# **ALASKA MISSION TRIP**



A wild and rugged frontier land, **Alaska** encompasses breathtaking landscapes and some of the most diverse neighborhoods in America. Alaskans are often very independent-minded people, which can make ministry challenging, but also very rewarding.

Teams work in Anchorage, the Matanuska Valley, and the Kenai Peninsula alongside local churches and ministries who are sharing the hope of Christ in a physically and spiritually dark place (Alaska is dark 20 hours/day in the winter: summers have sunshine long into the evening).

On your mission trip, you'll be an encouragement to those you partner alongside, while building meaningful relationships and experiencing the unmatched beauty of Alaska.

### WHY ALASKA?

- MOST UNCHURCHED STATE IN THE US
- POVERTY, ALCOHOLISM, ABUSE, AND HOMELESSNESS
  AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION
- LOCAL PASTORS WANT THE HELP AND ENCOURAGEMENT
  OF OUTREACH ORIENTED TEAMS
- INVEST IN AWESOME KIDS IN NEED OF CHRISTIAN ROLE
  MODELS
  - EXPERIENCE THE RUGGED BEAUTY OF THE LAST FRONTER: GLACIER-FED LAKES, LUSH FORESTS, AND SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE

**DATES:** 

## JOIN US in Alaska

### MINISTRY OPTIONS

#### Service Projects

- Clean-up, repair work, and painting in homes and churches
- Construction Projects\*
  - Skilled construction repairing/rebuilding homes
- Church Ministry
  - Attend and participate with your partner church
- Home Visits\*
  - Visit homes of families in need, providing supplies/blessing bags
- Mercy Ministry\*
  - Homeless, senior citizens
- Outreach Ministry
  - Outreach events, cookouts, evangelism, prayer walking
- Sports Ministry
  - Sports camps or pick-up games of soccer, basketball, volleyball
- Children's Ministry
  - Attend, participate in, or lead children's events, Sunday school, or VBS

\*Choosing this option may incur an additional cost



Your team will take a scenic drive along **Cook Inlet's Turnagain Arm**, nestled between gorgeous mountain ranges and the unique bore tide that flows in and out of the Inlet. You'll experience Alaska's wildlife up close at the **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**, then hike along a river trail and ascend **Byron Glacier** in a gorgeous mountain basin. From there you'll go to **Virgin Falls** in the world's northernmost rainforest.

We highly recommend adding the optional **midweek recreation** - a trip to Eklutna Lake for mountain biking and sea kayaking on a pristine, glacier-fed lake with stunning alpine views.

If you wish to upgrade your **final day** recreation you may choose from a variety of three amazing glacier cruises or take an aerial tram in the Chugach Mountains.

