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Dear Friends,

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, For His lovingkindness endures forever.” Ps 136:1

When a pilot does a preflight inspection, his task is to make sure the aircraft is in a condition that makes it safe to fly. There have been numerous times when Brian has done a preflight that he has found a condition on the airplane that needed to be fixed before the flight could happen. If a person optimistically approaches these inspections, assuming that nothing could be broken, they will miss finding the problem. Unfortunately, we have found that this critical mindset can easily sneak its way into our entire view of life. Is the glass half full or half empty? Those of us prone to this mindset can mitigate it, maybe even circumvent it entirely, if we just remind ourselves of what the LORD has done for us!

Before fall gets any deeper here in Alaska, we want to share with you how we saw the Lord’s goodness and kindness for and through MARC this summer.

MARC starts our summer flying with a week of training. This year we were blessed to have Dan Gleason come up and teach the King Air ground school. This was a double blessing. First, because he is so very knowledgeable about all things aviation. Second, we had to make an emergency trip to Iowa for Brian’s brother’s funeral, which happened during our training week so Brian could not teach. The Lord knew the future, and even this detail He had a plan for.



Dan Gleason

About 2 weeks after the annual training, MARC held its second annual safety conference for the mission community in Alaska. There were 42 in attendance; some with years of experience and some just beginning their service. We pray that this emphasis on safety will protect lives and equipment, and further the work of the gospel. Then we started “Kids to Camp” flying. Many of you have faithfully donated to this endeavor and we are overjoyed to tell you that MARC had the opportunity to fly 433 kids and counselors to Bible camps across the state of Alaska. The two camps we mainly fly for were wide open this summer and the kids were eager to go to camp. Along with flying the kids, several of the MARC staff went as counselors, and a couple of them went as camp nurses. One of the camps had few counselors recruited so our staff jumped in to help fill the gaps. MARC also went to the lumber yards and grocery stores every week to bring needed supplies to the



Happy campers

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camps when we could fit them into the airplanes. We flew a total of 16,945 lbs. of propane, building supplies, and groceries. We praise God for the opportunity to be a part of this ministry. Because we had a busier-than-expected spring of flying, both of our aircraft had major inspections come due; one in June, and one in July. We are very grateful for the maintenance staff we have who got us through those inspections. The inspection in July involved taking apart the



engines on one aircraft.

These types of inspections and the resultant repairs

can typically cost up to \$200,000.00 per engine! This is a major inspection, one we wanted to avoid during our busiest time of flying. We could not avoid it, but the LORD again made His goodness evident by the engine inspectors finding very little that needed to be repaired, so the actual cost was closer to \$40,000.00 per engine. We “give thanks to the LORD” for this.



The first load of food for Bible Camp!

Family Update:

- Brianna and her family live in Wasilla about four hours north of us. They have 3 children who are growing healthy and strong.
- Michael and Elisa still live in NC and he is a tree arborist. They visited in August; a blessed time! We thank God for the beautiful little girl who is due to arrive in December.
- Lucas and Victoria are doing well. Lucas is studying for his journeyman’s exam in plumbing.
- We are blessed to unexpectedly have Jonathan here with us for a couple of years. He is taking two classes online this fall so he can apply for his soil scientist certification. He hopes to help folks in 3rd world countries learn to use their soil well to better sustain themselves.



Because of His Grace,
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PRAISES:

- That the camps are open again!
- That many children were loved and heard the gospel this summer.
- Safety and no breakdowns in flight all summer.
- For the health God provides to accomplish the daily tasks He gives us; “His mercies are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.”
- For stunningly beautiful summer flowers and now fall leaves to enjoy.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That the gospel will continue to work in the hearts of children and adults in Alaska, bringing many to Christ.
- The villages on the west coast were hit hard during a two-day storm recently, the result of typhoon Merbok. No loss of life has been reported and we are praising God! Much structural damage was done, and much work needs to be done to shelter folks before the coming winter. Pray for guidance on how we can help.

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- For a healthy baby for Michael and Elisa.

Thank you from our hearts for your prayers, support, gifts, cards, letters, and many, many kindnesses through the years! You are a continual blessing and undergirding for us. Your prayers and gifts have made this ministry possible, and we pray for abundant spiritual blessings and sustenance for each of you. Thank you!