

Profile in Mission

MINISTRY

Mission Aviation

LOCATION

Soldotna, Alaska

PARTNER

Mission Aviation Repair Center



**BRIAN AND ELIZABETH BRUXVOORT
BRIANNA, MICHAEL, LUCAS, AND
JONATHAN**

What Need Is God Showing Us?

In Alaska most villages are separated by vast distances and accessible only by air. The tremendous cost of air travel makes evangelization and church ministry in general very difficult. Christians in remote villages often feel isolated from the rest of the body of Christ.

What Is God Telling Us to Do?

Brian and Elizabeth (Beth) Bruxvoort believe God has called them to help supply the transportation needs of churches in remote villages, and to support their fellow Christians in these villages with friendship, guidance, and prayer.



Brian Bruxvoort (left) with MARCH director Len Wikstrom, outside the MARCH hangar in Soldotna.

How Are We Doing What God Is Asking?

Brian is a pilot, mechanic, and flight scheduler for the Mission Aviation Repair Center (MARC). 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. As a flight scheduler, he finds ways to connect people with the goods or services they need. This task also gives him opportunities to "go the extra mile" to serve people, whether by making a phone call to find supplies unavailable in one of the villages, by asking insightful questions to discover needs that are not being met, or simply by taking time to listen to someone who has a concern to share with a fellow Christian. Beth is an active participant in a women's Bible study and in an after-school club called Child Evangelism Fellowship. She also volunteers in her children's classrooms and reaches out to women around her who need a friend.

Who Is Our Partner?

MARC was founded by a missionary in 1964 to help the church spread the Word of God through aviation. "MARC's biggest strength lies in its ability to serve

without having a large staff or the most expensive equipment," says Brian. MARC currently employs fewer than ten employees in Soldotna, including three pilots, one part-time pilot, and two full-time mechanics. Three twin-engine airplanes, one of which was purchased with the aid of the RCA, transport people and supplies where they are needed.

Up Close and Personal

Brian and Beth met on a summer mission trip to Jackson County Ministries in Annville, Kentucky. The discovery that they were both interested in mission work brought them together. Brian's parents taught him to value and support mission work, and Beth grew up in a missionary family in the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo). They were married in 1983 and have four children: Brianna (born in 1986), Michael (1989), Lucas (1994), and Jonathan (1996).

