



# the HANSEN Family

to the South American Region of Magallanes

September thru October 2018

## The Final Frontier

"Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country ..." (Eze 25.9) No, we didn't go into outer space, the last frontier, but rather the country of Alaska. And no, Alaska isn't its own country, but I had a slip of the tongue when I was talking to people in church. I would mention going back to the U.S. then they would ask me where I thought I was presently? I answered sheepishly, "I'm in the U.S." I believe it to be fitting to end deputation in what is known as the last frontier before going to a place that is known as the last frontier of Chile. Alaska has a lot of similarities to the region of Magallanes, Chile. It's cold and rugged, roads can be inaccessible and it is a land with many beautiful mountains and lakes. In the Southern Hemisphere our seasons will be at the opposite times of Alaska but with the same long dark winters and the midnight sun of summer.

While in Alaska we were able to get tracts out and talk with the people. Some received it happily but just not willing to pray with us. One Middle Eastern man argued that Christ was God, just not the God the Bible portrays him to be. I handed him a tract which started the conversation, but seeing he wasn't getting anywhere with me he turned to my friend Anthony. Anthony is much bigger and younger than me, he probably thought Anthony was weaker in the scriptures. After about 20 minutes he left unwilling to hear any more of what the Bible had to say, trusting in his own opinions. It wouldn't be until I was back in the lower 48 before God would allow me to show an Alaskan how to be saved. We would like to extend a thank you to the churches in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Chugiak, Palmer, Kenai and Sterling, AK which took us in and cared for us.

## The Lower 48 (or the U.S.)

Before we left for Alaska, we visited a church in Airway Heights, WA. I was happy to see a new work started there, as I would travel through this town when I was working for a company and prayed that a work would be started for God. After the Alaskan trip we came back home to Post Falls, ID and then I went to preach at the first church (outside our home church) that took us on for support in Great Falls, MT. After I preached, the pastor and I were able to lead two young men (20's) to the Lord. What a blessing! Although I do enjoy planting and sowing the seed, I did ask God over the last couple of months if I could get some of those "handfuls of purpose."

Lastly, "Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." (2 Cor 1.11) Without your prayers we would not be ready to leave the country, without your financial commitment we could not stay on the field. Would you please pray for our transition? For the folks who anticipate our arrival and those who we have not encountered yet. Also, please pray for the two men in Montana that were saved and for Atilio Pacheco. Atilio is a young man in Punta Arenas that missionary Phil Robinson has been in contact with. We are praying for this man and his family that it will be a good first contact as we arrive on the field. Thank You!

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