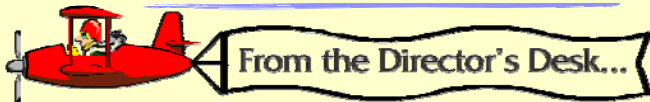




"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me" Jesus (Mark 9:37)

The Flight Plan

*Missionary Aviation Repair Center
February - April 2010*



Dear Friends,

Because of your faithful prayers and vital financial gifts, last year MARC flew over 400 children and youth to retreats and Bible camps. At those camps many of those youngsters received the greatest gift of all - Salvation!

One of the greatest privileges we have here at MARC is to partner with all of the organizations who are bringing the Gospel to the youth of Alaska. Please see the reverse of this letter for a great story and a way to get involved in this year's camp flying.

I hope you have been able to access our website and all of the wonderful information it contains. Please do check back often, as updates and additions are still in progress.

And, if you have any questions or concerns - please send me an e-mail or give me a call!

Serving with you for God's glory in Alaska!

--Drew

How much do you love your pastor?

Have you ever met your Pastor at an airplane and cheered his arrival? Recently, one of our pilots had the privilege of flying a pastor and his family into the village where God had called them to serve. This village had been without a permanent pastor for well over a year, but they faithfully prayed that God would answer their need for a Pastor. And now, our pilot had the great honor of delivering this family to their new home.

Here is part of MARC Pilot Tom Turner's story: *At first sight, the smiles on their faces and their cheerfulness were indicators of people following God's will in their lives. During the flight our conversation was limited by flying duties, but when we were able to speak, it was further evidence that this family was answering God's call.*

When we arrived at the airport, this precious family was met by a group of people that cheered their arrival like they had just hit a home run in the World Series!

It is a privilege to serve pastors and missionaries by helping with their transportation needs in Alaska. Privilege turns into pleasure when, during the course of our ministry, relationships are begun and built upon. Pleasure grows into delight with the knowledge that you have helped someone start their new ministry.

Would you like to **donate \$5 per year to MARC without writing a check??** Just ask to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of U.S.P.S. and you'll be saving us over \$5!

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MARC is entering one of our busiest flying seasons - winter camp season! This is the season that many young people are able to come out of their villages and "meet Christ" in the form of speakers, musicians, and retreat organizers.

It costs between \$100-450 for a roundtrip flight to get a child/teen to and from camp. Your donation will help us fly even more children than we did during last year's winter and summer camp seasons.

Pilot Greg Hess relates this story: *I was on a flight taking youth to a youth retreat in Naknek. On that flight were two girls who had recently become Believers because of the ministries which MARC serves in those villages.*

These girls had refused to become Believers because they couldn't understand why God wouldn't stop their Father from being an alcoholic. Eventually, their Father's involvement with several of those same ministries led to his acceptance of Christ!

After their Father came to Christ they saw the extreme difference in his life. He gave up drinking and started truly taking care of them. Seeing his life change so drastically, the girls both decided to give their lives to Christ. I was privileged to fly these young ladies to their first Youth Retreat and to see their excitement for things of the Lord!

This is why we do what we do in Alaska. So that the Gospel may reach into the furthest corners of this state and transform lives. The MARC team wants to have the financial ability to fly every camper that wants to go to Bible Camp this year, but we can't do that without your help! Please send your tax-deductible gifts to MARC; P.O. Box 511; Soldotna, AK 99669; (907)262-5388

Recently, two of our mechanics had an opportunity to help another Christian organization recover an airplane which had crash landed. Here are a few pictures from that adventure!



Above: Towing the plane to a safe work area with a snow machine.



Top Right: Taking the plane apart prior to transporting it back to the MARC hangar.



Bottom right: Loading the plane onto the Casa.

Tom Dwinell, Treasurer

Board Member since mid-1970's

Tom was born and raised in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, and is married to Pat (Jones). They have seven children, eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He moved to Soldotna in 1968 to work for Collier Carbon & Chemical (now Agrium) as an Instrument/Electrical Superintendent. Tom started his own business, Air Tek, in 1973. His first shop building was the old MARC hanger after MARC moved into the new shop (which has since been destroyed by fire).

Tom says like most other people, he could claim many life verses but one that has been especially close is Psalm 16:11 "Lord, you will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." (NLT)

Read Tom's entire Biography on our website www.marcalaska.org. Click on "Staff Information" then click on "Board."



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