

## 2018 T.W. Anderson Award Recipients Dave and Kathy Devries

For over five decades, Dave and Kathy have given their lives in service to God through the ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church including Twin Lakes Bible Camp, Alpine Christian Camp and Conference Center, and Covenant Harbor Camp and Conference Center. They began as summer volunteer newlyweds in 1965. They joined the KICY staff in Nome, Alaska full time in 1967. When they left Alaska in 1982, they had made a huge impact not only on KICY, but the Nome Covenant Church, the community of Nome and almost every village up and down the coast of Northwestern Alaska.



Providing Eskimo programming for KICY required that Dave and Kathy establish good relationships with many of the Eskimo people. Much of the ministry of KICY was relational with hospitality being a huge factor. In a small town like Nome, everybody knew everybody, and Dave and Kathy were well known by all.

Dave and Kathy were committed to the Nome Covenant Church and were often found in a pew with all four kids in tow. Dave served on the leadership board and financial team. Kathy served with women's ministries and children's ministries and provided excellent opportunities for the youth of Nome Covenant Church by offering several musical productions. Both Dave and Kathy decided early on to dedicate their lives to God. Following God's call to the frozen tundra takes guts. But to remain there for several decades faithfully serving God while raising a young family in the remotest part of our country speaks of true dedication.

For the last fifteen years they have been deeply involved with Anchor Covenant Church in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin in all aspects of Anchor Covenant Church's ministry. Dave has been the church treasurer, both he and Kathy have been members of the church's Leadership Team. Kathy works in the Children's ministry, she teaches piano to children and she plays keyboards in the worship band. Dave is an usher, he volunteers in the nursery and he is the first person to call when something needs to be done at church.

They live out the qualities that the T.W. Anderson award is designed to honor.