

**Listening Guide**  
**“Running the Race”**  
**Featuring Missionary Brenda**

*Brenda Crim serves as a North American missionary in Anchorage, Alaska. Her role is as collegiate missionary at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Another mission effort she is involved in is during the Iditarod Sled Dog Race each March. This video segment profiles that aspect of her work.*

**Fill in the blanks as you watch this video segment.**

1. Nome, Alaska: The \_\_\_\_\_ line for the Last Great Race.
2. The race is really a battle of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Alaskans identify with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Iditarod.
4. What happens in Nome is much like what happens at Mardi Gras.... It needs the influence of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and the Iditarod go hand in hand.
6. Brenda leads a team of Southern \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers to do Iditarod’s “dirty work.”
7. We do the dirty work that nobody else wants to do and then we get the opportunity one-on-one to talk with \_\_\_\_\_.
8. While the volunteers sow the gospel in Nome, Brenda travels out to other villages with an essential supply: \_\_\_\_\_. Inside the buckets, she puts a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When a \_\_\_\_\_ sounds, it means a finisher is coming in. For Brenda Crim, it’s an ear-piercing reminder that the Iditarod is not the last great race in town.
10. When someone fills out that Annie Armstrong envelope, count it as a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. It’s no easy task. This is not for wimps. But the reality is urgency is right now. Today. Let’s get it \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions for Thought and Discussion:**

1. Were you surprised that Southern Baptist have an influence at the Iditarod race? Why or why not?
2. The ministry done at the Iditarod by Southern Baptists is described as doing the

- dirty jobs no one else wants to do. How does this make a difference? What is the “dirtiest job” you’ve had to do to create opportunities to witness for Christ in your community?
3. What event would be “most like” the Iditarod in your locale? (Perhaps in size, uniqueness of event, etc.) How could your church participate in sharing Christ as such an event?
  4. Some of the short-term missions volunteers at the Iditarod came from far away, such as Georgia. How willing are you to make such sacrifices to participate in a missions experience? Is there anything you would not be willing to do on a mission trip?
  5. What do you think are some challenges of living in Alaska and sharing Christ among the people? How can you best pray for Brenda and the many volunteers.

**Prayer Points:**

1. Pray for Brenda Crim as she seeks to think and act “out of the box” to reach people with the gospel where they are.
2. Pray for the students Brenda works with at the University of Alaska. As she shares Christ with them and disciples them, she knows that they will return to their homes and villages and will make eternal differences there.
3. Pray for the people of Alaska to be receptive to the gospel. Alaska is truly “not for wimps.” Living there presents many challenges. Pray for the missionaries and volunteers who sacrifice to share their faith and that God will bless their efforts in a mighty way.
4. Pray that financial giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering<sup>®</sup> will be generous and sacrificial so that more missionaries throughout North America will be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people.