

Baptist Mission Trip to Alaska Considered Very Successful

by Dr. Woodrow Dial

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Christ left us no choice. To follow him, to obey His word, we had to take His message of salvation to Fort Yukon, Alaska.

And son, on the 24th of June 2000, a team of seven volunteers from the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in Pembroke, NC embarked on a journey to do just that. We flew to Anchorage where we were met by Bro. Mack Green of First Native Baptist Church, who drove us on the church van to Fairbanks.

Alaska is a beautiful and most interesting state with its snow-capped mountains, blue-hue glaciers, sweeping plains, winding rivers, Northern Lights, mirror-like lakes, verdant evergreens, and flourishing, colorful flowers.

From Fairbanks, we booked a small commuter or "bush plane" for a one and a half hour flight across the frozen tundra to Fort Yukon, a small native American village of about 800 people, located on the Yukon River, eight miles above the Arctic Circle. There we met the Tim Ungry Family, where time is missionary to the village. Tim showed us around the village and his work site, Arctic Circle Baptist Church.

Our project or work, was to conduct Vacation Bible School and hold evangelistic revival services. We began by going door to door with a witnessing ministry and to solicit participation in the work. We found a kind and gracious people who welcomed us into their homes and freely conversed with us. During the week we enrolled 42 children into vacation Bible school. We found the children anxious to learn about the gospel. Our sessions were fun-filled and en-

joyable for them and they freely expressed it. The evangelistic services were held in the evening and some of the children would come to the worship service and we had two who made professions of faith during the week.

It was a rewarding experience for the team members as we got to know and worked with the children. The children were always reluctant to leave and wanted to stay around with us. Too soon the week was over and we had to make preparations to leave the village. As we walked down to the landing strip, some of the children accompanied us. While we waited to board the bush flight back to Fairbanks, the children were busy picking the Alaskan wildflowers and presented them to the team members. While taking photographs, one team member had laid her flowers down and boarded the plane, having forgotten them. As we taxied out to the runway, we looked and saw one child holding the flowers and waving for us to come back. The pilot was gracious enough to turn around and taxi back to the boarding area. The little boy came running to present the flowers and we noticed that he had tears running down his face.

As he presented the flowers, the impact that we had made on those young lives was apparent. He had one request. It was forward and to the point, "Will you come back again and tell us some more about Jesus?" he asked. As the team sat in silence as we flew over the Tundra toward Fairbanks, I'm sure each one had their own private thoughts. I could not help but think: "a weary world waits for Christ. Will we seize the moment? Will we use this opportunity to share His love as never before? Will we ignite our churches with the heartfelt passion that springs from mission involvement?" We can. We will. We must!



Shown are members of the Mission Team to Fort Yukon, Alaska. Shown front row, left to right are Mary B. Hunt, Peggy Locklear, Jean Smiling, Dr. Woodrow Dial. Back row, left to right are Larry Hunt, Carson Smiling and Roxann Bailey.

VFW Post #2843 Establishes Memorial Fund

Robeson County Veterans Memorial Donations (tax deductible). The account has been set up at Lumbee Guaranty Bank in Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

Please send all donations to: Lumbee Guaranty Bank; "Robeson County Veterans Memorial Fund" P.O. Box 908; Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

The Fund Trustees are Erwin Jacobs, Freddie Chavis and Rudy

Locklear.

We need your support!! Thank you in advance.

Special Note: I was told on Tuesday that Brother Ardell Jacobs traded in his VFW uniform for a better one. He was a dedicated member of the Pembroke VFW. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to his family.

by Erwin Jacobs

National Tour comes to Givens Performing Arts Center

The Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke presents the national tour of the Broadway musical, *Steel Pier*, on Monday, September 18 at 8:00 pm.

Steel Pier, the musical, brings to life the glittering romance and desperation of the dance marathon craze. Couples would compete for days, even weeks to win prize money and gain momentary fame. Rita Racine, a professional marathon champion has come to compete what she hopes will be her last marathon. When her partner fails to show up, she agrees to pair with Bill, a handsome, mysterious stunt pilot she meets on the beach. The dancing and romance begin. But she is secretly married to Mick, the marathon's emcee; a ruthless manipulator who has devised a behind-the-scenes scheme to make off with all the prize money. The plot thickens amid a desperate group of contestants bouncing off each other as they compete for the \$2,000 Grand Prize. The stage becomes awash of

colorful, dizzying array of period dances: Charleston, Lindy, Castle Walk, Susie Q, turkey trot, Black Bottom, Sugar, rhumba, Castle Polka, Shimmy and the waltz. "Dance! Dance! Dance!" cries Mick as we are caught up in the kinetic poetry of physical exhaustion.

