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This was a hard day no doubt about it. VBS went smooth but during the closing a bunch of little kids started crying. These weren't teens or anything these were little toddlers and babies crying. I'm sure that you've already heard that a few weeks ago there was a house fire that took the lives of a 7 and 9 year old that were just baptized at this church. Well the kids were crying about one of the little girls that died in that fire, her name was Jasmine. Well on our way to drop off some kids at their houses a little girl I was watching today asked me when she will see Jasmine again, I lost it right there and started crying. It's amazing what these kids go through and think it's just a part of life that happens to everybody. When we got back to the church I felt upset from the day so I went down to the river to just think a little bit, that's when Robert came down to make sure I was fine. I started talking about how every now and then I have nightmares about how one morning my Dad don't show up from work and my house gets a phone call that says your Dad is dead. I just wouldn't be able to deal with it if any of my family died. Then I realized Robert's living my nightmare. Then we started talking about his Dad and we both just lost it for like an hour. I take my hat off to him big time. He feels that he has to act like he needs to be a tough guy when he doesn't because he doesn't want to bring everybody down around him. That kids family in my book. I do not know how he deals with it. Me and him had a good talk that brought out the emotions in us about his Dad and death so that's good. To my family I love all of you sooooo much, to my friends thank you for being there for me, that's it from Alaska. Jake out.

7/9/09

Hey everybody sorry that I haven't written in awhile. This week is going great, all the kids are awesome. There's a medical condition called fetus alcohol syndrome that hit this community pretty hard. I would say over half the kids have it. Some kids will be really happy one minute then be freaking out and crying the next. And then when I was giving my lesson almost all of the kids just got up and started running around. During this week I've become really attached to some kids. Like this one kid Junior, he's one of the craziest kids at the VBS but I love him. All the kids love when I give them piggy back rides, today I was helping out Jenna with snacks and we had to keep them busy so they didn't start running around, so I gave one kid a ride (TWSS) and before I knew it I had a bunch of kids lined up waiting for me to give them a ride. During this last week I've realized how easy I got it. When I was going over my lesson yesterday with the teens we started talking about how no matter what situation you are Jesus always has your back. And while we were talking about that a kid brought up a story about how before he believed in God his parents had a really bad drinking problem and one week both of his parents just left him and his little sister at home by themselves. This ended up being a monthly thing and then his parents split up. Then another little girl was talking about how every other day her parents tell her to go up stairs because they wanted to do drugs and didn't want her to watch. She made it seem like it was no big deal but I felt like going to her house and setting her parents straight, it's just ridiculous what these kids are put through. But anyways we went to the ocean today and we saw sea lions! It was awesome.

7/4/09

What's going on everybody its Jake. Alaska's amazing so far; mountains everywhere you look and I'm definitely moving here when I grow up. Yesterday we drove to go see a glacier and do some site seeing and Wibbs and Liz said they saw a whale but I don't believe them. Right now we're on our way to Copper Center which is a 4 hour drive. I'm kind of tired so I'm going to bed. I'm sure Megan and Jenna will write an 8 long page about this so peace out Michigan.