



# Prayer Focus

**MARCH**

You can hardly know Helen Gulledge without knowing of her love for Alaska. She has been to many places in Alaska over the past fifteen years, participating in various mission projects. It was the second or third trip that she came home with a vision for a ministry in Alaska. That vision was shared with her congregation and some have continued to pray for that vision all of this time.



Helen spent a lot of time trying to figure out how God would work out her plan. Over the years, her desire grew but things just never came together until she went to Hooper Bay with Samaritan's Purse this past summer. How absolutely

## Alaska Ministry

true that God will give one far more than we can possibly ask or imagine.

Alaska Christian college is a school with small class sizes and a caring, qualified faculty. ACC is a safe place for students to ask life's tough questions and is committed to encouraging the growth of the whole person--body, soul, mind, and spirit through whole-life discipleship.

The two-year Certificate of Biblical and General Studies builds on the first year curriculum and expands opportunities for general education by allowing students to pursue courses at

another local community college. Courses are taken between two campuses that allow students to gain skills necessary to succeed in higher education.

This ministry will enable Helen to help prepare the hearts and minds of the students for life through Christ. Many of the youth come from difficult home situations; many of them are from Moravian congregations throughout Alaska.

It is an exciting adventure to have to depend on God to order your every step because you do not have any idea what that step is going to be.

*Submitted by Helen Gulledge*

## Moravian Hill, Garden Village, Hanover Park

### *Russell Winfield and the South African Moravian Churches*

I have split my month's activities into the three areas previously set out in the Partnership Document.

1. Provide pastoral leadership for Moravian Hill as defined by the current pastor and the committee which oversees the congregation

I continue to work alongside Rev. Theunissen who remains very supportive. I have also been included on the preaching rota for Moravian Hill, Garden Village and Hanover Park. Last weekend (Jan 27th) I preached at Moravian Hill and am due to preach each month now going forward at the various congregations.

On a Monday night I continue to attend the Bridgetown youth group and help out in whatever capacity I can. On Tuesday nights I have begun a youth group in Hanover Park, the first one was this week and 9 young people attended. This is a weekly event. This Wednesday we begin a bible study for the Moravian Hill which I will lead (with invites also offered to Garden Village and Hanover Park). This will be a weekly event.

The manse was broken into again in mid-January, and I returned home to find the intruder, who promptly ran off! Thankfully nothing was taken, and only a couple of broken windows. I have taken a couple of steps to try and improve security.

2) Develop a vision for outreach with the Technical College next door and the youth there

The college is beginning its new year with new pupils and I have done further work trying to establish what is currently offered to the students. It appears there are four different

Christian Associations and furthermore a separate Church meets on the premises on a Sunday morning (the same time we meet at Moravian Hill). I feel in somewhat of a weak position to know how best to approach this task, I want us, being the Moravian Church, to be able to offer something to these young men and women, but it is case of knowing what and in what capacity, and whether it has sustainability.

3) Develop the concept to use the facilities of Moravian Hill as a training center for young adults ... to learn about mission ...

On Thursday afternoon I attend the local street children project "Homestead" for a few hours and work with the boys there. At the moment we are working on a project of photography and music that I have instigated. On a Friday night we have begun a "street kids cinema", targeted at the boys of the Homestead, for a place for them to come and watch a movie in Church and we serve them popcorn and juice.

My express thanks are made to all the MCSA who have again gone out of the way in making me feel welcome.

Yours in Christ, Br Russell Winfield

