



**Did you know** that Alaska is the least church-attending state in the US? It is far less churched than places like Haiti (95% professing Christian), Guatemala (96% professing Christian), Belize (84% professing Christian), and other central America/ Caribbean countries. Alaska is 69% professing Christian with only 36% saying that they identify with any religious group. And far less than that go to any church. People think of Alaska as a tourist destination, but we are a serious mission field. And we need help!

Partnering with local churches, we facilitate mission volunteers and church teams working direct with non-churched children, youth and adults in local parks -- feeding meals to the hungry, backyard Bible school, sports, games and crafts. Most of the neighborhoods we work in are amazingly multi-ethnic. Three out of the top five most diverse communities in America are in Anchorage, Alaska and we work in all three. Working in our local parks is like international missions in a domestic setting. Our goal is nothing less than a multiplying, church planting Jesus Movement here in Alaska. We are committed to partnering with others in church planting, evangelism and discipleship.

You can serve here without a translator and without a passport. No language barrier and no Zika virus to worry about. Temps here in the summer are in the 60's, 70's instead of 90's & 100's in Central America. Our housing is clean and comfortable and safe. Our food is the best! And we will show off some of the beauty of Alaska while you are here!

**GraceWorks** focuses on the neglected neighborhoods. You will work in multi-ethnic communities - including Samoan, Hispanic, Native American, Hmong, and African American. Our belief is that the Great Commission is NOT just for the World to go to church, but for the Church to go to the World! We partner with local churches and church planters to insure quality follow-up.

**What will you be doing?** You'll be feeding hungry, disadvantaged children a good lunch. In the afternoon you will work in a local park teaching unchurched children and youth the Bible. You will support that work with games, crafts, music and recreation. You will host evangelistic community Park Parties in the evenings.

We live here in Alaska and have been doing this a long time. We have more experience than anyone else. In the past six years we have hosted more than 6,000 mission volunteers here in Alaska. Folks keep coming back again and again because they trust us and we know what we are doing and do what we promise.



## **2019 Summer July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

*We ask you to arrive Sunday evening and depart the following Saturday evening. We cannot provide housing or airport pickup on Saturdays. If you choose to come early, you must get a hotel and use the hotel airport shuttle. We can pick you up any time after 12.30pm on Sunday.*

**Fun?** Oh yeah! On Saturday, we'll take you on a spectacular, jaw-dropping drive along Turnagain Arm - an inlet named by the famous explorer Captain Cook. Look for eagles and Beluga whales on your right and Dall Sheep on the vertical mountains to your left. Soon we arrive at magical Portage Valley where you are surrounded by majestic blue glaciers! All aboard as we take an hour-long boat cruise to 100 yard high face of a giant glacier calving into Portage Lake. Then we take a short, easy stroll to another glacier where you can have a snowball fight if you wish! Maybe we will see a moose or a bear? On the way back to Anchorage, we will stop at the Wildlife Conservation Center and check out the grizzlies, black bears, caribou, moose, and other Alaskan critters. You'll love it!!

**How Much?** Because we are working concurrently at 15 park locations each day for the entire summer, we need a lot of volunteer teams. We found that it works best for us to put together a turnkey package where we handle the ground logistics so that you can concentrate on your ministry project here. We provide comfortable housing, all meals, transportation, staff hosting, airport transfers, most of the supplies and a day guided sightseeing. The cost of all this is **\$650/pp**. Airfare is not included, addition (**\$700-1,200/pp**) depending on purchase of airfare. Total cost: **\$1,350-\$1,850**