

## NORTH TO ALASKA

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Some of you are old enough to remember the Johnny Horton song by the same name. Well we have two of our church members who are North American Mission Board missionaries to Alaska. Kevin and Florinda Jones and their children Connor, Kassie, and Toby.



The Jones have been here about a year and spent their first winter there. Contrary to popular belief it really does get cold Alaska. They currently are stationed out of Anchorage, which is a city of about 300,000 people. It's hard to describe the demographics of Anchorage except to say it truly is a melting pot of many people groups. From Samoans to Native American Alaskan Indians and Filipinos the Russians.



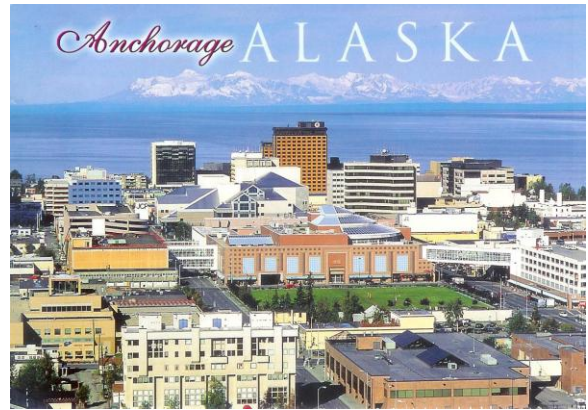
It's estimated that 93% of Anchorage is unsaved. This is probably indicative of the entire state. It's hard to say what the majority of churches are in Anchorage. We do know that there are not very many Baptist churches. Kevin says the work is great, but the laborers are few, except for the Mormons which is really began to target Alaska.

Currently, Kevin and Florinda are working with the Filipino church and the Samoan church. Both of which are English-speaking churches. Their job is to encourage and nurture these churches. These churches even though southern Baptist have really never had an opportunity to learn about the real operations of the Southern Baptist church. For example they didn't even know about Annie Armstrong or the Lottie Moon offering. There was no plan or strategy to promote this mission work.

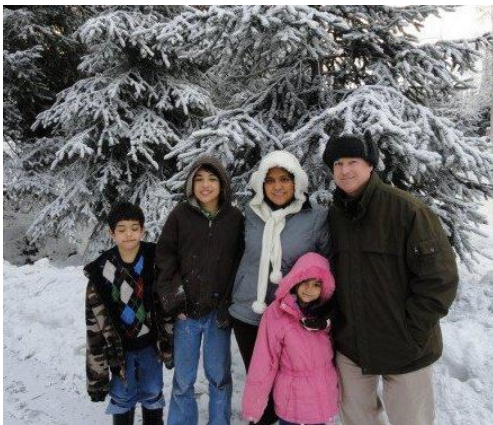


One of their biggest mission opportunities this past year has been to participate in the IDITAROD winter race. If my memory serves me correct they called it "mushing for missions." For three days they passed out hot cocoa, coffee and mission tract. They toted a sled around (like a small kiosk) from which they conducted their missions outreach. Kevin and Florinda said even though the work was grueling and (Brrrr)

very cold the work was very warming to the heart.



As you keep your missionaries in prayer, please remember Kevin and Florinda Jones are missionaries to Alaska. If anyone is interested can use Skype, Face book and e-mail. If you'd like any of the addresses, please contact Brother Patrick McCann, Sr. he will be glad to make them available to you.



They covet your prayers and would love to hear from you. Here are some beautiful post cards Kevin and Florinda sent.