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Engaging Students in Life-giving Connection

Talking with God at the 2019 Spring Jam Retreat

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Two Fridays ago, CYAK staffer Drew Williams and a group of students and volunteers from Scammon Bay jumped on their snow machines to travel two hours across the frozen tundra to the neighboring village of Hooper Bay. It had been put on Drew's heart several years ago that there should be a student retreat in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region.

Spring Jam brought together a fun group of 17 students from the two villages and centered their conversations around the theme 'Talking with God'. Students were given the opportunity to learn, practice and engage with God throughout the weekend.

Drew reflected, "Students joined for an incredible weekend to learn about and experience talking with God. It is always so good to be together, and seeing our students really get into the events of the weekend was a true joy."

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significant prayer, planning, partnership and forethought goes into these events. Local partnerships between the village churches, cities and schools allows events to make use of available facility space throughout the year. Financial partnership from individuals across the country gives students the chance to travel and be present at these events at an affordable price.

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Prayers of many partners invite protection, learning and open discussion at these events so that students can know, grow and then be equipped to go with God. CYAK is constantly grateful for the inputs of partners and 'team members' around the state who pour in so that the 17 kids who show up to Spring Jam learn even more what it means to be in conversation with our good and caring Creator God.

For events that start small, there is

often a growth period of several years as the event gains momentum. Drew remarked after the retreat, "We are very much looking forward to Spring Jam 2020 and can't wait to see what God does next." Will you continue to pray for the students of Western Alaska and the ways that God's Kingdom is moving here?

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Not only do we have some of the most committed staff on the ground in Alaska, but we have some of the most committed partners around the country driving the vision of CYAK forward.

Events across the state allow students to have specific encounters with God. Consider the impact that your giving has on the lives of young people as we do kingdom work in partnership together.

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