Nominated for eleven Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Steel Pier* is the eleventh collaboration by Kander and Ebb following hits that include *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Zorba*, *The Rink* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. A dance musical that will tug at your heart, we invite you to escape to the days of barnstorming pilots and wing walking chorus girls. As the song entices, "Things work out, you're sure to find/When you leave the world behind".

Tickets for *Steel Pier* are \$26, \$24, \$22 and \$8 for children and students. For reservations or more information, call the GPAC box office at (910) 521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778. *Steel Pier* is sponsored in part by The Robesonian and Alltel.



Kenny Buffaloe, left, NC Kyokushin Karate Representative with Kancho Shokei Matsui, leader and director of the International Kyokushin Karate Organization in Tokyo, Japan.

New Computer Program Teaches Reading the "Quick and Easy Way"

Arrow Publishing, a leader in educational computer software, has officially launched its new phonics computer reading program to help solve the problem of poor reading abilities of students. Phonics Voyage was recently released to the public and school market. This program will help parents and teachers teach students to read by intensive phonics instruction.

Phonics Voyage was designed to be used by children ages 5 - 12; however, it may be used by older students as a remedial tool.

Teachers and students are "fed up" with old reading programs and poor reading scores! We have developed a new full motion computer reading program to help them improve reading scores. This program is a "reading solution which is in step with the needs of students."

Phonics Voyage is an aptly named program, kids board a pirate ship, where they learn and drill early reading skills. Educational Value: Phonics Voyage does a thorough job of presenting and drilling early reading skills. Kid Appeal: In addition to a real-life host (who looks like Orson Wells in a pirate costume), Phonics Voyage features cartoon drawings and simple animation. Ease of Use/Install: Phonics Voyage installs without difficulty. Program navigation is simple - an easily accessed index includes links to each of the program's lessons and games. Bottom Line: Phonics Voyage successfully teaches kids required early reading skills.

Students take a Phonics Voyage with a crew of characters they will not forget! The Captain and his cartoon crew teach students phonics reading skills! Students become super readers in a short time. It is an interactive full motion video computer reading program. "It is so much fun students forget that it is an educational tool."

Phonics Voyage teaches ABCs, letter recognition, consonants, long vowels, short vowels, double vowels, beginning sounds, ending sounds, beginning clusters, ending clusters, digraphs, blends, sight words, sentence building, songs, stories and games and much more. The program includes a reproducible activity workbook.

Phonics Voyage teaches students all the basic building blocks for reading. It is an integrated approach to teaching reading which was created by educators and parents.

Phonics Voyage was designed for school or home use. The program is a self directed reading program. Teachers or parents do not have to be experts in reading in order to give support to their children learning to read. They just need to help the child get started. Then the child can take control and have fun while he or she builds reading skills. The computer is the tutor and the child is at the controls.

Phonics Voyage is available on CD-ROM (Windows & Mac Versions). The program has been adopted by a number of schools already.

Buffaloe selected as NC Delegate to U.S.'s largest Karate Tournament

Kenny Buffaloe, the official North Carolina Representative of Kyokushin Karate, was recently invited as a special delegate to the America's Cup 2000 Karate Tournament. Buffaloe will have judging and administrative duties at the tournament. The America's Cup 2000 is the largest full-contact, knockdown karate tournament in the United States.

The America's Cup 2000 will see regional and national Kyokushin Champions from all over North, South and Central America as well as fighters from Japan, Europe, and Australia. This tournament is recognized and endorsed by the President of the United States, commending each of the competitors for their deep personal commitment to excellence.

It will be held September 23, 2000 in New York City. It is difficult from other karate tournaments because the fighting is full-contact with no protection (pads). There are no rank or weight divisions and a fighter has to knock out his opponent in order to win a match. Over 130 Kyokushin Karate competitors fight all day in this single round elimination event, until a Grand Champion is crowned. Fighters from other karate styles are welcome to compete, but elect not to enter due to the intensity of the matches.

Buffaloe was also selected to take part in an advanced training seminar

under Kancho S. Matsui, the leader and director of the International Kyokushin-Kai Karate organization from Japan. Kancho Matsui, who will also be the Supreme Judge at the America's Cup 2000 Tournament, will hold this special five hour training seminar only for the top U.S. Black Belts and instructors the day after the tournament.

It is a great honor to be personally trained by Kancho Matsui, the greatest Karate Champion of all time, having won the All-Japan Championships twice and the World Karate Tournament in 1987.

Buffaloe is excited to represent North Carolina at the America's Cup 2000 and to take part in the special training seminar the next day. Buffaloe sees this as an opportunity to learn new training and fighting techniques to offer more to his own students in North Carolina.

Buffaloe teaches weekly area karate classes for men, women, teens and children.

For more information about Kyokushin Karate or beginners classes, call 589-4281.

