

# Multiplying

Church Leadership Among Native Populations  
& Training Missionaries to Serve Globally

An Update from the Napiers - Missionaries with Global Outreach International

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God used your partnership with us to multiply leaders for four different continents last month. We look at the past 6 weeks with amazement at the privilege of training, encouraging, empowering and coaching both missionaries and native pastors to serve Christ globally.

Training new missionaries is always a highlight. In February, new missionaries completed our training to serve in various countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Each of these new missionary units completed the training program with excellence. Pray as they make their final preparations to move overseas.

In Alaska, we have been able to rekindle relationships among the village where we previously served, as well as, begin the journey of training Yu'pik pastors. These isolated villages desperately need local churches. Pray as we seek to serve the local church leaders of rural Alaska.

Lord-willing, Stephen will be back in Uganda in April to teach at the Seminary and spend time at each of our school sites, encouraging and counseling our team of national pastors. These amazing men are becoming a great example of native pastors being trained, discipled, then empowered to disciple more native pastors!



## Spring Projects:

**LEFT:** Helping our African pastors build homes for themselves remains a crucial aspect of our strategy. This picture is with our Buyengo pastor, and, Lord-willing, this spring we will be standing with our Masese pastor assisting him in the completion of a safe place for his family to live.

**CENTER:** Too many of our communities still have no access to clean water. Our prayer is that in the coming months, where this boy sits by one of our churches, there will soon be a water harvesting tank, like the one at our Soweto church seen at **RIGHT**.



*Stephen leading the training sessions for new Global Outreach International missionaries in February.*

## Thoughts from Stephen on the Kuskokwim River...

As I write this, I am looking out at the frozen Lower Kuskokwim River, a few hundred air miles west of Anchorage. Though it has been a very warm winter, this week finds us in a cold snap out here. Right now it's  $-10^{\circ}$ , which isn't too bad, but the  $-21^{\circ}$  windchill tends to sting a little.

The day has been spent with church leaders studying the Word and talking through church issues. These native leaders serve in churches in villages up and down the Kuskokwim River and on the edges of Bristol Bay and the Bering Sea.

We are meeting daily right now for training classes from 9 AM to 5 PM. The frozen river is the winter highway in this bush territory with no roads. They travel by 4-wheeler or snow machine for 30 to 40 miles on the ice in the cold to arrive here for the week of classes, while others from further villages have flown in.

Trained church leaders are few in this region, so we are praying for and investing in those that there are. Pray for these leaders as they serve in villages such as Akiak, Akiachak, Kwigillingok, and others. Pray for their safety and effectiveness in work. Pray for us as we seek how we can best serve them. Pray that they might be empowered and motivated to reach into the many villages beyond them with no church. Thank you for being on our team!

From the Bethel Area in Western Alaska, *Stephen*

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## It's good to be back...

A few weeks ago, Stephen and Caleb were able to catch a flight into Port Graham, the village where we served prior to moving to Africa. They enjoyed seeing the familiar sites of flying back into these mountains along this warmer stretch of Alaska's Coast. Better still, was seeing the faces and getting all the hugs from our dear friends there. Below are Stephen and Caleb on the familiar gravel strip in Port Graham.

