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Local Conference Advance

Every year in Alaska, a team of dogs and men take a challenge called the Iditarod. During their 1,000-mile trek, the team works together to achieve the common goal of finishing the race in the town of Nome.

In 1925, the town of Nome had an outbreak of diphtheria. The quickest way to send the antitoxin was by sled dog. Twenty mushers volunteered with over 100 dogs to pull their sleds. They created a relay known as the Great Race of Mercy, which began on January 27.

If the medicine didn't arrive quickly to the town of Nome, many people would perish. So the mushers pooled their resources and created a relay. Each group of dogs and mushers would pass the cylinder, which contained the anti-toxins, to the next team of dogs.

On February 2, at 5:30 a.m., the final leg of the relay arrived in Nome with the dog Balto leading the sled. Today, a statue of Balto is in Central Park, New York City.

There is a toxin of sin that causes all of humankind to perish. We have the anti-toxin, but we who have already been saved need to pass this remedy of Jesus our Savior to others. Through Him, healing may be found.

Our Conference Advance offering goes to help those still dying for want of this cure. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4