

February, 2010 Missionary of the Month  
Rev. Todd and Kim Roeske  
Alaska

Having been our missionaries-of-the month in February, 2009, Rev. Todd and Kim Roeske sent their appreciation for our support and the blessings that we are to them in Alaska. They serve "Alaska Mission for Christ", a non-profit corporation directed by the churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Being one of only four teams of missionaries to cover the huge state of Alaska, they reach out with the message of Jesus Christ to remote villages and settlements and keep in contact with each other through phone and internet.

Their church, Mt. Drum Lutheran Church (formerly Denali Lutheran Church), is in an area where only 15% claim church membership and only 1/2 of the 15% go to church. Most people in the Mt. Drum congregation are Athabascan native Americans with the remaining being transplants from the lower 48. To gain even one new member, home visits over months are often necessary. Besides serving as pastor and leading Bible Studies, Sunday School, confirmation classes, and Vacation Bible School, they have started a new Christ-centered recovery program to help people who are dealing with hurts, habits or hang-ups. There is also a day care center is being proposed.

Todd and Kim grew up in Michigan and Indiana respectively before becoming missionaries in the Philippines. It was a dramatic change to come to Alaska to a one room cabin which was both home and church. They have expanded and remodeled to have a more conventional church and a home for their four biological and adopted daughters- Audrie, 18, Kalae, 13, Karis 7, and Amani 5. Although they have no beach as our Naples children do, they live in a wooded area where caribou and moose abound.

Please join the Rev and Mrs. Roeske family as they rejoice that 6 young people have gone through communion instruction and are now celebrating the Lord's Supper with the. They pray for a new missionary to serve Southwest Alaska and for the government regulations to clear for the opening of MT. Drum Child Care and Development Center.

More information is available at [www.alaskamissionforchrist.org](http://www.alaskamissionforchrist.org)  
and [www.Mtdrumlutheran.com](http://www.Mtdrumlutheran.com).

Electronic newsletters are available at [toddroeske@juno.com](mailto:toddroeske@juno.com)

#### Prayer Unceasing

To request prayers of thanksgiving or petitions, please call Rozan Mueller at 262-1564 or email Margie Feuser at [MargieGo2@embarqmail.com](mailto:MargieGo2@embarqmail.com). Devout and loving people of Grace are standing by to pray. You are invited to join one of the prayer circles by contacting either Rozan or Margie.

