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MY DREAMS of Alaska were fulfilled, thanks to my church which responded to an invitation from the Home Mission Board.

Last summer I landed in Anchorage in the midst of a downpour of rain. After a briefing from L. A. Watson, executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention, I boarded a light plane and headed for Resurrection Pass, gateway to the lovely city of Seward.

Bill Dixon, a student summer worker for the Home Mission Board, met me and arranged my itinerary while in Seward.

The snow capped mountains and beautiful Resurrection Bay provided a perfect backdrop for unforgettable spiritual experiences. The most soul-stirring incident was centered around a baptismal service.

Located 120 miles from Seward is Kenai Baptist Church. Rev. George W.

Johnson, of Knoxville, Tennessee, is the pastor. There is not a baptistry in the Kenai Church, therefore on Sunday afternoon a group of candidates for baptism traveled over to Seward. Leland Waters, of the Home Mission Board, who was the visiting preacher at Kenai, came over with the group. Nine people were baptized during the service. The fervor of these Christians in overcoming vast distances plus innumerable inconveniences proclaims that the gospel works wherever it is preached.

The second installment in fulfilling my dreams was an all day train trip from Anchorage to Fairbanks. This afforded a view of unbelievable wilderness country. Mile after mile of forest and barren tundra plus the ever-present mountains unrolled like a movie film before the train windows. Mighty ice glacier streams, rivers, and lakes dotted the landscape at almost every turn. The