

To the Christian Churches of Alaska,

We here at Expressions of Emmanuel are very grateful for your support and prayers for our ministry! We continue to be blessed by God for all the work that we are able to do to reach the Deaf community. We have put out one new album this year, Mark of the Lamb, and have three more almost complete and ready to be produced. It's through support of churches like yourself that we are able to produce these albums. We are also incredibly blessed that we are able to go to the World Deaf Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 6 - 8. We will have a booth there where we are giving out our DVDs to the over fifty-thousand projected attendees of the event. Please pray for our team of 40+ individuals who will be working the booth.

As for our current plans, we are planning to return to Alaska to visit!(Steve, Vonda, Selah,and Cloudi) We were invited by the Christian Church of Anchorage to be their primary mission showcase at their mission conference from November 4 - 6. Our travel is graciously being provided for us by CCA and we are so blessed by this opportunity to return to Alaska. Ideally we would like to be able to travel to visit all of the churches who have supported us, but our travel plans primarily depend on Steve's health.

As you may already be aware, we spent the majority of June in the hospital to treat a what was diagnosed as an advanced form of non-smokers lung cancer. A symptom of the cancer was the growth of a mass at the base of Steve's spine that, due to its location and size, has been putting pressure on the nerves of his spine and causing him a great deal of pain. We have ordered medicine that will hopefully shrink and completely destroy the mass. Tonight He JUST started this medication to target this DNA mutation cancer. But in the meantime travelling is very difficult for him. If he is feeling well enough we may extend our stay so we can travel to other churches. If not then we will only be able to stay in the Anchorage area, though we hope that we may see representatives from other churches come to visit us while we are in Anchorage. We do thank everyone who has donated towards the considerable medical bills and has prayed for healing for Steve. Every donation and prayer has helped us so much and we praise God that we have such kind people helping us.

Despite Steve's health issues, we are still continuing production of our ASL DVDs and our outreach programs. We are putting his health in God's hands and continuing His work by working with the Deaf community. We are also still continuing our internship program for the summer and do not plan to halt any of Expressions of Emmanuel's plans. God's work

does not stop for illnesses, and we do not intend to stop either. However we do intend to give him more rest so that he can heal. We will continue to post updates and answer questions as we receive them, and we will continue to update you all if our plans change.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support and we hope to see you all in November!

- Expressions of Emmanuel