

Dutch Harbor, AK

## ***The Closing of a Flight Plan.....***

Over the past 9 years that we have been serving with MARC, we have been able to meet many wonderful people, and work with several dedicated organizations, while flying to places I would have never dreamed of, to share the gospel. I have traveled deep into the Arctic Circle, as far north as the town of Barrow and as far south as the town of Ketchikan, located in the rainforest region of southeast Alaska. I have traveled as far east as Canada, and to the far western village of Gambell where the harvesting of whales from small, walrus skin covered boats, is still part of everyday life! I have been privileged to fly passengers from all walks of life. Some of my passengers have been new born babies, while others were lying in a casket as we brought them to their home village for burial. We have been able to laugh and cry with the people we have met and served with along the way. After working for a number years at MARC, I feel as though I have gotten to the point I know what to expect from day to day. I have also learned that just when you think you have things figured out and are feeling comfortable with where you are at, God can send a curve ball your way to see how you react!

Over the past several months, Cayla and I have been feeling a burden to be more directly involved with people in our daily ministry. Yes, we get to interact with many different people through MARC but it is often for just a short time while on ministry flights together. At first we did not know what this would entail. Did we need to get more involved in our local churches? Should we consider neighborhood outreach? Was God calling us so to consider moving to Africa or another mission field? We did not know and have been praying and seeking God's will for our family. Through a series of events, we were made aware of a large need at our local pregnancy care center. Over the past 5 years, Cayla has served on the board of ABC Pregnancy Care Center (also know as ABC Life Choices) and Michael has volunteered from time to time as needs have come up. We have always had a heart for this ministry and as we see more and we feel we are being called to serve full time at ABC Life Choices as a couple. This will definitely be working outside our comfort zones. I (Michael) am used to working on facility upkeep, cargo logistics, equipment and aircraft. Cayla is used to keeping the household running when I am not around, not to mention homeschooling and taking excellent care of our children. Both Cayla and I know and love our current roles, we know what to expect and we love serving with MARC. We both earnestly feel that God is calling us to do something that is outside our normal box, outside our comfort zone, and outside of what we thought we would be doing for many years to come.

We have been with MARC for a long time and we are very close to our MARC family. It will be hard



**Our First Prayer Card picture serving with MARC**

for us to not work at MARC full time, but we are excited to see how God will use us as we begin to serve at ABC Life Choices. We will continue to support MARC in helping with flights or training or in other capacities as needs arise. We are very grateful for the opportunity God has given us in being able to serve at MARC these past years. We are also very grateful for the many wonderful people we have been able to meet and serve.

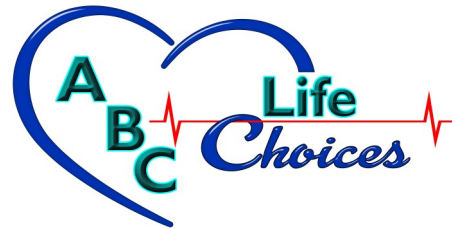
## A Note from the Executive Director of ABC Life Choices

“After seven years of growth and ministry expansion, the increasing demand for our life-affirming, Christ-centered services outpaced our ability to serve all clients wanting help in 2017. Against this backdrop the God-sized vision to continue reaching the great needs in this community by expanding our services has become even more compelling and clear. We have been providing services and support for thirty-five years to moms and dads at no cost to them due to the generosity of our volunteers and donors. With God’s clear direction guiding us to again do what did not seem possible, we fervently prayed that the Lord would reveal how His plan could be accomplished in His way and in His time. As a very lean non-profit, we simply do not have the funds to hire additional staff. Some very exciting progress has begun to unfold. It feels like unwrapping His wonderful gift known as - “immeasurable more than all we can ask or imagine”!

We are now able to share that Michael and Cayla Boettcher have joined the ABC Life Choices team. They are currently self-supported missionaries working for MARC, but the Lord is clearly calling them to join us in the Lord’s ministry at ABC Life Choices. Our board unanimously supports this direction and the executive director from MARC has graciously given his blessing for the move. Mike will coordinate our rapidly growing men’s ministry, maintain and further develop our facility, and help manage our events. Cayla will be going through the ultrasound training in March and become the first Nurse Manager this center has ever had. Her board experience will be helpful as she will serve a key role in helping us expand our medical services. Their experience serving in bush Alaska may be beneficial if God further opens that door for our work to expand to the neighboring bush communities.”

***“The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it!” 1 Thes. 5:24 We thank the Lord for such a creative and blatant answer to our prayers! God is on the move and it will be a privilege to serve alongside Michael and Cayla as we yield ourselves to His service!***

All Because of Christ,  
Colleen Ward,  
Executive Director



### **Yes, We Still Need Our Support Team!**

Cayla and I are very excited as we begin this new journey and admittedly even a bit nervous to see how the Lord is going to be stretching and using us as we learn new things and work with new people. ABC Life Choices is a small 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As many small non-profit organizations, ABC Life Choices is operating on a limited budget and does not have the resources to provide our family with a salary. **We are asking you, as our support team, to continue to partner with us in this new ministry.** If you feel God is leading you to continue to be a part of our support team, please take a few minutes to change where your donations are being sent. MARC will continue to forward our support through August, but we would like to have everyone transitioned before then. We will include a small insert on how you can do that. As always please feel free to call us if you have any questions or just want to talk to us. We love to hear from you by phone or mail! We will be living in the same house, so our address and phone numbers are the same. We Thank You so very much for all of the years of faithful support, both financially and even more importantly in Prayer! We could not be here in Alaska without You!

In His Service,

*The Boettchers*

*Michael, Cayla, Alissa, Titus, Eli and Noah*

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