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Arctic Mission Adventure

Today's offering is for Arctic Missions. People in Alaska Native villages face enormous challenges: food insecurity, sexual and substance abuse with suicide rates that top the nation. Arctic Missions is working to change the narrative in these communities.

Let me tell you about Tim. He knocks on the parsonage door and as I step back to let him, I see his anger and pain and am thankful he came to talk. I quickly pray, "God please, we need your help here". How do you reach someone who has built walls around themselves? Growing up in a home with parents on drugs and alcohol, he doesn't have a support system and feels alone. He wants to be better. He tries, but then something happens, and he's drawn back into old habits. How much can a young teen take and not break? My heart cries out, "Lord, You see him crying out for You, please reach him." Together we read Joshua 1:9 and I share with Tim that God wants to light his path and guide him just like He did for Joshua. We pray together, and I know God has touched his heart.

Fast forward...last teen night I saw Tim come in and pull a Bible off the shelf. He chose to sit alone in the back of the church though we encouraged him to join the group. When we sang "Jesus is the One Who Lights my Way", he looks me in the eye and nods. Yes, God's light is reaching him.

Through its ministry outreach, AMA is bringing hope and wholeness to youth like Tim who live in remote Alaska. We ask you to prayerfully be a part of this 100% donor- sponsored ministry through your gifts today.