

# From the Hillside



## After the Pandemic (ALMOST)

Mark 6:34 (NASEC): When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and *He felt compassion* for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

*What did you learn?*

How are you weathering the continuing storm of the pandemic? We pray you are doing well and are safe with your loved ones and taking time to get to know God better! To that end...What did or has God been teaching you through this time? God has brought the passage above from Mark 6 to my mind quite a bit during the 'hunker down'.

Pandemic life did not change our lives as much as it did for others or maybe even you for that matter. Being in rural Alaska, it wasn't till mid-August where we really saw much of an impact to our community. Precautions were taken, but our state government took a conservative approach. KCAM has kept up on reporting the details about Covid-19 and its effect on Alaskans and we even closed our offices for short times, but "The News" must go out!

The end of summer and beginning of fall triggers many things at KCAM in a normal year. We will kick off fall this year with our 2020 Sharathon on Sep. 29-Oct. 1. Our goal is to raise funds for an overhaul of our broadcast and office IT equipment. This will help to modernize and standardize our systems for ease of maintaining and troubleshooting. Almost half of the funds have been raised by a grant, please pray that the Lord will supply the remainder through Sharathon.

Home schooling took a break for summer, but 2 weeks later started again in our home, so our kids took a fall break on the week that the public school started here.

Our kitchen is getting a facelift since the existing in-wall oven died. We are getting experience in building cabinetry as we prepare for a new slide in range which we are trying to wait for patiently. I guess Covid-19 slowed down manufacturing speeds. Praise the Lord for generous people that donated toward this project!

### Prayer & Praise:

- *Pray for the families of our friends and partners that have lost these loved ones recently. In Memory of fellow Saints and partners in ministry:*

*Ed Pittman, Kris Jaeger,  
Karla Kroeker, & Lee Copple.*

- *Pray that the Gospel would be heard clearly and that our words would bring hope and encouragement to our listeners on KCAM! Also, pray that our listeners would be blessed through our Sharathon.*

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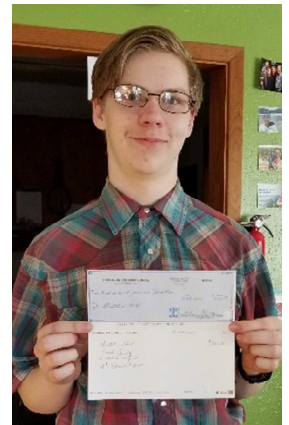
**Kitchen progress!**

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# Family News

Summer seems to have disappeared and the chill of fall has arrived. Due to Covid-19, several of the touristy things we had thought about doing with the kids this summer didn't happen and the jobs or other things Matthew was looking at doing were canceled. So, after a short break in June we started back in with a lighter school load, mostly math and science. It was nice to have more time for doing experiments and we look forward to having a lighter school load this winter during hockey season.

The highlight of the summer for Matthew was the Summit Ministries Student Conference. While we are disappointed he didn't get to experience this in person because of Covid-19, he greatly enjoyed participating in the condensed online version they offered instead. He is



*First Paycheck!*

also excited to have his first regular job as the janitor for our church.



each way) for the 4 (non-consecutive) days of camp they attended this fall. Two of those camp days ended up being only 2 days apart, so we arranged to rent a cabin at the camp instead of driving back and forth. Sarabeth and the kids enjoyed doing some canoeing while there.

Having the public school finish out last year doing school online meant Lydia's therapy sessions being done via Zoom instead of in person. While different, this actually worked OK for her speech lessons. Another exciting victory for her physical therapy was when she was able to get on the horse at camp by herself! Personnel changes at the school mean they are now able to do the autism testing for Lydia and Thomas; so we are working on getting that scheduled.

This spring we were excited when the restrictions here in Alaska were lifted in time for the kids to attend another Homeschool Horsemanship Camp. Safety restrictions for Covid-19 have changed the 'camps' to one-day events instead of the overnights we were doing before. This meant a lot of traveling (2 hours



*Watching the horses*



*Sarabeth has enjoyed helping with the staining of the new kitchen cabinets.*

A cooler, wetter summer meant more mosquitos; but that didn't stop our younger kids from enjoying the outdoors. We are thankful for a very large fenced yard which has allowed Thomas and Elaina to enjoy being outside so much. The middle boys spent a lot of time at the playground having bike races and playing with friends. They also participated in our electric company's Community Cares program and earned gift certificates to local businesses by completing various summer activities.

The cool, wet summer was great for keeping our fire danger low, but wasn't so great for our garden. Most of our plants are still on the small side, but we are hopeful that the frost hardy plants will still have time to grow some more. PTL our greenhouse/cold-frame that we built against the south side of the house was a success and we still have zucchini in the fridge waiting to be eaten.