In God's providence, we connected with a church in Anchorage, which has helped us network with other solid ministries across the state. We firmly believe in networking with God's people. The task of building indigenous churches is a difficult one,

and it will be most effective with a network of outreach efforts.

We are finally glad to announce that the video version of the gap stander online gospel message is now officially online! We believe this is just one more way of utilizing technology for the cause of Christ. If you would like more cards, you can download the file at the last page of the video gospel message on our website.

Elias is doing great, except for a small cold he contracted. Otherwise, he has transitioned to Alaska very well. We keep pointing out the gorgeous scenery to him, but don't think he'll remember it from this trip. Laura and I are both doing well and feel at home back in Alaska!

Please pray for safety, wisdom, guidance, and acceptance as we continue to travel throughout Alaska.



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

NEW VIDEO VERSION!



## JUST A THOUGHT

A LOVE FOR THEOLOGY: ROMANS 8:28-39

The book of Romans is such an awesome book! There are so many rich theological truths taught in it's 16 chapters. The end of chapter 8 boasts of God's sovereign plan of redemption and sanctification. As you work your way through the chapters, Paul brings the reader to this glorious revelation. In light of all the

previous chapters and the immediate context, Paul then boasts in the "sweetness" of God's plan. If God be for us (in our personal lives or our ministry), then who or what can be against us? What an encouragement!

I am convinced that we as believers filling the seats in America's churches today need to regain a love for theology! Romans is a great place to start, but there are many others as well. Just a thought!

Prayer Corner

- Safety & acceptance in Alaska
- Perseverance in deputation
- Additional meetings for winter months
- Pray for online gospel message

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