

June 2012



# NORTHERN-*hi*-LIGHTS

## *The Hoffbeck's Adventures in Alaska*

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**Fundraising for the  
2012-2013 school year  
As of June 10, 2012**



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*Class of 2011-2012*

### **This is Home...**

At the end of April, we said goodbye to our 5th class of graduating students since we have been serving at Alaska Christian College (ACC). It is amazing to think back on how fast the time has gone; we have been able to touch the lives of over

250 students in the past five years.

As many of the students have gone back to their respective villages for the summer, I am reminded again why ACC is such a special place. I have had multiple students contact me since leaving for the

year and talk about how they miss college, they refer to it as their "home." The safety and community that the students experience at ACC is a first for most of them and many are already looking forward to August when school starts again.

### **Summer Fun...**

Shannon and I both have most of the summer off. We will be spending our time fishing, camping, traveling, and playing church softball. I will continue to work on my Master's degree, while Shannon will continue to re-



mind me that she already has her Master's degree... for some reason she doesn't want to write any of my papers for me. It should be a fun summer and we look forward to enjoying a lot of time together!

## Fundraising Explained

In order to keep the cost of college to a minimum for our student body, the staff at Alaska Christian College is asked to raise their own support to help offset the financial burden of our students. Many of our students come from families whose income is well below the federal poverty level, and if it were not for the generous donations from supporters, many who have never met an Alaskan

Native, our students would not be able to afford a college education.

While asking for financial support is not always comfortable, I have personally seen the change that happens in the lives of our students directly as a result of supporters from all over the world. I can tell you about students' lives that have been eternally transformed because of

their opportunity to have a college education that they would never have had otherwise if not for Alaska Christian College. It is with this understanding that I ask you to consider financially supporting us and the work that God is doing at Alaska Christian College. Our goal this year is \$36,000. If you would like help support the work of Alaska Christian College, you can donate here: [TheHoffbecks.com/support-us.html](http://TheHoffbecks.com/support-us.html)

## Only in Alaska...



While the lower 48 was experiencing warmer than normal temperatures this winter, Alaska experienced a record snowfall. While this made our backyard a winter wonderland, the deep snow made it extremely difficult for our local moose population to find food this winter. A solution for many of the moose was to frequent the local horse ranch. Though moose aren't known as social animals, many days on my way to work, I would pass by the local ranch and see multiple moose that had jumped the fence in order to eat with the horses and llamas. One of the things you see only in Alaska.

## A Student's Story

Andrew Tooyak III / Eagle River, Alaska



Before I came to ACC, I had lived a life that emphasized my self-development without God.

This lifestyle included alcohol, premarital sex, and excessive self-pride. ACC has helped to refocus my life on God, and seek to please him first before myself.

The theologically-based academics was the most beneficial to my growth in Christ. The awesome course content, combined with knowledgeable and

dedicated instructors created a great learning environment for me. Though I only spent one semester here at ACC, I can safely say that it was a great way to build a solid spiritual foundation.

*Please pray for Andrew as he continues to seek God's plan for his life. He is an amazing young man and it was a joy to have him on campus this year.*



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