



## March 2023

We began this as a Christmas letter in December, but many things happened to delay this so we reworked the letter. We pray that your celebration of Christ's birth was deeply meaningful and even life-changing.

### An update on the family:

Brianna and her family are living in beautiful Wasilla. Her bedroom window gives her frequent displays of the Northern lights. Her youngest just turned two. She has her hands full with homeschooling and two small boys. 11-year-old Kirsten is a great help.

Lucy Ann Bruxvoort (Michael and Elisa's first) arrived one month early and is healthy, strong, and growing beautifully. Elizabeth went down to Chapel Hill, where they live, on Thanksgiving Day and spent three weeks helping out. Brian and Jonathan came down the last week. We all had a joyous time loving our precious little girl and being with Michael and Elisa. Thank the Lord!

Lucas and Victoria are well. He is studying for his journeyman plumber's license test. Victoria continues to enjoy working in an early childhood head start program that helps train parents to learn to parent their children.

Jonathan just finished some college courses that complement his BS in sustainable agriculture. The completion of these classes in soil will allow him to seek certification as a Soils Scientist. He hopes to use this and his major in sustainable agriculture in third-world countries to help them to be self-sufficient in food production and to raise their health standards.



*Brianna, Matthew, and family*



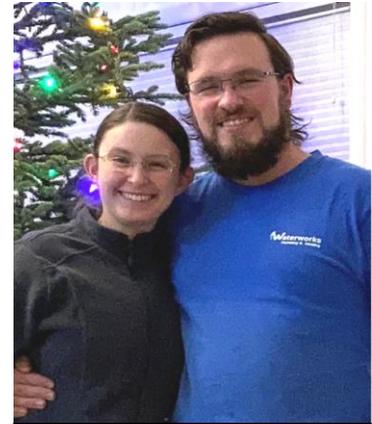
*Lucy Ann and Elisa, Michael, & Jonathan*

Elizabeth continues leading a ladies' Bible study in our church and is involved in a community Bible study as well. She also stays busy helping those who need our church. Often this consists of bringing meals to the sick or grieving. Lately, she has been helping with the organizing of a workday and working on a newly purchased older house for a soon-to-be-married young lady in our church, and planning her wedding. She also has helped with

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the packing and moving of two different households recently. Brian and Jonathan are amazed when she says, "Where did my day go?" We love her for it, but we do try and get her to scale back. :)

Brian is staying busy at MARC. We finally have the numbers from 2022. It has been quite a year. We mentioned in an earlier letter that we had major inspections come due in the middle of the summer. These inspections came due because of a heavier flying schedule in the winter and spring of this year. This year, MARC flew 500 hours of mission flying, which equates to approximately 116,000 miles across the state of Alaska to help further the gospel. We flew 70,476 pounds of cargo, and 771 people in the form of campers, work crews, suicide prevention teams, and various ministry teams. Admittedly, these are just numbers, but they represent God at work in Alaska in so many different ways. It is hard to NOT get excited about this when we pause and realize how many people are impacted by what these numbers represent. We are happy to report that the engine inspections on our King Air came in quite a bit under the possible costs anticipated. We praise the Lord for this. Especially considering that we now have an engine on our other King Air sent off for repair. The bills for these repairs have come to almost \$250,000.00. We hope to have that engine back together by the middle of March when we need both airplanes up and running for the ministry team of Cary the Cure. After that time of flying, we will bring our other airplane down for its annual deep inspection. We had to turn down several flights this year because of the need to conserve hours on the King Airs until we could do the required work on them. Some of these flights would have certainly been better performed by a Cessna Caravan. We are praising God for the donations that are coming in toward that airplane. Please pray that the Lord will bring in the needed funds for that airplane so we can meet most of the requests for flying that we receive.



Victoria and Lucas

Finally, we want to share some news with you. For the last year plus Brian has been dealing with glaucoma. It has adversely affected his right eye. He can still see 20/20 from the right eye, but he has had increasing episodes of "fogginess" in this eye. We have sought advice from doctors and people in aviation that we highly respect, and after prayer and personal conversations, Brian felt it was not safe for him to continue as a pilot. Brian continues to work full-time as the flight operations manager (Chief Pilot), scheduler, and project oversight manager at MARC. In between those jobs, he hopes to find time to be back on the floor of the hangar being useful as a mechanic. We appreciate your prayers for both of us in this time of transition and adjustment. We are praising God for His provision of 25 years of safe flying in these harsh weather conditions. February 27 was Brian's last flight, and he took Elizabeth up over the Harding ice fields; the day was gorgeous and the glaciers were stunning; a beautiful way to end this part of our ministry.

Because of His Grace,  
The Bruxvoorts

**PRAISES:**

- The safe delivery of a healthy baby.
- Many safe and productive hours of flight in 2022.
- Praise for safety in a beautiful, cold, and snow-filled winter.
- For faithful workers who serve in the villages.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- That our family will daily grow in our love and fervency for our Lord.
- That God will give us opportunities to share the hope of Christ in a desperate world; that we will recognize the opportunities and be given words and courage to share the gospel with His great love.



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