



It seems as though it was only a few short months ago that we were beginning our travels in the lower 48 states where we would be sharing and speaking about our mission work in Alaska. Our family flew to the state of Washington where we were able to pick up a vehicle and begin our long journey. We headed down the west coast, across the southern states and then make our way north to the Midwest, eventually continuing our travels all the way home to Alaska. We knew we would have a lot of miles to travel and by the time we arrived back in Alaska we had driven around 17,000 miles in about 3 1/2 months! We were all ready to get out of car at the end of that drive.....

Throughout our travels we were blessed to meet many new people, as well as have the opportunity to reconnect with many dear friends. We were also able to share at a number of new churches and groups while also being able to update churches that have been faithfully supporting our family for many years.

Because we were traveling during the school year, Cayla and the kids continued with homeschooling. While on the road schooling has its challenges, but it definitely has its benefits as well. We were able to see God's glory while driving through the great Redwood Forests in California and while looking across the great expanses of the Grand Canyon! We were also able to learn about history while we toured a retired aircraft carrier and other museums. It was very impactful for both the kids and Cayla and I as we got to see many things in person and in the process creating memories that will last a lifetime.

One thing that was both a blessing and something that was hard for us was seeing some of our elderly friends and family members. While we are sometimes able to make it back more frequently, for many people we are only able to see them every three or four years during our travels. Many of these people are very dear to us and we cherish them and appreciate the impact they have had on our lives. It's hard to see them getting older and we have come to the realization that they might not be with us the next time we make it down to the lower 48. It reminds us to be grateful for the time we do have together and to not take it for granted. We are so thankful for all of you, both as individuals and as churches and for our relationships with you!







Our children love to help in the ministry at MARC when they are able. In the pictures above, you can see Alissa helping her daddy do shopping for one of the Bible Camps that MARC flies for. Food supplies in large quantities and lumber are very expensive in the villages and often not available. Part of MARC's ministry is to also gather supplies for the organizations we fly for. Whenever there is extra space on an airplane we like to fill it. We enjoy having the kids help! Ever wonder what its like shopping for a Bible Camp? Here is part of our shopping list we had for that particular day:

-300lbs flour, 100lbs brown sugar, 150lbs oatmeal, 80lbs spaghetti noodles, 60lbs pilot bread, 40lbs dry milk, 125lbs biscuit mix, 6 bottles dish soap, 3 cases of toilet paper and some 2x4 and 2x6 lumber to top it off.



As the kids get older and stronger they have gotten to be a lot of help when it comes to our family's yearly subsistence fishing. The Lord blessed us with all of the salmon we needed for the coming year. In the pictures above you can see the kids holding the nets fishing for salmon and helping clean and rinse the fish before putting them in the freezer. We are very thankful for this great natural resource and God's provision for our family.

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