



VALLEY PASTORS' PRAYER NETWORK

"Joining Hearts and Arms to Reach the Mat-Su Valley for Jesus"

To whom it may concern:

Bill Pagaran is an individual with great personal character and charisma. He is a certified Alaskan school teacher, music instructor, and, at present, an instructor at a local interdenominational Bible school (Northwind School of Ministry in Wasilla, Alaska). Bill's musical ability with rhythm instruments, his ethnic background (Tlingit Indian), his public presentation and speaking ability, as well as his ability to speak the language of junior high and high school students, all help him to connect with the young people of the Mat-Su Valley. This was especially evident last fall during the suicide and drug abuse presentations in the "Rhythms of Life" school assemblies.

During last fall's "Rhythms of Life" presentations in the Mat-Su Valley's junior and senior high schools, the up-tempo music (especially Mr. Pagaran's rhythm solos), the skits, and audience participation all helped to capture the students' attention prior to the short time of public speaking. The skits were performed by young adults recently out of high school (natural role models for the junior and senior high students).

Mr. Pagaran has networked the faith community in his suicide and drug prevention presentations to the youth of the Mat-Su Valley. Churches helped, during the "Rhythms of Life Tour", to support through prayer and provision of facilities, equipment, and encouragement. This was provided from a cross-section of the churches of the Mat-Su Valley; fundamental, charismatic, mainline, and independent churches were all involved. He was also able to network with key youth, in each of the schools, who are strong in their personal convictions concerning drug abuse and have a deep concern for the epidemic of suicides in the Mat-Su Valley. By doing so, the message presented by Mr. Pagaran had an impact that will last much longer than the short period of the school assembly.

The Valley Pastors' Prayer Network fully endorses, supports, and recommends Bill Pagaran and his work to prevent suicide and drug abuse among the young people of the Mat-Su Valley.

Because we acknowledge Jesus' heart for unity among all his followers, and because we recognize our need for one another in order to effectively obey our Lord's command to reach the lost of our community, we choose to join hearts and arms with our fellow-pastors in the Mat-Su Valley to accomplish the Mission He has given to His Church.

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