



# ALASKA MISSION

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL OF THE DETAILS IN THIS PACKET CAREFULLY**

## **WHAT IS THE ALASKA MISSION TRIP?**

The majority of our serving will be done in Nome a small town on the southern Seward Peninsula. We will be hosted by our partners Alaska Missions headed by Brenda Crimm. Our main goal is to further Alaska Missions goal to build relationships, meeting physical and spiritual needs, break down walls and share the gospel. The ministry we will be involved in is building relationships with the local community, working concession sales to benefit the abused Women's Shelter, aid in setting up the Iditarod Finish Line, patrol the dog lot in night/day shifts, and sharing about Jesus and pouring out God's love and truth with the people of Nome. There is also the opportunity to serve in a children's VBS if the team should desire to do so.

## **WHY DO WE GO ON THE ALASKA MISSION TRIP?**

In the winter of 1925, a diphtheria epidemic ran rampant among Alaska Natives in the Nome area. Severe blizzard conditions prevented delivery of a life-saving serum by airplane from Anchorage. A relay of dog sled teams were organized to deliver the serum 674 miles from Nenana to Nome. Each year the Iditarod Dog Sled race is ran in honor of the mushing team's heroism that saved many lives. As a major tourist attraction and time of celebration, Alaska Missions uses the race as a way to connect with the citizens of Nome and the Native Alaskans who travel in from The Bush. The rate of physical, sexual, and substance abuse is alarmingly high in Alaskan communities. Many live in silence and shame for generations and are in desperate need of love and hope. Our goal is to break down those walls and introduce them to a loving relationship with God. For more information about the application process, see "Application and Acceptance" below.

## **DETAILS**

**WHO:** Members of The Bayou Church ages 18+

**WHERE:** Nome, Alaska

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 12 - Friday, March 20, 2020

**APPLICATION:** All applications must be submitted by September 29, 2019

**COST:** \$2100.00

## **APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE**

Each person considering serving on our Alaska Mission Trip must complete a Mission Trip Application found at <https://thebayouchurch.org/connect/missions/alaska>. After the application deadline, September 29, 2019, all applicants will receive an email indicating whether or not their applications have been accepted. This is an annual trip so if an applicant is not selected for this year, we encourage you to apply for the following year. If accepted, each applicant must turn a \$100 non-refundable deposit by the first team meeting, October 17, 2019. The ways that you can submit the deposit are listed below:

- **MAIL** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and mailed to Maddie Wells at The Bayou Church 2234 Kaliste Saloom Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508. Please leave the memo line blank.
- **GENEROSITY BOX** - Cash or check made out to "The Bayou Church" and placed in a generosity box on

campus in an envelope with the applicant's name and "Alaska Mission Trip" written on it.

- **ONLINE** - Card payment online by going to [thebayouchurch.org/missions](http://thebayouchurch.org/missions) and clicking the button "give to mission trips." You can designate which trip you are making a donation towards and even include your name.

## **TEAM TRAINING DATES**

Each team meeting plays an important part in communicating information about the trip, developing a bond as a team, creating and shaping the activities/lessons we will be doing while on the trip, developing discipline, growing leadership skills, and answering questions about the trip. Meeting details will be provided at a later date!

## **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>OCTOBER 27</b>	Deposit due - \$100 (applies to overall balance)
<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	Deadline for passport/real ID to be ordered
<b>DECEMBER 29</b>	Flight money due - \$1337 **
<b>JANUARY 12</b>	The Bayou Church and Alaska Mission paperwork due to <a href="#">Maddie Wells</a>
<b>JANUARY 19</b>	Final balance due - \$663
<b>MARCH 12</b>	Depart from New Orleans Airport (6:00pm) **
<b>MARCH 20</b>	Return to New Orleans Airport (5:20pm) **

*\*\* Based on current air contract*

## **COST BREAKDOWN**

The total cost of the trip is \$2100. At this time we have an air contract reserved for \$1337 dependent upon a team of 10 or more passengers with our group. If we have less than 10 team members we will have to search for a new flight contract and the price may increase or decrease. The Alaska Mission expenses are \$700 and include ground transportation, lodging, meals during the trip, and ministry supplies. There is also a \$63 ministry fee which covers travel insurance, hotel during travel days, training materials, and airline baggage fees.

## **SUPPORT LETTERS**

We will provide each applicant with an example support letter that they can use to write their own letters to send to family, friends, and local businesses to request spiritual and financial assistance for this trip. Many of our past team members were able to pay for their mission trip in full with the support they received in these letters. We want to encourage you to trust in God's plan for your mission experience by using support letters to help with the cost of the trip.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our mission trips qualify as charitable travel, therefore, all contributions that given to this mission trip are considered a tax-deductible contribution to the Make a Difference Fund of The Bayou Church. Anyone who contributes financially to this trip will receive a Contribution Statement at the end of the year listing all donations.

There are no refunds for any contributions. If more funds are raised than are needed for this trip, excess funds will be used for future mission trips. If the trip is cancelled or a team member is no longer able to go on the trip for any reason, the funds received will also be used for future mission trips.

## **ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Passport or REAL ID - \$100 (Required)  
Weatherproof clothing - \$200 (Required)  
Spending Money - \$100 (Optional)

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

We will fly into Nome where we will do most of our ministry work. Below is a general schedule of planned activities, however, sometimes God opens up opportunities for things that we don't originally plan to do and therefore this schedule is subject to change.

<b>MARCH 12</b>	Travel and depart from New Orleans
<b>MARCH 13</b>	Travel, arrival & orientation
<b>MARCH 14-18</b>	Ministry in Alaska
<b>MARCH 19-20</b>	Travel and return to New Orleans

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Upon acceptance, applicants will receive a manual from The Bayou Church at our first meeting on October 17, 2019. Additional information such as rules, packing lists, training materials, trip details, etc. can be found in the Mission Trip Training Manual.

If you have any further questions about the Alaska Mission Trip, please feel free to contact us!

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