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WINTER'S STILL HERE

Mountains of snow are around us and it is still snowing. The wind is blowing about 25 miles per hour. I would say we are in a blizzard again. This is the most snow we've seen at this time of the year since we've been here. One of the good things about it though is it's warmer. This time of the year we usually are at our coldest but we are having 20 degrees above zero weather. That probably doesn't seem warm to you but it is here. This morning I shoveled a path out to the street in front of our house, It was over three feet deep-GOOD EXERCISE! We are nice and cozy here though.

The fire is burning with a crackling sound and the 2 cars are being lazy. There's no place to go anyway. If you're going to live here in the winter, you've got to be a home body. I want to thank you for sending encouragement notes letters. They mean so much to us, so please keep them coming. We also appreciate all of your prayers for us and the Village of Elim. We know God is intervening in people's lives. People's lives are being changed because of your prayers. You are our parrners. We could never do the ministry here without your help.



SNOW MOUNTAIN



PARKING THE CAR



DIGGING A SNOW CAVE

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A WORD FROM TERESA

As you can see from the pictures of our hearth, there are now two cats. Cathy (the grey tabby) has lived in our house for apout 8 years now. This makes her about 12 years old. Hazel (the calico) is about 4 years old. We adopted her a couple of months back from a family in Nome who were unable to keep her. What fur it is to watch the two cats play, chasing one enother around the house and generally creating a great deal of anusement for Terry and I.

We frave included pictures on this page of 5 darling little boys too. Notice that little keelan has his puppy all bundled into his sled two.

Little children, cats, and poppies all have something in common. The total lack of worry about the economy, world health issues, netural disesters, and other such concerns. They are fed when hungry, warned when cold, and proceeded naturally. The rest of us all live daily with great concerns that often weigh as down until we become less than productive. How much bester would it be if we would take the words of our Savor to heart?

His words can be found in Metthew 6:25 thro 34. It is verse 34 that really some up the whole dring. "Therefore do not warry about concrew, for concrew will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its won."

Just for today try to be like the cut by the fire or the child at play. DON'T WOREY! GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.













HOW THEN SHALL THEY CALL ON HIM IN WHOM THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED? AND HOW SHALL THEY BELIEVE IN HIM OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? AND HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?

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ENDURANCE

This is the time of Idicarod, walk with the Lord being a race of Twelve hundred miles by man, dogs, and dogsled that starts in Anchorage and ends in Nome. unbelievable weather and recredible average of frozen ocean. mountains, and trails that are barely visible at times. This is my fourth-time to watch the Iditarod come rhrough Elim and I still cannot believe that they do it. How they do in! Endurance Training. They work based at it. You just don't gather together the minimum \$55,000 that's needed to be in the race, get your dogs and sled, then decide tomorrow I'm going to compete. It takes years of training and hard work. Without day to day working with the dogs and tunning in smaller races you would not only lose the race but you might even lose your life.

Sometimes in out lives we get dissapointed with ourselves because we make mistakes and sometimes even fail. We want to serve God with whole heart OUF sometimes we mess up. Sometimes we might even feel like giving up because we feel like we just can't do it any more. Paul, in Hebrews 12:1 ralks about our Christian

endurance. In the MESSAGE version of Hebrews 12:1 it says:

Do you see what this means - all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering na could be means would be more get the with a decrepdown, start running - and never num! No extra spiritual fax, no parasitic time. Keep your tyes on leven, who both began and finition! this racewriting with low Harlid a by one Herman hos sight of where he was limited - than redularating finish in and with God . He rould just up with anything sinng the way. Crest. shame, whatever, And now He's theer, is the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourself flagging in your faith, so over that story again, bem be need, that long litary of hostility He plowed through. That will shoot adrenatine into your soul!

We are not in this race alone. The Holy Spirit is right there when we need scrength and power. All we have to do is ask. We work on our walk with the Lord day by day and when we stumble He is there to pick us up and forgive us. We will not be perfect until we meet lesus face to face. RUN THE RACE







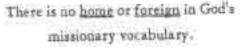




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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Everyone is having a hard time in the downtum of this economy, it's the same here in Elim, Last Fall Teresa and I went to the lower 48 to help raise support for the ministry here. We went to 39 churches in the Central Conference. After the first of the year we sent a letter to every church in the Central Conference asking them what they could do to help support us on an ongoing basis. We received only a few toplies back saying that they could help with support on an ongoing basis it is not the Churches fault. Every Church and every Conference is having financial problems in this economy. We do have other people and a couple of other churches that help on an ongoing basis but with the tunds that are coming in, we are only at about 50% of our ongoing budget. The Alaska Conference helps out whenever possible but there are very little funds available. Without help. Teresa and I may not be able to minister here in Ellin any longer. What we need is a one time donation of \$50, (some might be able to afford more) from each one on our mailing list. With that help we will be at our full budget for the next year. I know this will be a sacrifice for some of you but maybe there is some kind of project your family could do together to raise the fifty dollars. Please pray that our budget would be met. Thank you lot praying, caring and loving us so much as we minister to the Native Alaskans in Elim





Evening View



Before the Blizzard



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

PRACTICAL NEEDS

