



# The Hard Family Newsletter

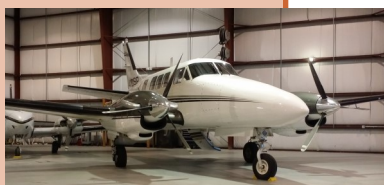
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2Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."



MARC Tug



One of MARC's Kingair

## Missionary Aviation Repair Center

Its summer time which means its MARCs busy season! During the summer MARC spends many hours flying to different villages throughout Alaska and bringing kids to Bible camp to learn about Jesus and His saving grace! This is the time of year where the native children get a chance to know Christ, some for the very first time, and build a lasting relationship with Him. Flying kids to camp is a big part of the summer, however there is still a lot more going on back at the hangars.

During the summer, the mechanics stay very busy maintaining the Kingairs. These are the planes that transport the children to and from Bible Camp. The mechanics keep them running safely and smoothly by performing oil changes, changing the brakes and alternators. The mechanics also spend time maintaining both hangars and equipment. This means they are going over the plow

truck and making sure it is fully ready to plow the up coming winter. Mechanics check over the tug used to cart the aircrafts from the runway to the hangar to make sure it can handle the unpredictable winter weather. They also do routine maintenance on the hangar doors. This is very important because without the doors working properly, the planes can not go out. One of the doors is 80 feet wide and 24 feet tall. There wouldn't be enough man power to open that door if something



Collier working on the Blue Hangar

were to go wrong.

Work teams also come up in the summer to help MARC. This summer there are two work teams coming to help update our yellow hangar. MARC is in need of more office space and the yellow hangar has the available space. These work teams will convert the avail-

able space and build additional offices for the growing MARC staff! Along with all this, MARC mechanics also maintaining missionary and pastors aircrafts from the village. Some of the pastors that work at the Bible camps will visit the kids in their villages during the winter months. Without their aircraft, they would have a very hard time building relationships with the campers throughout the year.

MARC mechanics spend the winter time on the larger and heavier projects. These include wing or engine replacement, sheet metal repairs, engine overhauls and, nose to tail inspections.

The mechanics stay busy year round. The more mechanics MARC has the more aircraft they can fix. The more aircraft they can fix means the more opportunities of getting the Gospel out to the villages.

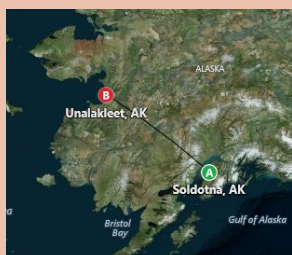
## Flying Kids to Camp

Flying kids to camp seems like an easy task. Pick them up, drop them off and go home. Well flying kids to camp in Alaska is not as simple. MARC will fly camp leaders or kids to a Bible camp located in Unalakleet, Alaska. That is 390 miles from Soldotna, Alaska. Once they arrive in Unalakleet, MARC will go to nearby villages to pick up the campers and bring them to



A group of kids at Bible Camp

camp. In other words, that would be like going from Minneapolis, MN to Chicago, IL. Then going to the nearby cities of Juliet, IL, Milwaukee, WI and Fort Wayne, IN, picking up campers and bringing them back to Chicago for camp. All on a Monday. MARC will also fly to Barrow, AK which is 763 miles. That would be like going from Chicago, IL to Montgomery, AL. MARC will go to any length for the Lord's work.



Soldotna to Unalakleet



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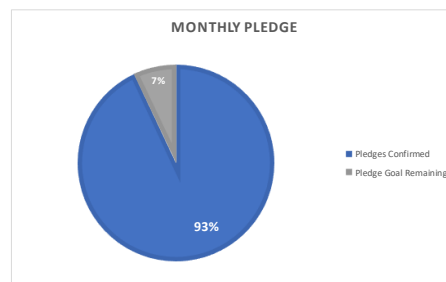
- 1 To be filled with grace, patience, understanding, and strength.
- 2 For our family of three to grow in faith in the Lord daily.
- 3 For chances to get to know more people and enjoy where we are.
- 4 To reach 100% ASAP!

### The Hard Family Update:

We have arrived! On Saturday, May 19, the Hard family left the comforts of Minnesota and headed west. We were blessed with not having any break downs or accidents along the way. We arrived in Bellingham, Washington on Wednesday, May 23. A total distance of 1,800 miles. Now that we are settled, and slightly unpacked, we can get working full time again. The packing, moving and settling in was stressful. We moved a total of four times since arriving in WA. We all have been pushed and pulled in new ways through this trip. Some of it has lead to great faith and character building, while some of it has not. Whylen was having a hard time adjusting. Since we are not moving again until we go to Alaska, he has started to calm down. We knew the moment we said yes to working with MARC, a big red target was placed on our backs. Yet the Lord has not given us a spirit of fear! We press on to continue to do good work for the Lord!

### Hard Family Support Update:

We are very excited to share about what the Lord is doing through MARC with new people and churches! Lord willing, this process should go quickly because we only have 7% left to build in our support!! That's right! We are 93% funded! Praise the Lord!! That means there is less than \$500 left! Now all we need are 8 people willing to support us at \$60/month! We remember when we received our first support and how skeptical we were on reaching our full support goal. Now all we need are 8 people willing to support us at \$60. Then BOOM were done! We pack up and finally head home! Whylen keeps asking when we're going to move to Alaska. We keep telling him, 'soon buddy, really soon' and now it's really, really soon! Thanks to you! The moment you committed to supporting us, you committed to the MARC ministry and helping grow the Lord's kingdom in Alaska! Thank you so very much!



Whylen in his mud suit



Whylen playing with Orca statues

### How to be a monthly supporter:

1. Online at [www.marc-alaska.org](http://www.marc-alaska.org) - top right under "Staff" find our picture & follow the donation prompts
  2. By mail : 595 Funny River Rd Soldotna, AK 99669
- \* Sending a check, please have HAR/33 in the memo line- our names can not be on the check.