

SD District LWML Mission Grant Mite Box Devotion

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- Leader:** We open in the name of the Holy Trinity; God the Father, our Creator, God the Son, our Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier (who brings us to faith in Christ and helps us to lead a godly life).
- Reader 1:** *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”* (Rom. 10:14)
- Reader 2:** The Alaska Mission for Christ is committed to sharing Christ on the Last Frontier and the whole world.
- Reader 3:** Corbie and Nancy Cross have been serving The Alaska Mission for Christ as missionaries to Southwest Alaska since March 1998. They have pioneered the ministry in this part of the state.
- Reader 4:** Because the Cross's have been able to continue to return to the Alaska villages following their initial contacts, respect for The Alaska Mission for Christ ministry is high. Several different entities have commented on the work of the AMC and have offered support in different ways:
- Reader 1:** Schools allow them to use their facilities; Alaska State troopers have offered their assistance with limited use of their airplane; traditional councils invite them to come to the villages. The ministry of The Alaska Mission for Christ is having a positive impact and they are being invited to do ministry in the villages on a long term basis.
- Leader:** *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”* (Romans 10:17)
- Reader 1:** As many of the remote areas in the Alaska wilderness are only accessible by airplane or boat in the summer and air and snowmobile in the winter, sharing the good news of the Gospel is difficult and expensive.
- Reader 2:** Through this mission grant the SD District LWML is helping to provide the necessary transportation so the missionaries of The Alaska Mission for Christ may travel to outlying areas to spread the wonderful news of God's love for all through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Reader 3:** This grant also helps to provide funding for The Alaska Mission for Christ to develop Bible-based curriculum to help the villagers in the areas of parenting, nutrition, domestic violence, substance abuse, etc.
- Reader 4:** A “Thank You” received from The Alaska Mission for Christ reads as follows, “It is through the faith, prayers, effort, and contributions of people like you that we are able to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the state of Alaska. Your generosity is seen as another sign of God's powerful work among us!”
- Closing Hymn:** *“Listen God Is Calling”* (LSB 833; Hymnal Supplement '98, 872) or *“Lift High the Cross”* (LSB 837 vs 1, 5, 6; LW 311 vs 1, 5)