**Galena Bible Church/SEND North Partnership**

*Mission Statement:*

*The GBC/SEND North Partnership exists to provide experience to rural missionaries in effective ministry in rural Alaska, to enable them to physically live in a rural environment, and to expose them to village mission opportunities all within the transitional location of Galena Alaska.*

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

Galena Bible Church partners with SEND North to encourage and provide real life training for SEND missionaries who intend to do rural missions in Alaska and the SEND Territories by doing the following three things:

1. *Experience*: GBC will provide ministry opportunities through the local church for discipleship, worship, and fellowship for SEND Missionaries. Through this partnership, the missionary will do outreach through and for GBC. GBC will expect SEND Missionaries to come alongside GBC’s ministries to support and learn about rural ministry in rural culture. We expect that through this process GBC and SEND Missionaries will develop a ‘Sister Church’ relationship as they move into the field.
2. *Enable*: GBC will coordinate with SEND North and the SEND Missionary to find housing in Galena. GBC will inform the SEND Missionary of opportunities to learn physical skills that are conducive and critical for life in rural communities. GBC will help coach the SEND missionary in practical skills and decisions that make the transition from city life to rural life more affordable, and sustainable. GBC will expect the SEND Missionary to make themselves available for serving in and through the church to meet the physical needs of believers and the unchurched. We expect that in so doing, they will gain experience that will help sustain them in isolated areas, and provide opportunities to build ministry relationships through practical physical service.
3. *Expose*: Galena is a hub for this area of rural Alaska. Because of GILA, Kokrine Hills Bible Camp, and the cultural mixture that makes up Galena, this is an excellent environment to be exposed to people from many villages across the state. SEND North will expect SEND Missionaries transitioning through Galena to be spiritually attentive, and practically engaging to these different villages through these different individuals. GBC will provide accountability and encouragement to SEND Missionaries to develop relationships with students and individuals from different villages. The Partnership commits to be in prayer with them about God’s leading for their heart for a specific village. We expect that through this the SEND Missionary will be better connected to a village before they move there for more permanent ministry, and will have developed beneficial relationships there. The partnership expects that SEND North will help GBC resource the SEND Missionary to connect with these villages.

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**Missionary Monthly Report**

**Experience**: What is your calling? It can be any combination of these: Apostle (Church Planter), Evangelist (Christian- community member), Pastor (Shepparding a Body of Believers), Teacher (Discipleship /Mentorship)

What were you involved in this past month to gain experience in your calling?

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What have you initiated this month to translate your calling into ministry practice?

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What ministry challenges have you encountered this month and what did you do to overcome them?

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What ministry area do you feel weakest in and what are you engaged in to strengthen that area in your ministry?

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**Enable:** What physical challenges have you encountered over the past month? How did you respond to them?

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What physical skills did you practice or observe in a learning manner this month?

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What physical needs of others did you respond to this past month?

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What do you need help with or instruction in over the next month?

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**Expose:** What villages have you connected with through relationships here over the past month?

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What efforts have you made to physically engage other villages? (List any trips, or communication with people physically in those locations)

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Do you feel like God is giving you a heart for a specific village at this time? Y/N (circle one) If yes which one: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_