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# CHILLING NEWS

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Reaching People for Christ's Sake from near the North Pole

## The "Family Matters" Theme Mattered

There was a lot of positive feedback on the topic of "Family Matters" at our Annual Meeting in Mountain Village. Many people asked if they could get a copy of each teaching session. KICY has agreed to make them available at no charge, but would ask for a donation to the station if that would be possible. Following are the messages that you can request from KICY either by mail [KICY P.O. Box 820, Nome, Alaska 99762] or by email [[office@kicy.org](mailto:office@kicy.org)].



*Pastor Carl Elwood teaching from God's Word at the 2005 Annual Meeting in Mountain Village. He, his wife Marcia and a bunch of other gracious people hosted this year's meeting.*

### FAMILY MATTERS:

- Part 1: "MIA [Missing in Action] Fathers", various texts by John Hege
- Part 2: "Starting at the Beginning", Genesis 1-3 Carl Elwood

- Part 3: "Husbands and Wives", Eph. 5:21-33 by Nathan Toots
- Part 4: "The Church as Mom and Dad", I Cor. 9:22 by Curtis Ivanoff
- Part 5: "A Father's Legacy", various texts by Harvey Fiskeaux

- Part 6: "Preparing Your Child for the Way of Life", Prov. 22:6 by Jerry Daniels
- Part 7: "Raising Kids Without Raising Your Blood Pressure", Matt. 5:48 by Rodney Sawyer

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# A CRY FOR HELP!

By Nancy Sawyer

**E**very fifteen seconds an act of domestic violence occurs in the Untied States. That is 240 every minute, 14,400 every hour or 345,6000 every day! How many per year? 126,144,000 acts each year! When is it going to stop? Why do we let such things go on and on? Why do the victims remain quiet? Why don't they cry out?

A cry for help echoed in the heart and mind of Ruth Hill [our Executive Director of Women Ministries] when someone shared about an incidence of violence with her. Thus began the groundwork and the launching of Advocacy of Victims of Abuse (AVA).

Domestic violence is a pattern of physical or psychological abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation or economic coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another in the context of a dating, family, or household relationship. Women are in nine times more danger in their own homes than they are in the streets. This epidemic impacts one in four women and crosses all racial, social,

educational, economic and religious lines.

Many ramifications come from this type of abuse and the cycle of tension building, explosion, and reconciliation will continue for years until the victim cries out for help. One effect of domestic violence is the impact it has on the children listening to and watching what is happening. Eighty five percent of batterers watched domestic violence occur while a child in their own home and/or experienced child physical sexual abuse personally. The "secret" that lies within families must be exposed so help and healing can take place.

As the ECCAK focus for the local church and supporting organizations continues on in "Family Matters", we strongly support and applaud the AVA Project for their desire to equip the church to bring the healing touch of our Lord into this needy area. Please visit their web site at [www.covchurch.org/cov/cwm/ava](http://www.covchurch.org/cov/cwm/ava) and use their resources to help equip your church.

## Ptarmigan Telegraph History of KICY

It's not too late to get your autographed copy. Make checks payable to ECCAK.

Donation

\$25.00

\$50.00

\$75.00

Donor Receives

Autographed copy of book  
Autographed book and CD  
of Art Zylstra, speaking of  
vision of KICY in 1964.

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and 10 Ptarmigan Telegraph  
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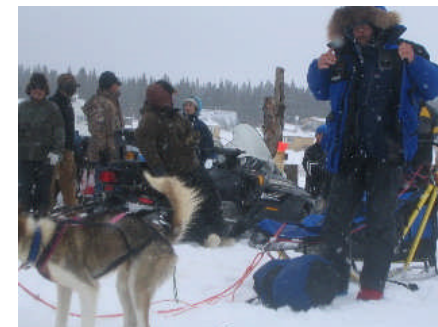


## WANTED: AIR MILES

We live in an age of travel. Many people accumulate free air miles. If you have more than you can use, consider "donating" some to ECCAK to help us with the ever increasing costs of providing travel to those who give of their lives here in Alaska. Just call the ECCAK office and ask for Ava and she will take down the necessary information.

