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PRAISES

- The Schultz and Wenger families both reached 100% ministry support and have joined us in Soldotna!
- A visit from Kyle's sister Molly in April
- Another safe, productive summer of Camp flying in Western AK!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Safe travels to Wisconsin for Ellen's sister's wedding in August
- Wisdom as we plan for another year of homeschooling
- Our friendships within the community to grow & strengthen

Dear Family & Friends,



This spring I was able to reunite with a friend from back in our days in school at Moody Bible Institute. Seth Baker and I had several classes together in 2005. He is now the youth and worship pastor at a church in Homer, Alaska. We reunited doing ministry together: he as the leader of the youth group going out to the village of Ouzinkie, Alaska, and putting on a week long



Ouzinkie, Alaska

VBS for the children there; me as the pilot who provided their transportation. It was neat for us to reminisce about our time together at Moody, and also exciting for both of us to see how the Lord has led us both into ministry in Alaska, and even serving together for the Gospel.

Flying Above the Arctic Circle

On one day of flying for Covenant Bible Camp this summer, our director Peter and I flew up north of the arctic circle to the villages of Norvik and Noatak. There we picked up six high school students and flew them to the camp in Unalakleet, Alaska. While transporting these teens, we had a bit of time to talk to them and we found out that all six of them had never been to Bible camp before. It was special for me to be able to bring them to camp to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, perhaps for the first time. This also made me appreciate all those who make it possible for us to be here serving in Alaska with MARC. These teens and hundreds of other are able to attend camp this year in part because of your support of our family here in Alaska.



Noatak, Alaska

“5 new boys for me to play with!”

- Owen



Wenger Family

Once again, we are thrilled to announce the Lord’s provision of ministry support for two new families who have moved to Soldotna as full-time MARC staff this summer! Dwight and Kristen Wenger and their 3 boys, and Kylor and Tabitha Schultz and their 2 boys.



Schultz Family

At this point, we have enough young boys at MARC for more than two baseball teams. The question that comes to my mind frequently is: how are we going to feed all of them when they become teenagers? Oh dear.... :)

Tag, Tim Smuck is “IT”!



Smuck Family

Many of you have been praying faithfully for God to provide an IT staff member. This summer, Tim and Suzie Smuck are filling that role as volunteers and at the same time have begun raising ministry support to join us as full-time staff. God is answering our prayers for the staffing needs at MARC as we seek to meet the incredibly larger needs here in Alaska for missionary aviation and, in the bigger picture, the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our other three pre-field families are Aaron and Maila Stocks, Justin and Anna Toews, and Collier and Allison Hard. Please be in prayer for these families as they seek out the partners in ministry God has for them in order to begin serving alongside us in Alaska at MARC.

♪ “We’ll be coming around the mountains when we come...” ♪

Lord willing, one year from now we will be on Home Assignment in the Lower 48. If the time seems to have gone quickly to you since our last Home Assignment, we agree!!! Would you begin praying for our family, even now, as we look ahead to all that must come together before next summer? We will be on the road and living out of suitcases for 4 months, speaking at many locations across the country, finding house sitters and preparing our home here, along with the many details in between. We will need wisdom, grace and strength.

We are thankful for each one of you and your partnership for the spread of the Gospel in Alaska!

Love,

Kyle, Ellen, Bailey, & Owen

FAMILY FUN



Pierced ears for Bailey’s 11th birthday!



This is what happens when rhubarb goes unattended for just two weeks in Alaska!



The kids’ new business: raising & selling bunnies!



Visiting Exit Glacier with Aunt Molly



Owen attended a morning soccer camp in June - such a highlight for him!

We Need Wheels!

We are looking to buy or rent a small RV for our travels next summer. If you have any leads, please let us know! Thanks!!!