



JULY 2014 DEVOTION

Devotion for Native American Outreach Training Center
- Fairbanks, Alaska \$95,000

Leader: We praise You Lord for guiding The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to come to the mission field of Alaska, reaching out to the Alaskan Natives. Many of these people struggle with physical, sexual, or substance abuse, poverty, unemployment, violent crime, and suicide.

READER 1: WE THANK YOU LORD FOR GUIDING REV. DAVE AND ROSEMARY STERNBECK AS THEY WORK TO MAKE THEIR LARGE HOME THE ALASKAN MISSION TRAINING CENTER WHERE ALASKAN NATIVES CAN COME TO RECEIVE TRAINING AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN GOD'S WORD.

READER 2: WE PRAISE YOU LORD FOR THE PLAN AND CLEARER VISION GIVEN TO REACH OUT TO THE YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE BY VOLUNTEERS COMING TO THE VILLAGES.

All: Thank You Lord for the work of the Sternbecks and others in Alaska.

Leader: Almighty God, grant that the volunteers from the lower 48 states who come to Alaska and go to the bush villages for Vacation Bible School and other servant events, faithfully lead these Natives to be more accepting of Your Word.

READER 1: THANK YOU LORD FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE NATIVE AMERICANS TO PROCLAIM CHRIST'S KINGDOM TO THEIR OWN AND OTHERS.

READER 2: WE THANK YOU LORD FOR THE RESOURCES OF BEDROOM FURNISHINGS, TV, WHITEBOARDS, REFRIGERATOR, WASHER, DRYER, AND A VEHICLE THAT WILL BE PURCHASED FOR LODGING AND CROSS-CULTURAL TRAINING OF VOLUNTEERS AND DEBRIEFING UPON RETURN FROM THE VILLAGES SO THEY CAN BECOME EFFECTIVE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.

All: Thank You Lord for developing partnerships with agencies in order to make a Lutheran contribution when helping address the needs of these Alaskan Native people.

Leader: Let us pray. Dear Father in Heaven, we ask You to bless the work of the Sternbecks in establishing this Alaskan Mission Training Center in Fairbanks. We pray for the other volunteers that help to bring Vacation Bible School and other servant events to the remote villages. May all their words and deeds be a proclamation of Your Son Jesus as the Savior of the world to these Native Americans who face such overwhelming abuses and trials in their lives. Keep them safe; give them wisdom and guidance. We ask Your blessing on this training center that it may be a beacon of hope to those searching for the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.