Buffaloe is also available to do martial arts demonstrations in Robeson County for any group, school or civic organization.

Buffaloe can be reached at: NC Kyokushin Karate, P.O. Box 615, Seaboard, NC 27876.

LRDA/Lumbee Housing: Part III-Elderly/Special Needs Rental Assistance

LRDA/Lumbee Housing - Part III
The past two weeks we have reviewed the LRDA/Lumbee Housing Department. We looked at the makeup of the Department, how it is funded, and the basic eligibility requirements to receive housing assistance. This week we will review one of the programs administered by the agency. Program #1 which is the "Elderly/Special Needs Rental Assistance" will be the focus of this article.

This program is designed specifically to provide housing services to the elderly, near-elderly, handicapped and disabled. Elderly is defined as those tribal members 62 years of age and older. Near-elderly is defined as those 55 years of age and older. And, disabled and handicapped are those who receive disability benefits.

Under this program, a housing complex is scheduled to be built in six of the traditional Lumbee Indian communities. Traditional Indian communities have been defined by LRDA as those who had an Indian high school prior to 1964. At this time, the traditional communities meeting this criteria have

been identified by the agency as being Prospect, Pembroke, Fairmont and Saddletree located in Robeson county; Oak Grove in Scotland county and Hawkeye in Hoke county. The complex for the Fairmont community is currently under construction. This project is being funded through the 1998 NAHASDA monies and is being administered by the NC Indian Housing Authority. At this time, the staff of the Lumbee Housing Department is evaluating applications to determine the need for such a complex in the other traditional Lumbee Indian communities. Upon completion of the evaluation, the construction of the complexes will be prioritized according to the greatest need.

Each complex will consist of a Tribal Service Center which will serve as a tenant/community services building which will house an on-site manager, office space for community based LRDA and Housing services, resident/community meeting area, a kitchenette, utility/maintenance storage, and rest room facilities. Such a Center will allow the agency the opportunity to take the services to tribal members. For example, a "meals on wheels" program could be administered within the complex. In addition, the Center will provide a place for tribal members, either living in the complex or in the community, to gather to participate in cultural activities such as quilting, canning, lye soap making, etc.

Individual housing units consisting of either one bedroom or two bedroom units will be arranged as duplexes and triplexes on approximately 1/2 acre tracts of land. Monthly rental payments will be based on HUD regulations in accordance to NAHASDA. LRDA feels this type of program will allow tribal elders and the disabled to remain in their home based communities, while maintaining their independence. It will keep them close to family members and allow them to remain in familiar surroundings. This cluster type of housing for tribal members will allow the continued presence of a distinct Indian tribal community in the area.

Pembroke Day Rescheduled for September 13

Pembroke, NC - Pembroke Day, the annual "town and gown" event on the campus of UNC Pembroke, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 13, 10am to 1:30 pm.

Continuing bad weather and forecasts calling for more of the same

Wednesday have delayed the event. Pembroke Day features a wide range of entertainment from the 82nd Airborne Choir to Miss Lumbee.

Businesses, civic organizations and campus groups display their goods and services. There will also

be a free lunch and a health fair with screenings of many types.

This is the 11th annual event that was created by town and university officials to welcome students back to campus and to acquaint them with the Town of Pembroke and its business community.

Les Maxwell School Reunion To Be Held November 18, 2000

Les Maxwell Indian School's reunion will be held November 18, 2000 at the Radisson Prince Charles Hotel in Fayetteville, NC.

This will be the second reunion held since the school closed in 1968. The first one was held twelve years ago.

Les Maxwell was the only Indian School in Cumberland County, and produced many outstanding basketball and baseball teams that competed in the N.C. Indian divisions for many years.

The school closed in the late 1960's due to integration. All Principals, teachers, and students who attended

Les Maxwell are invited to attend the 2000 reunion.

The reunion will feature a buffet dinner and dancing to a live DJ, and a cash bar. A \$25.00 per person charge must be paid by September 30th. Special hotel room rates are available. To reserve a room call 1-877-474-6239.

The contact persons for the reunion are Jeanette Maiden, and Donnie Jones. Jeanette can be contacted at 1-910-425-9011 or you can e-mail Ms. Jones at ddj4rfl@aol.com.

If you attended, taught, or worked at Les Maxwell please join us in this joyous celebration on November 18, 2000.

Romeo & Juliet to be Performed

The Public Schools of Robeson County and the Robeson County Public Library present William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." This version, set in the 1920s era of flappers, Tommy guns and gangsters, features a cast of teens and adults from Robeson County. It will be presented in the park behind the Robeson County Public Library in downtown Lumberton. Show dates are September 21, 22, and 23, and September 28, 29, and 30. All shows are at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for students. For more information call the public schools office at (910) 671-6015.