



# RCA Missionary Update

from Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort

As a pilot, mechanic, and flight scheduler for the Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC), Brian Bruxvoort helps make evangelization and church ministry possible in Alaska's remote villages. He transports pastors to and from their congregations; brings missionaries, students receiving mission training, and work teams to their mission sites; flies children to Bible camps; and helps maintain MARC's airplanes. He also connects people with the goods or services they need and helps Alaskan Christians feel connected to the rest of the body of Christ. His wife, Beth, participates in a women's Bible study and an after-school club called Child Evangelism Fellowship, volunteers in her children's classrooms, and reaches out to women around her who need a friend. The Bruxvoorts have four children: Brianna, Michael, Lucas, and Jonathan.

## Alaska facts:

- Population: 620,000
- Size: 570,833 square miles (largest U.S. state)



### MINISTRY

Mission Aviation

### LOCATION

Soldotna, Alaska

### PARTNER

Mission Aviation Repair Center

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Dear Friends in Christ,

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Warmest greetings to each of you!

The morning was dark and the blast of January air hitting Elizabeth in the face only served to accentuate the fact that as she took the boys to school, Brian was already on the way to Wichita for training, and Michael was driving back to Fairbanks in cold and icy conditions. When she got back home from the carpool she wandered around the house, feeling its emptiness. She lifted us all up to the Father for His protection, and quickly got to work. Today was the day she would be canning turkey that had been on sale after the holidays. She wanted to have the canners up and running before the sun came up (10:00 am). After the pressures were set she began to pen a letter to all of you.

We are often asked, "Which one of you writes your letters?" The answer is both of us. We take turns writing a portion of it, which the other person then edits, and so forth until it is done. Today the writing is more difficult, because after 26 years of marriage we still enjoy working together and that enjoyment grows each year, but we know it is not because of us, but because of our Father's grace and we praise Him for this! It would seem that there would not be much to do this week in January, but Elizabeth sits down to study for the Ladies' Bible study

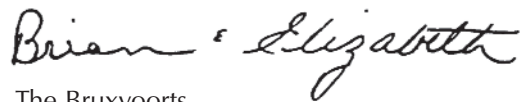
she leads at our church, and then she also has an after school kid's club today which she coaches and because Brian is gone, she also studies for the Sunday school class he teaches, as she is his substitute. The reason we are telling you the smaller details is that this year we are completing our 11th year in Alaska and we are amazed at all that God has done in us and in the ministry here! We are increasingly aware that it is because of His grace and your faithfulness in praying and giving. We know we are very ordinary but we have an *extraordinary God* and we thank Him for the privilege of ministering. You, too, are ministers with us here to a world that needs Jesus and we could not serve without you. We are certain that many of you are suffering from the economic crisis in the world and we commit again to pray for you as you do for us. Perhaps in the days ahead we as Christians will be able to show to others that **God is enough**.

Since we began this letter Michael has gotten to Fairbanks (albeit with a slipping transmission) and Brian has made it home and has been out on several flights, the last of which is quite memorable for two reasons. The day began with weather that was not very good—high winds, a lot of ice in the forecast, and two runs to make out west for Alaska Bible Institute. ABI is a Bible college in Homer that takes its students to different missions to

help where needed. Brian chose to delay the flight until noon to see if the weather would improve as forecasted, and praise the Lord it did! He took off about noon down to Homer to pick up the first group. The flight was beautiful. They were able to fly right past Mount Illiamna, a local volcanic mountain, and see the steam coming out of the top of it. After Brian dropped off the group in Russian Mission he went to Aniak for fuel, and then departed for Homer to get the second group. After leveling off at 13,000 feet above the clouds, he was flying along for about 10 minutes when suddenly the left engine started surging and running very poorly. Brian turned around to Aniak, shot an approach through the clouds and landed safely. After calling MARC we decided that the fuel servo controller had gone bad. The very next day our partner, Samaritans Purse, was coming through Aniak for fuel! So at 10:00 a.m. they dropped off the parts Brian needed. He spent the rest of the day outside taking the part off the engine while it was snowing, and

then putting the new controller on. Brian then test flew the airplane and it was great. Due to the lateness of the day the second group decided not to come so Brian spent the rest of Friday and Saturday at Aniak with the missionary there. They had some good times in the Lord, and when Brian took off to get the group out of Russian Mission, the missionary he stayed with said this visit was just what he had needed and Brian really enjoyed it too. We are always so amazed when we get to see Romans 8:28 work out so visibly, "the Lord works all things out for the good of those who love Him...", even engine trouble!

Because of His Grace

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian & Elizabeth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the text "The Bruxvoorts".

The Bruxvoorts

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