

Needed: Kingdom Intercessors and Investors

By President Dave Ley

A major purpose and passion of Alaska Bible College is to train Alaskans to reach Alaska and the world! This eternal work cannot happen without you! **ABC needs your intercession!** One of the songs that the people of Israel sang while journeying up the hill to Jerusalem was Psalm 127. The first verse of this song is the reason we long for your intercession. “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” ABC will fail without your faithful, fervent prayer! The obstacles are too big and the mission unsustainable without the moment-by-moment enabling power of God, who “builds” through us and—at times—in spite of us! Will you pray for us?

ABC needs your investment: \$100K in 100 Days. Because we want to keep our training affordable, there is always a gap between the tuition that our students pay, and the actual cost of training them to reach Alaska and beyond. We were blessed recently by a brand new supporter, who has promised to match any donation made between now and June 8, up to \$50,000. This means that the Lord could provide \$100,000 in the next few months that would help ABC finish our fiscal year in the “black,” and also help us through the summer months. What might you be willing or able to give in the next two months so that we can see the Lord provide a double portion?

Ways to Invest in ABC

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If you shop on Amazon, sign on to **smile.amazon.com** and select Alaska Bible College as your charity. All your shopping done through **smile.amazon.com** will bring a donation to Alaska Bible College.



Online Giving: ABC is set up to receive online donations of any amount. If you choose to give this way, the cost for ABC to process your gift is minimal compared to “snail” mail. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt immediately by email. One-time or recurring donations are easy to set up using a credit card or a bank routing number. Sign on to our website: **www.akbible.edu**. Click the “Give” button at the top-right corner of the front page to invest in His Kingdom work at ABC.

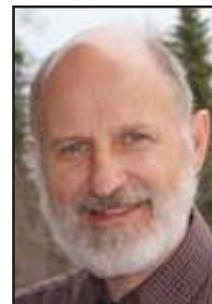


Email Addresses: The less paper and postage that ABC uses, the more resources that are available to help our students become servant leaders with Christ-like character. Would you be willing send your email address and your up-to-date contact information to **info@akbible.edu**?

Alumnus Donates Counseling Library



Alaska Bible College is excited to announce the availability of a new collection of books related to Christian counseling and psychology, donated by ABC graduate Dr. Larry Severson (BA, class of 1977). After many years of experience in Christian counseling, Dr. Severson recently retired from his private practice in Anchorage. Over the years, he accumulated a large collection of professional-level resources to support his practice. Many of these titles are particularly relevant to the issues that counselors face in rural Alaska and the Far North. By donating these books to ABC, Dr. Severson is hopeful that many more pastors and counselors will be able to benefit from them. Thank you, Larry, for your support of ABC's ministry! ABC's library is open to the general public every weekday, and the catalog is fully searchable through our website.



Student Spotlight: David & Vikki Rusher

By Jonathan Garland, Vice President for Student Development

What brought you to Alaska Bible College?

We were immediately attracted to the personal connection we felt, from the beginning of the application process to the moment of our arrival. And we felt the student to teacher ratio was a real advantage. Of course, we were glad the school had four-year accreditation and accepted my GI bill.

What were some of the events that led you to think about attending a Bible College?

I felt a strong calling toward ministry. Coming directly from a military and police background, I was familiar with the value of good training. I realized that if I was going to be heading into ministry, I needed quality bible training.



How has your experience been?

Though not without its challenges, we've had a great experience at ABC. It's been an "iron sharpening iron" kind of environment. What I really like is that the questions being answered in the classroom are the questions I'm asking. The faculty and staff bring me to a place of wrestling with the text and God's plan for my life. Also, I've found that being pushed and challenged in an academic environment has been a great asset in my current ministry context.

What makes your experience at ABC memorable outside the classroom?

As an older, non-traditional student, it's encouraging to be around younger men and women, so passionate about their faith, training to reach the next generation. Beyond that, the environment here is broader than the classroom context. Being able to get out and worship God in creation with other like-minded students has been a great experience that has contributed to my overall college experience.

