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Dear Friends,

We praise our God that he is unchanging from eternity to eternity! He is the same holy, loving, kind, just, all-powerful God; he is never swayed by his own powerful emotions, always acting, not reacting. There is such comfort in the solid unchangeableness of him, especially in the times when darkness and chaos swirl around us. What comfort it is to hide under the shadow of the almighty in hard times! And the birds keep singing and the flowers continue to bloom :).

MARC is in the throes of camp flying. What a joy! We pray that God will use these weeks at camp to reach children/teens with his love, his salvation, and his healing. We pray for weeks of fun, fellowship, laughter, joy, and much learning and that God will transform hearts and lives through His Word and His power.



Our winter flying at MARC was as heavy as Brian has ever seen. That schedule, along with an airplane down for five months due to unexpected maintenance, was somewhat compromised. We are happy to report that both King Airs were finished by the time we had annual flight training. MARC kicked off our summer flying by hosting a safety seminar for two days. Experts on various topics came in to speak and train us. This seminar was open to all the missions in Alaska that fly. Our hope is that by doing this we raise the safety awareness for ourselves and others.

Once again our flight schedule is a very fluid thing. As we schedule a week's flying, and get all of the pilots and maintenance guys lined up to keep that week going, it only takes one phone call or email urgently requesting a flight for supplies, or moving people because their plans fell apart, for us to have to rethink our entire week. But, it extends far beyond that. Every time we add a flight we bring the aircraft closer to the next required

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inspection. This happened this spring. Brian put all of the known camp flying and other requests on the schedule and it showed that we would hit the next major inspection during the end of June or in July! Since we could not afford that airplane down at that time, we had to do a major inspection early to avoid this problem. An interesting thing about camp flying is that every week we pick up groceries at the local store. The loads average between 400 to 500 pounds. As soon as we get the grocery order picked up, we weigh it, then we start calculating how much fuel we can take for that flight. Often we have to add a stop for fuel that was not previously planned. It reminds me of when our kids were little and we were driving down the interstate when suddenly we heard, “Mom, I gotta go bad!” Yup, an unplanned stop—might as well get gas while we’re stopped. Camp flying is very much like this—with kids dropping out, additions to the flight, or the need to go to a different village; all of this is not known till the day of the flight and sometimes not known until the airplane has departed. Needless to say, we monitor our phones for texts or calls all day long while we have an airplane out flying for a Bible Camp.



An afternoon hike at camp, lots of friends, and fun washing dishes!

We have much to catch you up on concerning our family. A few Sundays ago we got a text from Michael (in NC) that they were alright. What followed was the fact that a lady ran a red light going 60mph and hit the rear of their car, spinning them around and flipping them on their roof. The car was totaled. We are praising God that Michael, Elisa, and baby Lucy were not seriously injured! Also, Brian went through a long MRI to determine that there is nothing physically inside his head that could be damaging his optic nerve. His new glaucoma specialist in Anchorage has a plan to hopefully stop the progression of the problem, but as of this writing, the medicine prescribed is not approved by our health insurance. Our son Lucas just found out that he was four months short of time to take his journeyman plumbers’ test. He found this out after he received a two-week notice and is no longer employed to finish up the needed hours. On Father’s Day, Lucas and Victoria announced that they are expecting a baby in December! It has been a time of learning to lean into our Father’s embrace and to learn more of what he means when he says, ‘Casting all your care upon him’ and learning that through joy or trouble we can praise him and live in his Joy. “Your mercies are new every morning and great is your faithfulness,” Lam. 3:22-23. His mercy and faithfulness become more precious as the years go by.

We wish we had adequate words to thank you for your years of prayer, giving, cards, phone calls, visits, and many other kindnesses. Thank you for the many children some of you have helped send to camp. Thank you for your faithful ministry here with us! May God bless you mightily for the blessing you are to us.

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PRAISES:

- many safe hours already flown so far this year.
- God's protection and sustenance of our family!
- the way that God worked mightily in answer to prayer with some difficult maintenance issues.
- for the blessing and grace of 40 years of marriage.
- for the growth we are seeing in believers around us.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- that recent laser surgery will help Brian's eye.
- continued faithfulness in the Word and prayer and for our hearts to increasingly love him more.
- for spiritual growth amongst the Christians across Alaska, and that they will stand for Christ.
- that many children, teens, and adults will come to Christ through the camp ministries & other ministries throughout the state.
- that revival will come to our nation.
- for a job for Lucas and a healthy baby/delivery.