

2018 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 6-8 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 an Alaska Airlines round trip ticket from Anchorage to Nome. Alaska Airlines allows all passengers traveling within Alaska to take three pieces of checked luggage for free. If you book your trip straight through from your home town to Nome (on Alaska Airlines) you will not be able to take any the extra checked bags. Your ticket must start in Alaska for this luggage allowance.

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 a small kitchen, bathroom with shower and a washing machine/dryer for your use. Air mattresses or cots are also available at the church. The church has pillows but you will need to bring your own sleeping bag or bedding and towels.

MEALS: Each mission team will be responsible for one's own meals. 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: All of the tools and materials needed for this project have been barged in and will be on site when you arrive. If you have special tools you want to bring (based on the work your team will be scheduled to do) this can be talked through before your departure. We are asking that mission teams commit (if possible) to providing financial assistance for the materials since you are not bringing them with you. A suggestion would be to donate a minimum of \$150-200 per team member for building supplies. Over 1/3 of the cost of this building project is the transportation needed to barge the supplies to Gambell.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP: Gambell Presbyterian Church offers weekly worship services 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 your home to Anchorage Round Trip: \$250-750

Cost from Anchorage to Nome Round Trip: \$350-500

Cost from Nome to Gambell Round Trip: \$360.00 (mission team rate)

Bering Air flies from Nome to Gambell and is offering the Yukon Presbytery a mission team rate of \$360/person to fly round trip from Nome to Gambell. These tickets are only available through the Yukon Presbytery and can be purchased through the Presbytery after your plans are in place.

Food/Meals \$60-100/person

Building Supplies \$200/person

QUESTIONS? This is an overview to help in your initial planning. You will have many more questions and we will help you as you organize and plan. We look forward to working with you in partnership for the Gambell New Church Building.

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