### Construction Ministry Opportunities

Last summer, Dave Petersen from Soldotna did a great job of fixing up the parsonage in Shaktoolik! How we thank God for His provision. We still have two parsonages that are far from being up to par! We need both workers and funds to bring the living standard up. Any work teams interested, call the ECCAK office



*First Iditarod musher, 2005 winner, Robert-Sorlie, pulling into White Mountain 2005*

Alaska Trivia Answers: 1. q 2. r 3. j 4. l 5. d 6. b 7. i 8. n 9. g 10. o 11. m 12. h 13. p 14. k 15. f 16. e 17. s 18. a 19. c

## Ministry Money Matters for 2004/2005

by Rodney J. Sawyer

Much of ministry costs money. As we close out our fiscal year at the end of March, it would be good for you to see where the money flows. The following figures are not from the end-of-year report, but are close to where we will end up the year.

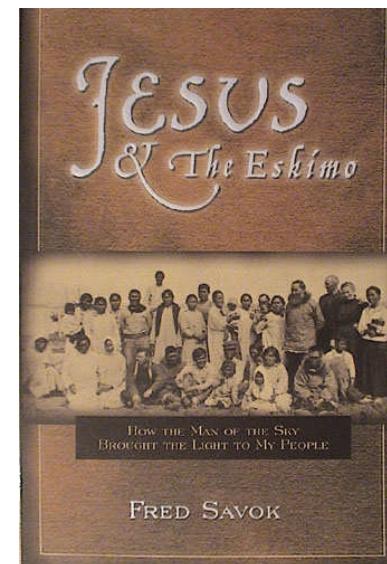
- \$84,277 goes directly to struggling churches to supplement the pastor's salary or pay for their health insurance
- \$6,621 for Field Director to travel to local churches and/or supporting institutions to encourage and provide counsel
- \$6,700 for Field Director to travel to key denominational meetings
- \$3,192 for Field Director's spouse to travel with her husband and minister
- \$8,436 for travel of other non-pastoral leaders
- \$12,206 for pastors of struggling churches to travel to retreats, annual meetings and Mid Winter
- \$1,707 for pastoral hospitality [treating pastors/spouses to lunch or coffee]
- \$16,027 for office and administrative costs [Ava keeps us in shape!]
- \$3,918 for ECCAK annual meeting and retreat [operational costs]
- \$2,258 for discipleship [books and/or workshops for pastors/leaders]
- \$14,901 for making up pastor's pension

As you can see, there is a great deal of our budget that goes to caring for our pastors and leaders. We believe that the local church is the most important aspect of the ECCAK mission. Without the local church, we would have no purpose. We are thankful for the many supporting institutions and organizations that join with ECCAK to strengthen the local church [CYAK, CCF, ACC, Covenant Bible Camp, KICY]. We also partner with non-Covenant institutions who help support the local church [MARC, ABM, AEC and others]. This year was not without some financial struggles. At one point in the year, the General Council approved about a \$27,000 cut in the budget to keep us from ending the year in the red.

Again, we are so grateful to God for His provision this last fiscal year. Add all of the above figures together and they are only statistics. We do need them, but they do little to help us really see what all happened on the individual heart level, where pastors and leaders have been encouraged and strengthened, giving us confidence that "He who began a good work in them, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!" Thank you for all who partner with us in giving and prayer! God is at work in Alaska!

## Retired Native Covenant Pastor Publishes Book

Pastor Fred Savok, now living in Bethel, has published his first book, "Jesus and the Eskimo." It is a book about "How the Man in the Sky Brought the Light to My People." It is a great book from one of our elders here in Alaska. So much of our history is being lost and we are thankful for those like Pastor Savok, who are willing to work hard at preserving a most important part of our past...the coming of the gospel. If you would like a copy, please contact [www.greatalaskastaff.com](http://www.greatalaskastaff.com). By the way, Pastor Savok is now busy writing yet another book.



