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Praises

- The Wenger family has begun ministry partnership in order to join MARC!
- The safe arrival of a new niece:
Anna Dorothy Prager
- The Fraley family reached 100% of their ministry support and joined us in December!

Prayer Requests

- Safety for our MARC pilots as the busy flying season approaches
- Wisdom in parenting, serving, reaching out, ... living life!!!

The Brabands in Alaska

Dear Family & Friends,

Large earthquakes (7.1) are no fun, especially when they wake you up at 1:30 in the morning. On January 24th, as we held on to our kids, and to the door frames, many Psalms about God's power ran through our minds. The force of earthquakes is incredible. Houses are not supposed to, as the song says, "Do the twist!" God's power is incredible! Praise Him that He is in control of *all* things! Lots of things fell off shelves, but the worst damage was simply a smashed goldfish bowl. Good thing it was empty!

From Columbia to Ouzinkie

This past month I had the opportunity to fly a team of Spanish speaking missionaries from Columbia, South America, to the village of Ouzinkie, near Kodiak Island. The team leaders had been on vacation in Alaska several years ago and their visit made a lasting impact on their hearts to want to come back and share the gospel in rural Alaska. So this past month they brought a group from Columbia for ten days to run VBS camps in Ouzinkie. It was so neat to see that there are others around the world hearing the call from the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel and responding to that call despite distances.



A Mechanic's Work is Never Done...



We recently finished up a big inspection on one of our King Air 90's. We needed to removed the main section of both the engines to replace some essential parts. This was a large job to begin with that included inspecting and servicing the rest of the aircraft. We are thankful that it went smoothly and nothing else needing major work was found. We are now reinstalling the final screws as we prepare this aircraft for another year of ministry in Western Alaska. On to the next inspection...



William and Rebecca Fraley

We welcomed the Fraley family, with their son Calvin, to Soldotna just before Christmas. The Fraleys were Ellen's first family that she had the privilege of mentoring through their time of deputation. It was such a blessing to have a front row seat to watch God provide for this young family in so many ways over 18 months. Thank you all for praying for God to raise up believers to fill the many needed positions at MARC! They are steadily arriving!!!

On the Home Front

I (Ellen) avoid busyness like the plague. An ideal day for me is one in which I don't have to leave the house! But as our kids get older, 10 and 8, they are beginning to develop more interests. Math Club, swimming lessons, piano, AWANA... While our schedule is far from crazy, it is busier than I am used to. But I am actually having fun, embracing this season while still striving to balance our time wisely. That may be one of the most important life skills our children take away from this season. Learning that you may need to say "No" to good things in order to make room for best things.

The Big Picture

"What does the Lord desire from us?"

"Are we focused on the things that matter?"

"How are we impacting those around us with the Gospel, particularly in how we are or aren't living it out? "

We spent a lot of time over the New Year reflecting on these and many other questions. The answers to what authentic Christian living looks like are clear when we look in Scripture. May we walk in humble obedience to the Lord; may we live in such a way that even unbelievers see our lives and give glory to the Lord; may we remember that it is all about Jesus Christ.

Press on. Finish the race. Receive the prize.

In Christ,
Kyle, Ellen, Bailey, & Owen

FAMILY FUN



A beautiful day of ice skating fun!



Bailey competing in our district spelling bee

Have you played Alaska-opoly?



Lumberjack in training



Feb. 24th:
The sunshine finally made it to our house!



Owen won 2nd place in an AWANA boat race!