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A note from one heir in Christ to another, concerning God's work of creating more heirs in Alaska.

The work in Hooper Bay

As most of you have heard the village of Hooper Bay burned down in August. They lost the school, the village store, all the teacher housing and 14 families' houses. This is a special prayer item due to how late in the year this is. The families have already done all of their fishing, wood gathering, etc to help them get through the winter, and all of that is gone.

Immediately after the fire, MARC loaded up with water and started to fly relief flights. The town has no running water, and the ponds they use as water sources had become contaminated with the chemicals from the smoke and fire fighting.

It is really exciting to see how God was already prepared for the fire. The town had started building a new school last summer and it is scheduled to be completed by December. That means not only will the kids not have to be flown to near by villages, but there was already all of the large earth moving equipment around to help contain the fire, and clean up after the fire. Also if you look close you can see the fire came within feet of the fuel storage tanks, but for "unknown" reasons did not progress any further.

Samaritan's Purse has made an offer to fly out and build five houses for the village. They are working through the village council and letting them decide where the houses should be build and who will occupy them. They are also furnishing the houses, providing winter clothing, and acquiring hunting rifles. MARC is going to be providing the flight support for the construction crews, fly out the time critical supplies (most of the supplies for the buildings are already on a



The Shop

This fall has been very busy in the shop. The month of September saw one of the mechanics on furlough. Jim and I had a major annual to

do on one of our own planes that took a little over a month. We did get the plane done in time for its scheduled flight.

As you read this we are currently back under a deadline again. We have two weeks to get to two annuals

and a phase inspection done. All of this must be done before the end of October.



Much of the financial support for the mission comes from the work we do, and of course there is always our own planes to work on. Please keep the work going on in the shop in your prayers. Pray that we will be able accomplish all that is asked of us to the highest standards.

Home Coming

Many of you have been asking when I will make it back. I am planning on coming back to New Jersey in the Fall of next year. When I have more specific dates I will let you know, but I am looking forward to seeing all of you again.

Please make sure your checks indicate "Ricky's Support" or they will be put into MARC's general fund.

Since we have the new King Air we have to learn a lot of new maintenance procedures. Starting on the last Monday of October the mechanics are going to be going back to "school". We are going to have a specialist come to Soldotna and give a class on the turbine engines on our new King Air. This will be our chance to learn the intricacies of these engines, which are new to all three of us mechanics.



Please Pray

- For safety for the MARC pilots and mechanics and the spiritual impact for the people of Alaska.
- The "Box Run" I was on last year will be flying in December. We will be visiting 25 different missionaries in the villages of and delivering boxes filled with Christmas dinner ingredients as well as duck tape, bungee cords, and other need supplies. This is also a wonderful chance to for them to sit down and visit, share, and pray with pastors and missionaries.
- Hooper Bay and the work that is going on. Safety, Speed of Construction, and that the Love of God will be evident in the Volunteers.

Praise

- No injuries in the fire in Hooper Bay.
- We are having a nice fall, the weather is cold, but there is no ice on the roads.
- That the new hanger is up and in use; that the new King Air is being used A LOT, and the

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