Cover of book by retired Pastor Fred Savok

## FREE Covenant Hymnals

Harbor Covenant Church in Gig Harbor, WA has 77 copies of "The Covenant Hymnal" published by Covenant Press in Chicago [copyright date is 1973] that are in good condition. They are sometimes referred to as "the red hymnal." If any of our churches are in need of more hymnals, please contact Doug or Linda Olsen at 253-851-6913. They will ship them all to you or any amount you need [first come first serve]. Act fast, because they will be heading to Unalakleet for camp very soon.

## 2005 ECCAK Annual Meeting Selects General Council Members



*Irene Kaganak and Jerry Daniels were both selected as new members of the General Council at the 2005 ECCAK Annual Meeting. Marcus Reese was also selected for his second three year term.*

### CBC Staff and Camper Registrations Needed!

See Covenant Bible Camp (CBC) dates on the Prayer Calendar. Get your registration forms on-line at [eccak.org](http://eccak.org) Camp estimated costs also described at the web site. Camp emphasis Sunday is May 1.

## Korean Hope hope's for Sonogram

**P**astor John Park of Korean Hope in Anchorage is hoping to send a sonogram machine [one of those contraptions that allows you to see the baby in the womb] to Uzbekistan where they have an orphanage, nursing home, hospital and Bible school in the works. Presently, they have \$2000 donated towards the purchase of a sonogram machine which costs around \$10,000. If you would like to help them in their ministry to Muslim Koreans in Uzbekistan, please send your donations directly to: Korean Hope Covenant Church, 6957 Old Seward Hwy., Anchorage, AK 99518. Earmark your gift "For Sonogram."

Our churches: Anchorage First, Bethel, Eagle River, Elim, Fairbanks, Golovin, Hooper Bay, Kalskag, Korean Hope, Koyuk, Mat-Su, Mekoryuk, Mountain Village, New Song, Nome, Scammon Bay, Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, White Mountain

## Alaska Church Trivia

Match the church with the correct trivia. Have fun. Answers on page 7

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|-----|--|---|
| ___ | 1. Where our missionaries first arrived                      | a. Anchorage First Covenant Church              |
| ___ | 2. Where they grow 100# cabbages in the valley               | b. Anchorage Korean Hope Covenant Church        |
| ___ | 3. Can claim being the newest Covenant Church in AK          | c. Anchorage New Song Covenant Church           |
| ___ | 4. Where they live on an island where musk ox roam           | d. Bethel Evangelical Covenant Church           |
| ___ | 5. Where they catch caribou near 3-Step Mtn.                 | e. Eagle River Community Church                 |
| ___ | 6. Where the Pastor does acupuncture as a tentmaker          | f. Elim Covenant Church                         |
| ___ | 7. Where the Pastor built his own hanger                     | g. Fairbanks Community Covenant Church          |
| ___ | 8. Where they hold Easter service in the Bingo Hall          | h. Golovin Covenant Church                      |
| ___ | 9. Where they meet in a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church | i. Hooper Bay Covenant Church                   |
| ___ | 10. Where the village sits on the side of a mountain         | j. Kalskag Bible Chapel                         |
| ___ | 11. Where they held the ECCAK 2005 Annual Meeting            | k. Koyuk Covenant Church                        |
| ___ | 12. Where Maggie recently closed her store [sort of]         | l. Mekoryuk Evangelical Covenant Church         |
| ___ | 13. Where the ocean is on one side, a river on the other     | m. Mountain Village Evangelical Covenant Church |
| ___ | 14. Where they gather in a hexagonal church building         | n. Nome Evangelical Covenant Church             |
| ___ | 15. Where their pastor served 2 times in the Ukraine         | o. Scammon Bay Covenant Church                  |
| ___ | 16. Where they must be tired of building projects            | p. Shaktoolik Evangelical Covenant Church       |
| ___ | 17. Where there used to be a children's home                 | q. Unalakleet Evangelical Covenant Church       |
| ___ | 18. Where they just completed a building expansion           | r. Wasilla Mat-Su Covenant Church               |
| ___ | 19. Where they meet in the PM at a Baptist church            | s. White Mountain Evangelical Covenant Church   |

Our Para-church: Campus Christian Fellowship in Fairbanks, KICY in Nome, CYAK statewide, Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, Chickaloon Retreat Center in Chickaloon, Covenant Bible Camp near Unalakleet, and Chaplains in armed forces.