



Update from Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort September 2021

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to life." John 4:13-14

Dear Friends,

Greetings, and yes, we are alive! We are very apologetic for a long time since our last letter. We hope the synopsis of what has happened will give you a sense of what we have been doing.

A year ago in the summer, we started a new fuel tank project at MARC of which Brian was made responsible. Our underground tank was 27 years old, so we ordered a new above-ground fuel tank, which was to be delivered at the end of June. We designed the electrical system and concrete pad and applied for a building permit, which took three months to get. A work crew came this spring and helped pour the pad for the tanks. In the middle of May, our insurer refused to renew the insurance for the underground tanks because we were improving our fuel system, long before we had the above-ground system ready. That put MARC in a difficult situation. Once we had no insurance, we could not use the tanks, and we would have fuel stranded underground. We had the tanks emptied days before the insurance ran out and started pumping out of a fuel truck and fuel trailer. We then had to file for a temporary tank closure with the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Lord has gone before us in each step; overcoming seemingly impossible obstacles, from finding us a licensed Christian excavation company who could take the required soil samples (which came back clear!!!) and the required inspector, who was also our current fuel tank inspector, to a very helpful DEC person who walked us through each step. Now we are waiting. The fuel tank ordered last fall has not been delivered due to shortages in the supplies needed to build it. We have one 6,000 gallon tank up and running, and are waiting for the new one.



During all of the above months of work, everything else kept going. This work included the beginning of flying to various villages to move missionaries and to deliver building supplies, freight, and furniture for a Christian retreat center in McGrath. We also flew teams to villages for mini camps, brought kids and counselors for Tanalian Bible Camp, helped a missionary in North Pole by fixing much of his equipment, flew kids from St. Lawrence Island to Fairbanks for camp, and welcomed the arrival of a work team from Steen, MN. That work team had the unpleasant job of removing the insulation in the ceiling of the Blue Hangar due to ice damming and leakage, as well as many other jobs. What a great blessing they were!

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Elizabeth took care of Brian for almost two weeks as we had COVID-19 run through our staff in April. We hope we have learned how much we take for granted from the time Brian was down sick: good health, the care and concern of those who love us, the fellowship of a loving church when you can't attend, and modern conveniences like running water. Our pump in our well went out in April when we still had three feet of snow on the ground around our house. Brian, Jonathan, and Lucas made a "road" with snow blowers and shovels around the house so the well service could get to the well. As we watched the old pump being removed and the new one being installed, the words of Jesus came to mind, "the water that I give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." Our wells may go out, our refrigerator may quit, our cars break down, our fuel tanks need to be replaced, parts may not be available, and everything else that can go wrong, but Jesus's life-giving "water" is always fresh, always plentiful, and never-ending.



Elizabeth has just recently returned from a three-week trip to a village where she helped an elderly couple who were teaching, preaching, and counseling. There was a lot of cooking, cleaning, praying, studying the Bible, attending church services, counseling, tears, and joy. Sometimes we are tempted to grow weary in the battle to push back against the darkness with the gospel of Jesus Christ, but we cannot give in. We often remind ourselves to not "grow weary in well-doing." We are to be faithful in each task, but it is God who gives the increase. He is responsible for the outcome, and we are responsible to obey Him.

We join with you all in prayer as unprecedented things are happening in our nation and world. Please let us join together in praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world, for the blessing of repentance for our nation, and that God's people will each live lives marked by prayer, compassion, truth, peace, and continue sharing the transforming work of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is our hope, our healing, our strength, our peace, and our Savior. Thank you from our hearts for ministering here with us. We could not be working here without you. We thank God for you.

Because of His Grace,
The Bruxvoorts

PRAISES:

- A safe summer of flying
- Kids getting to go to Bible Camp
- Large facility projects completed
- Missionaries' aircraft undergoing major repairs
- God's faithful provision for every need we face
- A wet, cool summer which prevented forest fires near us
- 19 beetle-killed spruce trees on our property cut down without incident
- The beauty God gave us to enjoy this summer in Alaska

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That the children who went to Bible Camp will be strengthened and disciplined to walk with the Lord
- For strong health so that we can continue to serve the Lord
- For Christians to be more concerned about our walk with Jesus than the state of our nation
- For Christian workers across Alaska as we prepare for the coming cold and darkness of winter
- That we and our family will continually seek to love the Lord our God with all our heart

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