**2015 GAMBELL CHURCH NEW BUILDING WORK TEAMS GENERAL INFORMATION**

**WORK TEAM MEMBERS:** This project lends itself to bringing skilled adult workers but adults with a willing heart are also welcome! In addition to skilled workers one or two of the members could be gophers or cooks. The ideal number for each team is 7-10 people. This size will work the best for the space that is available for cooking and sleeping. A schedule of the possible work weeks is available on the website or by contacting Danna Larson (dllsitka@gmail.com).

**LOCATION:** Gambell is situated in the middle of the Bering Sea on Saint Lawrence Island, 185 miles southwest of Nome, Alaska and 35 miles east of Russian Siberia. The village is very subsistence-oriented, consisting of about 650 people. Visit the Yukon Presbytery website (pbyukon.org/missions) and click “New Gambell Building” for more information.

**TRAVEL TO GAMBELL:** The best way to get to Gambell is by airplane. It is recommended that mission teams book a round trip flight to Anchorage and then book another round trip flight from Anchorage to Gambell. The round trip flight from Anchorage to Gambell will include a stopover in Nome. It would be best to plan to arrive in Anchorage at least 24 hours before you were due to fly on to Gambell. This extra time will allow for delayed flights or other mishaps! You may also want to schedule extra time to explore Anchorage and the surrounding areas. Overnight housing will be available for work teams at one of the Anchorage Presbyterian Churches as needed before and after your time in Gambell.

**HOUSING:** Work teams will be housed in the Gambell Presbyterian Church (current building). The building has water but no indoor bathroom. An outhouse is adjacent to the church for you to use. Arrangments are being made with the local school to have access to the showers on a daily basis. We hope to be able to have air mattresses or cots and pillows for team members to use. Team members would need to bring sleeping bags and towels.

**MEALS:** Each mission team will be responsible for one’s own meals. A small kitchen is available in the church for you to use. Gambell has a small grocery store but it is recommended that you purchase the majority of your groceries in Anchorage and take them with you to Gambell.

**BUILDING SUPPLIES AND TOOLS:** Work team members may need to bring some of their own tools for the project. We will let you know what tools are available onsite and what you will need to bring. All of the building supplies will be on site and we are asking that mission teams commit (if possible) to providing financial assistance for the materials. A suggestion would be to donate a minimum of $150-200 per team member for building supplies. A list of supplies and costs will be available on the website in January to help with fundraising efforts.

**WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:** Gambell Presbyterian Church offers weekly worship services usually on Sunday. In addition fellowship, prayer and bible study with members and the community can be organized as you wish.

**COSTS FOR TRIP** (this is just an estimate to help you with initial budgeting requests)

Airline Plane Tickets:

Cost from Anchorage to Gambell Round Trip: $750-1000

Cost from your home to Anchorage Round Trip: $400-750

Food/Meals $150-200/person

Building Supplies $200/person

**QUESTIONS?** This is just an overview! Please contact us for additional questions. We look forward to working with you in partnership for the Gambell New Church Building!

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