



The Importance of a Foundation

On the first day of school staff and student devotions focused on the importance of a good foundation. Our students learned that only a well-built, solid foundation is able to withstand the storms of life and the test of time. This is true of both our spiritual lives and in home construction. The House of Hope '07 is a key component in building skills and confidence into our students while the ultimate goal is for them to grow in their relationship with Christ.



Foundation of House of Hope '07

With gratitude we recognize the value of the spiritual and educational foundation laid for AEC by its founders, board members, and staff. It is now time for AEC to focus on its financial foundation.

As you can see from the chart below, it is extremely difficult to forecast income from month to month. Would you please help us set a firm financial foundation for 2007 by committing a monthly or annual gift to AEC? Your gifts continue to sustain this ministry and allow us to infuse hope into the lives of our students. If you have not done so before, please prayerfully consider supporting AEC on a regular basis.

Help us Set a Firm Foundation

We are aiming for a solid base of support for AEC's finances in 2007:

- In 2006, we had 7 months with less than \$5000 income (3 months with less than \$1000!).
- Giving averaged \$7208 per month. AEC needs \$9,850 per month to make our budget in 2007.
- We are very grateful for how 2006 ended on an upward trend. At this time, however, it is unlikely that this seasonal giving trend will continue into 2007. We certainly appreciate year end gifts, but it would also be helpful to have steady monthly giving throughout the year.
- If the first half of 2007 reflected the income from the first 6 months of 2006, we would be unable to meet many of our financial obligations.



Please consider supporting us on a monthly basis as we operate on a tight budget and desire to function with the confidence that we will be able to both pay our monthly bills and compensate our staff for their dedicated service. Our goal is for \$9,850 of income each month to both sustain and expand our operations budget in 2007. We covet your prayers and appreciate your ongoing support as together we seek to strengthen and expand the ministry of AEC.

AEC's Most Urgent Needs

We are pleased to announce that the Bruckner Building is 99.8% finished! We just need to finish putting on the metal to the roof of the outside entry. Thank you to all who have contributed to this project; we appreciate your generosity.

Snowplow: It keeps snowing and we still need a plow. Please consider earmarking a gift to the "Plow Fund" if you would like to help us fight the ever deepening snow.

Land Purchase: AEC still does have land secured for the student project next fall. If you would like to help us purchase land for the House of Hope '08, please designate your gift for the "Land" fund. We expect to pay somewhere between \$15,000 - \$25,000 for a suitable building lot.



"Through the ministry of AEC, I allowed God to set a foundation in my life that was desperately needed."

Pungak Shoogukwruk,
current AEC student

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Tragedy Leads to AEC Satellite Campus

This Fall AEC partnered with Hooper Bay Covenant Church, Samaritan's Purse, and Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC) to construct 5 homes in the fire ravaged village of Hooper Bay on the west coast of Alaska. Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham's worldwide relief ministry, donated all materials to construct 5 energy-efficient homes in the Yup'ik village located 1100 miles west of Anchorage. Grant Funk, Pastor of Hooper Bay Covenant Church made arrangements with the local school district to co-enroll students to earn both high school and post-secondary credits through AEC as they learned home construction and completed the 5 houses in just 10 weeks.

Although funding could not be secured for the 6 students who each earned 9 credits, AEC provided scholarships for these students and awarded them credits at the dedication of the village's new high school on Jan. 29th. **Would you please consider providing a scholarship for one or more of the students for these credits (\$1322 per student)? If you would like to contribute toward this scholarship fund, please write "Hooper Bay" on your gift to AEC.** One of the main goals of this project was to provide the experience of earning college credit while contributing to a humanitarian aid project. However, we also hope to encourage students to pursue further education after graduation.

Along with those who earned credit, AEC is also thankful for the participation of 17 other students who also helped to build the homes and learned valuable skills. AEC is also thankful for the many carpenters who came to Hooper Bay to help provide instruction on this project. Finally, AEC recognizes the invaluable contribution of AEC's former construction instructor, Dave Peterson from Soldotna, who helped coordinate this amazing venture. Congratulations to all those involved!

Students receiving credits: Noel Tall, Mason Nanuk, Anthony Long, Paul Smith, Barnabas Funk, and Christopher Smith.



Students Working in Hooper Bay

Building Houses, Building Hope

The current class of AEC students has made tremendous progress on the House of Hope '07. They are now learning both plumbing and electrical from local tradesmen who are serving as adjunct faculty. To help warm things up inside the large home, we have sprayed a thin layer of urethane insulation and already put dry wall on the ceilings.

AEC is grateful to many local ministry partners who are working along side the staff and students to help us complete this second house building project. From the rains of the fall to the bitter cold of November, the students are learning to overcome adversity in pursuit of their goals.

As the name indicates, this house represents far more to our students than the lumber and materials. The House of Hope '07 will be available for purchase around May 4th, 2007. If you are interested in touring or owning this beautiful home contact Mark Hill (mark@aecak.org).



House of Hope '07 Under Construction