

# Hollis Community Church & Camp News

(And Jones Family Update!)

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## Lots of progress made on camp facility this summer!

**Really exciting: New sanctuary almost complete!**

**A** lot was accomplished on the camp facility this summer. The workshop now has doors, shelves, cabinet and work benches. The bathhouse use began about halfway through the teams this summer -- the extra showers and toilets are a huge blessing! The apartment now has an escape route (in case of fire) and a nice deck on back.

**M**any small and odd jobs were completed and

other repairs made. Our most exciting project has been the near completion of Hollis' first ever sanctuary! We should be moving in within the next 2 - 4 weeks. We'll have more of THAT news in our December newsletter!

**B**e sure to check out our website ([www.hollisbible.org](http://www.hollisbible.org)). You can leave comments, and you can also leave links to your website. Give it a try!

## Tasty treat!



Salmonberries, huckleberries and blueberries abound in Southeast Alaska during the late summer and early fall (our local black bears love to eat them for a tasty treat). We picked these in a single afternoon.

## What happened this summer after all the teams left?

You might be wondering what we did after all the teams left this summer: We picked some berries and the kids actually took a nap. We then began preparing everything for the rainy season and winter.



Canaan and Christen sack out for a nap.

Canaan was able to have an EEG done in Ketchikan, and Caden broke his arm the day after his 12th birthday. So ... don't let the pictures fool you. There is never a dull moment around here!

The kids have excitedly begun the new school year (We use Bob Jones University DVD courses).

**Cana:** "It's fun. Math and Handwriting are my favorites. My teachers are nice."

**Caden:** "I like Pre-Algebra, and my Spanish teacher is really funny."

**Canaan:** "I'm waiting for my Explode the Cade's to get here in the mail!"

**Colton:** "I'm almost 15, what do I need to say?"

## New Contenders Club begins

As an outreach, we are beginning a Contenders Club for kids. This is very similar to Scouts with an obvious Christian perspective. The boys (or girls) earn different badges that are worn on sashes. You can check this out at [www.keepersofthefaith.com](http://www.keepersofthefaith.com)

Please pray for many of the boys in the area to be allowed to participate. Many do not attend church, but do come for VBS and other outreach events; so we are very excited about this – not only for the kids, but for their families too.

For our first meeting, a local firefighter joined us and explained fire safety and how to draw a emergency escape plan in case of a fire. Please pray for continued participation from adults in the community as we try to recruit some of them to come in as “guest speaker” or “guest helper” for lessons or projects in which they are skilled. This would target adults that would otherwise never come to a church service or other event. It’s the same for us as it is for any other missionary family: we have to build relationships with people – and that’s not always a fast or easy process.



Above, Caden tries his hand at bowling while Thomas Reed waits his turn during recreation time at a recent Contender's Club meeting. At left, Marcus Martin and Wyatt Mueller play air hockey.

**P**ray Updates: Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers for Canaan. His last EEG was all clear! He is scheduled to be on seizure medication for at least 18 months. (That date rolls around April 2008). Thanks too for prayers for Caden's arm. It appears the fractured radius and ulna have healed properly. Another big area of praise is how God is answering our prayers for Christians to move into the area; and for those who would be able to help out in leadership roles.

## Alpha Omega Institute Presents Seminar in Hollis



The Alpha Omega Institute from Colorado presented a Creation Seminar right here in Hollis! We had attendees who traveled from all sides of the Island - Craig, Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove!

The presentation centered around the Biblical basis for Creation, and included a children's program. They brought fossils for everyone to examine, and shared a couple memory verses.

**We will also be going through the “Experiencing God” Bible study as a church. We are very excited about this. Having gone through the original “Experiencing God” is part of the reason we are here today! See where God is at work and join Him there ... sound familiar?**