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## SPRING 2022

Dear Friends of MARC,

The snow is beginning to melt. Plants are appearing from the thawing ground. In spite of nature's response to the warmth of Spring, many hearts remain cold and frozen. Alaska has some of the lowest church attendance in the nation. The independent, adventurous spirit of many people place little value on submission to our Lord. Those who attended Sunday service out of religious obligation feel that Covid has been liberating. I recently heard someone share how much they enjoy their second Saturday of the week.

The ministry of MARC is able to overcome many of the physical obstacles that stand in the way of the Gospel. Flights can be provided for pastors in remote communities. Repairs can be done on the airplanes of missionaries. It is the spiritual obstacles, however, that are much more challenging. Please pray for people to respond to the Gospel and the church in Alaska to grow. Thank you for your partnership with us in this process.

*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:21-23*



Peter & Sara Bastke

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## AROUND THE HANGAR

Missão do Céu, an aviation ministry in Brazil, reached out to MARC and asked if we could assist them with the retrieval of a Cessna 206 amphibian that they purchased. The aircraft was located at Lake Hood Seaplane Base in Anchorage and needed to be ferried to South America.

Our crew helped inspect the aircraft and prepare it for the journey. Then, one of our pilots helped ferry the aircraft across the continent to Michigan where it will receive some needed modifications. It is





## FLIGHT SCHOOL

Two additional aircraft recently joined the MARC training fleet: a Cessna 210 Centurion, which allows pilots to become certified in High Performance (more engine horsepower) and Complex (retractable wheels) aircraft; and a Piper 23 Apache, which permits pilots to gain twin engine experience. Both aircraft were generously donated to MARC so they could be put to use in Kingdom work. Several ministries have expressed interest in sending their personnel to MARC for these types of training. We are grateful for these new opportunities to prepare pilots for service around the world.





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## FROM THE FLIGHT LINE

The year started out strong with three ministry trips the first week of January. Although some villages have travel restrictions in place, many are ready and eager for normalcy to return. This year several youth Bible Camps are intending to reopen after a two year hiatus. Please pray for the children that will be able to hear about their Savior this summer.



For several years, MARC has been raising funds for an additional aircraft to meet the growing ministry needs in Alaska. A friend recently donated a significant sum towards the purchase of a Cessna 208 Caravan. Currently half of the \$2.8 million purchase price has been raised. Our goal is to have this aircraft join our fleet before the 60th anniversary of the founding of MARC in 2024.

[Donate to Caravan Fund](#)

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## KIDS TO CAMP

The average cost to fly one child from an isolated village to Bible camp and back home is \$400 dollars. Each year, MARC raises money to help offset these transportation costs. Last year 223 children



summer. Further funds will help offset the rapidly increasing fuel prices. Thank you for your participation in this vital project and helping MARC Give Wings to Alaskan Missions.



Help Send a Kid to Camp

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