



# MARC

## December 2017

**"O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name!  
But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give  
anything to you? Everything we have has come from you,  
and we give you only what you first gave us!"**

**1 Chronicles 29: 13-14**

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We hope you and your family are healthy, happy, and warm! We love this time of year with all the snow, seeing family and friends, and spending time remembering that Christmas is about Jesus Christ. Because of His birth, death, and resurrection, we are saved! How blessed are we!



**New MARC Family Photo**

This time of year can become so busy! Yet we had a very busy summer with traveling about 6,490 miles. Thank you to all who met with us, shared a meal, or

housed us! Your hospitality was such a blessing as we continued to build our support team. When we started our trip, we were at 40% monthly support. At the end of the trip we reached 70%. Praise the Lord! We are now sitting at 73%. We need to be at 100% monthly supported by April 1st, 2018.



### Our current percentage for monthly support.

We are working on meeting with churches, small groups, and individuals. We know that the Lord has had our support team picked out since before this all started. We are blessed to have this journey. Our relationship with the Lord has grown in love and trust. Our family has had the chance to work on our communication skills and patience.

We have had some health concerns these last few months. Ally has had some knee pain for years. She went through physical therapy for about a year after Whaylen was born with minimal results. Starting in October she has had increased hip pain. She went in to see an orthopedic specialist in the beginning of November. She has a tilted and rotated pelvis. They also found through MRI imaging that the

cartilage on both hips are torn. The knee pain she was experiencing was not the original problem. That was caused from the torn cartilage. She went through a steroid injection on November 15th on both hips. The original hip pain she was experiencing subsided to the injections. This is a good thing because now the doctors know the source of the pain. She met with the surgeon on December 12. There is the possibility of surgery however, the doctor wants her to continue physical therapy for 6 more weeks. She has had three physical therapy appointments already. The doctor wants her to work on building the muscles so that if she needs surgery the recovery won't be so difficult.

We are all in good spirits no matter the outcome. Other than this current health obstacle, we are all doing well! Whaylen is a talkative two-year-old. We have been trying to explain that we are going to be moving to Alaska soon. We understand that he doesn't fully grasp what is going to happen. However, when you ask him if he wants to live in Alaska he excitedly says yes! We cannot wait to finally move home and be with our MARC family.



**Chopping down our Christmas Tree  
& Whaylen helping daddy carry the tree**

#### **Prayer Request:**

1. Having more opportunities to meet with people & Churches
2. Ally's Physical Therapy appointments to go well
3. Calm hearts as we wait for 1/29/18 and the possibility of surgery
4. For MARC and the staff. Keeping them healthy, strong and busy as winter begins.



**The MARC Hangars**

The Lord is doing so much in Alaska and we are so blessed to be called to serve Him. Thank you for all the love, encouragement, and support! We are partners with you! We are all working together to serve the Lord and His people until the day He calls us home, or His return!



**Have a very Merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year!  
- The Hard Family**

#### **Ways to send gifts or become a financial supporter:**

1. Through the website at [www.marc-alaska.org](http://www.marc-alaska.org) under "Staff" in the upper right-hand corner.
2. Through the mail at MARC, 5959 Funny River Road, Soldotna, AK 99669
  - a. By Check please make it out to MARC and in the memo line write HAR/33. Do not place our names on the check.