

MARK~JOAN~ANDREW~NIK

# THE BOUMANS



Recently Mark was speaking to a group of students at a Christian school in Anchorage and he challenged the kids with these words, "If you're only willing to do what's easy, life will be hard. If you're willing to do what's hard, life will be easy." Doing hard things, going the extra mile, making things right in relationships, keeping commitments even when no one is looking, these are the things that make us who we are. We honor God with our efforts and He makes our path straight. What a great challenge for all of us as we share our faith and

work out our life day to day as followers of Christ.

As for our family....wow, all parents say it, we know...."How time flies!" Andrew is a senior in high school with his sight set on college this fall. Nik is in 10th grade with his sight set on a driver's license! They are both playing varsity basketball and it's a joy to watch them on the court together. Andrew was recently selected as one of two senior guys for Homecoming Court at his school. It was very fun for him! As for our family, we continue the stateside effort of raising funds for the 30 university students from the orphanage. It has slowed down some but this ministry is the Lord's and He knows all about it. **Thanks to each of you who take steps of faith, small and big, to be a part of God's work around the world. We are blessed to give thanks to the Lord for you!**



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Mark on a recent visit

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