



Third Quarter Review 2025

I want to say Thank You for praying for our family and the ministry here in Cordova! God has truly shown Himself faithful! Many of you have reached out and asked about some prayer requests we have mentioned in previous letters, so I wanted to give a bit of an update on those. The lease on our church building has continued to stay the same price, PRAISE THE LORD! This was a large prayer request of ours, and God has allowed us to continue here unchanged. March of this year was 1 year in this building. The Lord does not need a building to build a church, but a solid location has seemed to really help the ministry here. Another prayer request of ours was our youngest son, Gideon's, health. He has since been cleared of having any blood sugar issues. We did not ever get a clear diagnosis, but it was chalked up to vitamin D deficiency (Alaska kid problems!), and some dehydration. We have addressed both of those concerns, and he has been ok since then. Another huge answer to prayer; our family was able to purchase a home here in May of this year! The Lord has truly blessed in all this and has given us a stable place to call home and put some deep roots down here in Cordova. This has seemed to really help the town folk's perception of us; they can see us putting down roots and building a life here. This has helped open many doors already.

The ministry here has been going well! Our congregation has continued to grow, many of which are coast guard, and for this we are thankful! With new folks coming in, and some young men getting married, we have had many new folks come through the doors. The Lord has truly burdened our hearts for these young coast guard men. Many of them straight out of boot camp, some as young as 18 years old, stuck here in the middle of nowhere Alaska. All of them from different backgrounds, some from broken homes, the ministry needs are very different for each one. Some of these young guys do not even know how to be men yet. There is so much potential here, so much that God can use them for, if they will only give their life to him. Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we try to lead, teach, disciple, and just live for the Lord in front of these young men. I am praying for ideas and wisdom on how to better reach these men during their short time spent here in Cordova. I do not get much time with them; I want to use it wisely. There are truly eternal consequences hanging in the balance. No telling what God could do! One of these young men, Brandon, recently came to our home for some counseling. After a couple hours, and a meal, we set around our kitchen table and were able to hear this young man call on God for salvation. After this, I was able to share with him one of my favorite passages in the Bible, *Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* I was able to explain to him what a yoke was, and what Jesus is saying in these verses. Through tear filled eyes we continued to discuss the heavy burdens he was carrying, and that now, as a saved man, God promises a "peace that passeth all understanding." Please pray for these young men. They are carrying burdens many would never know.

I want to leave you with another prayer request, and a little suspense. I do not have much details at all yet to share, but the Lord may be opening a door for permanent church building for us. This has not been advertised whatsoever here in town or anywhere really apart from this letter. I have been looking at and praying about a particular building for a couple years now. I was contacted out of the blue by one of the owners of the building this week. Lord willing, in our next letter, I will have some really big news, and even more Really big needs and prayer requests! Many have mentioned coming up with a work group, and that work may be available in a few months! Please pray for the Lord's leading and His will to be done!