

From the Hillside



Settling In Alaska!

Well, this is definitely not New Mexico. Winter came and welcomed us with wonderful below zero temperatures, snow and darkness as we arrived and began settling in on this new chapter of ministry In His Service!

Settling in: Our first 6 months back in Alaska

What a rush of Blessing from God as He finished bringing in our support team, helped prepare us for travel, guided and protected us on the trip, and provided for us as we arrived in Glennallen on September 20th, 2018!

End of September and October: We started our settling in to the house that KCAM had for us to rent and made our first stocking up trips to Anchorage. We are very thankful for the large trailer that God allowed us to use for moving, it was also helpful in getting furniture and supplies back out to Glennallen. We also got to participate in KCAM's Sharathon fund raiser – this was Scott's debut back on the air in the Copper River Valley.

November and December: The holiday season was enjoyable and included more trips to Anchorage and Soldotna (where we recovered our Suburban). The End of November Alaska was hit by a 7.0 earthquake, a very interesting and humbling experience. Scott started settling into his role as Technical Director at the studios and tackling the list of engineering needs. Our van was broken into and tools stolen on a trip to Anchorage.

January and February: The 2019 New Year has been busy for the radio ministry as the full staff is involved in helping with broadcasting local High School hockey, basketball, wrestling and Alaskan Dog racing. We have been getting used to winter in Alaska again with 20 to 40 below zero temperatures, stars and northern lights. We've learned that we can make orders with Costco and Fred Meyer and get them delivered which costs less and reduces the number of personal trips to Anchorage.

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Prayer & Praise:

- *Pray for wisdom for Scott as he prioritizes new projects for KCAM.*
- *Praise God for almost completing the list of projects that were building up for Scott at KCAM!*
- *Praise for protection as we traveled to Alaska.*
- *Pray for Sarabeth's continued recovery from a potassium deficiency.*
- *Pray for health and stamina for the whole family as we engage in the community.*

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Scott & tower crew replacing beacon light!

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As March progresses we anticipate the end of the sports seasons with Regional and State Basketball as well as the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Scott has nearly completed the easy things on his engineering list and just has the troublesome issues to complete – then he will be caught up and be able to start on new projects and improvements. God has given us a very blessed beginning to our new adventure with Him here in Alaska. Thank you for being a part of it!

In His service, Scott & Sarabeth Hill and family

Family News:

Matthew is excited about the opportunity he has with our local homeschool program to take shop classes at the high school. This semester he is taking a class on Small Engines. If only he could be half this excited about his other subjects. He is also helping out at church as a greeter and learning to run the power point projector. Later this spring he is looking forward to attending the youth group retreat.

It's been a series of tests for **Lydia** these last couple months as we work towards getting her some help through the special ed program for her speech and social development. We didn't have this option in NM and are grateful for the opportunity here. She also had an orthopedic evaluation done on her scoliosis and we are working on establishing a physical therapy routine to help strengthen her back muscles.

Kara had the opportunity last fall to take a painting class through the homeschool program. The teacher was impressed with her ability, but Kara is more interested in drawing right now so we are exploring that through some online classes. Unfortunately there is currently no middle school youth group here, so the girls have not had much opportunity to meet other girls their age.

Curiosity and creativity full speed ahead is a good way to describe our middle three boys. **Caleb, Ben & Gabe** keep busy with Awana, science projects, cardboard creations, making cookies, playing in the snow, learning to ice skate, and a host of other activities. Keeping their noise level down for a couple hours each day while their younger siblings nap can be a challenge.

It's the youngest two that really keep us all hopping though. It's been awhile since we had two toddlers at the same time and we are thankful for all the extra eyes helping to keep an eye on them. When **Thomas** and **Elaina** aren't working together as partners in crime, their preferred activity is fighting over who gets the bigger share of Mommy's lap.

Sarabeth is learning to make getting rest a priority in order to keep up with everyone. At the beginning of February we learned a serious potassium deficiency was playing a part in her exhaustion levels as well as causing some other health issues. So she is working on adding more potassium-rich foods to the menu plan. As spring approaches she is also working on garden plans and looking forward to being able to grow the potatoes and brassicas that didn't do so well in NM.



The Day we arrived, WE MADE IT!