



Dear Friends of MARC,

In the apostle Paul's closing remarks to his friend Titus, he has this simple request:

Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. Titus 3:13

Both Zenas and Apollos were valuable ministers of the Gospel. At a time when travel was filled with uncertainty and danger, they were willing to go to new locations to assist the early church. Paul's request is for Titus to help these two co-workers in any way possible to have a quick and successful journey to their next assignment.

Over two thousand years later, those serving in missionary aviation are still fulfilling the same request. They are helping pastors and missionaries travel quickly and safely to their next location and ensuring that they have everything they need. For MARC, this means providing flights to remote communities, or fixing the aircraft owned and used by the missionaries themselves. This means training the pastors that are pilots themselves. This means providing a car to use when they are in town, or a place to stay in the guest apartment above the hangar. In short, ensuring that they lack nothing. What a privilege it is to serve our Lord in these ways.



Peter & Sara Bastke

FROM THE FLIGHT LINE

This past summer, MARC transported 387 children and staff to six different Bible camps and youth ministries. This Fall has seen a record number of flight requests encompassing youth teams, missionary families, and church building materials. Aviation continues to be a lifeline for many of the missionaries working in remote Alaska. On a recent trip MARC flew to four different communities delivering roofing panels for a church in McGrath, a motorbike for a missionary family in Huslia, and four dogs and cargo for a missionary family from Shungnak relocating to a new assignment. We are grateful for the opportunities to serve the pastors and missionaries in these diverse and practical ways.



AROUND THE HANGAR



Mechanic Tom Armstrong

An integral part of MARC's ministry is the maintenance performed on aircraft that pastors and missionaries use to serve remote communities. God has provided MARC and our ministry partners with aircraft, but if they are not maintained, they are of little use. Our mechanics have diligently done just that.



Mechanic Titus Mease

They will have completed more than thirty full aircraft inspections and associated repairs this year, with six of those inspections completed in October. Those statistics speak to the diligence and professionalism of our maintenance staff. Furthermore, they are putting the finishing touches on rebuilding an entire wing for a ministry partner in North Pole, Alaska.

Keeping the two MARC hangars warm during winter is a critical part in allowing our ministry work to continue. This summer, our staff, with the help of volunteer work teams, installed waste oil furnaces in each hangar. Various businesses and vehicle repair shops around town drop off their used oil at our doorstep. This free source of fuel is used to heat our facilities and keep our utility costs at a minimum. We are grateful to our skilled staff and numerous volunteers that enable projects like this to happen and bless this ministry for many years to come.



Facility Manager Collier Hard

GIVE A LASTING LEGACY



MARC is growing and intentionally investing in expanding the reach of the Gospel in Alaska for years to come. We are

doing this in two specific ways: fleet upgrade and an endowment fund. As for the fleet upgrade, our current King Air aircraft are becoming increasingly costly to operate. They continue to be safe and reliable, but we are seeing rising costs of flights and standard maintenance, which in turn causes a greater burden to our ministry. What is the solution? MARC is actively pursuing funds to replace our current ministry aircraft with Cessna Caravans. We already have 50% of the funds to purchase one. Praise God! Our goal is to have the remaining funds by August 2024. (Our 60th anniversary! More to come on that.) We look forward to the day when two Cessna Caravans roll out of the hangar with the ability to haul more and consume less fuel going to a village we serve.

Another way MARC is investing in the spread of the Gospel is through the Kids to Camp Endowment. This year the endowment fund was created to offset the cost of flying kids to summer Bible camps. Once the endowment reaches \$100,000, proceeds will be used to directly pay for flying youth from remote communities to Bible camps to hear the Gospel. We are 42% funded!

The exciting thing about these two initiatives is our ability to actively invest in the future of God's work while still meeting the day to day needs of our ministry. We are excited to see how God allows others to partner with us not only in 2024, but in years to come.

If you want to know more about how to give a lasting legacy, please call our Administrative Manager, Adam Hadley at 609-334-8933.

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