What would you say to someone considering Bible College as an option?

Jesus never said you had to have a degree to follow Him. However, I'm not sure you could find a better environment with the potential for faster growth than in a Bible College setting. And coming from my vantage point in life, I'd encourage people to consider that it is never too late to begin your journey at Alaska Bible College. Bible College makes a deposit into your life that has eternal value. I'd say it is an investment worth making.

Cotés Join Faculty



Alaska Bible College is excited to welcome Matthew and Christy Côté as the latest family to join the faculty. Matthew began teaching as an adjunct instructor in Fall 2016, and was invited to join the regular faculty in January. Matthew will teach in the areas of philosophy, systematic theology, and English. In addition to teaching classes, Matthew will serve as Vice President for Business Administration. His wife Christy will serve as Receptionist and Director of Financial Aid.

“We are both passionate about equipping people to know what they believe, why they believe it, and to apply that truth consistently in their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ,” said Matthew. In their free time, Matthew and Christy enjoy playing with their dogs, reading, and being outdoors.

Matthew and Christy moved to Alaska from Wisconsin in 2014 as missionaries with Victory Bible Camp. Matthew served as Operations Director and taught in their Outpost Program. Christy was the camp’s receptionist.

Matthew holds a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin, and an M.A. in Philosophy from Southern Evangelical Seminary. His expertise in these fields are a welcome addition to the faculty of ABC!

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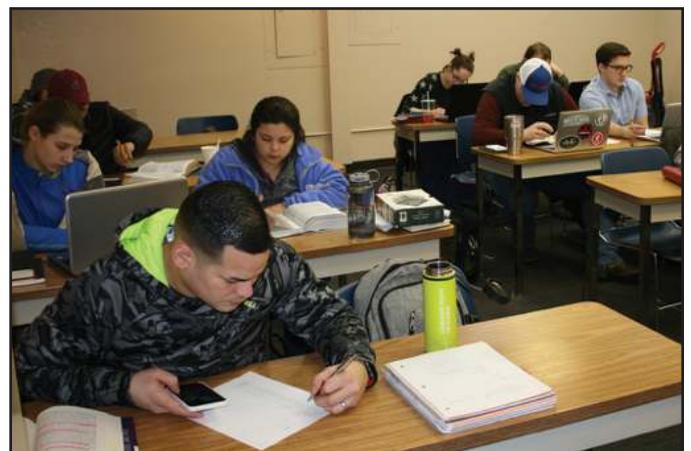
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ABC Wins Enrollment Award



This fall, the Association for Biblical Higher Education (our accrediting agency) awarded ABC with the “Jonathan N. Thigpen Enrollment Growth Award” in recognition of the highest enrollment growth in the association. We praise God for this 30% increase in our student enrollment from last year! Much of this increase is the fruit of our students’ involvement in local area churches. We also thank Becky Olson for her dedication to the admissions office during this time of growth. This spring, she “passed the torch” to Justin Archuletta, our new Director for Recruitment & Admissions. Of course, we are continually reminded that the Lord is our best recruiter. He is responsible for our growth, continually sending students we were not expecting. Looking ahead, ABC is applying for certification from the Department of Defense, so we can offer our classes to active duty service members. We look forward to ministering to these service men and women, and prayerfully look forward to the continued growth of our student body!





Summer Missions Intensive

Do you have a heart for world missions? Get the training you need during our two weeks of intensive missionary training this summer. These courses are designed to integrate with the training requirements of most major mission agencies.



Second Language & Culture Acquisition

This course will prepare the student to learn a second language primarily in the ministry field by understanding practical applications of second language acquisition principles and practices.

Dates: June 5-9

Instructor: Karen Hedinger



Anthropology for Christian Witness

Theory and methodology of anthropology are examined to adapt to life and ministry in order to be a witness for Christ in global contexts. Doing ethnography to learn culture by participant observation is emphasized and developed. Students will write an ethnography.

Dates: June 12-16

Instructor: Frank Emrick

What better place to train for frontier missions, than on the mission field of the Last Frontier?

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