



LOVING LIFE 2023 in Review A YEAR OF TRANSITION



Dear Friends,

We felt your prayers this year as we made difficult decisions, saw plans altered, prayers answered, and hope restored. Through it all we saw again that God's promise in Romans 8 is a tangible reality for our lives today. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

2024 is a year of promise, a year of shifting. Expanding his Kingdom and stepping into more that God has for our family and ministry.

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2023 Recap



Helicopter Pilot!

ZACK EARNED HIS COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER LICENSE IN JANUARY '23. 2022 was a year spent in Killeen, TX for helicopter flight and maintenance training. January '23 was an awesome conclusion to that year as Zack received his license.



A Close to Our Time with Free Burma Rangers

A PIONEERING EFFORT

FBR Aviation took flight in 2017 as the Cessna 172 made its inaugural flight in Thai airspace. The last 7 years, we saw God open doors and provide in miraculous ways. Amazing people from many cultures were a part of this work and we are thankful to have been a part of it. Pictured above from this spring are 7 different ethnicities that we celebrated God's goodness with, giving Him thanks for FBR and the gift of aviation. Zack stepped down from his role as FBR's Aviation Director this summer, but we continue to pray that this flight program will grow and touch many lives in SE Asia.



THE PHOTO ABOVE WAS ONE OF THE GOOD LIFE CLUB PROGRAMS THAT SARAH AND THE BOYS PARTICIPATED IN LAST YEAR IN RURAL THAILAND. IT IS A JOY TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS ACROSS CULTURAL LINES AND SEE HIM CHANGE HEARTS!

Back to Thailand

FEBRUARY - MAY '23

We travelled back to Thailand this spring to continue development of FBR's flight program. A lot of planning and a trip inside Burma with the aviation team helped sort out future goals for the program to assist those in need along the Thai/Burma border.



EVERY YEAR WE PRAY FOR A WORD FROM THE LORD

Shift : The Word of the Year for 2024

2024's word is Shift. Of course for us, the surface meaning is a shift of focus from international aviation ministry back to missions work in Alaska. But as we prayed deeper into this word, we felt the Lord speak about shifting gears. Downshifting in some areas to gain more traction. In other areas shifting into a higher gear for more speed.

Downshifting came this past summer as we settled into rest and recovery here in Alaska for the second half of 2023. It was a sabbatical season to press more earnestly into His presence for peace and direction. Now, entering this new year, we feel the higher gears kicking in as we see exciting things on the horizon. We've thrown ourselves all in for what God wants to do in Alaska. For Loving Life in 2024 this means:

ENCOUNTER-

We know that everyone who encounters Jesus is changed! One moment of encounter with the Holy Spirit on a personal level will set anyone on a new trajectory. Our prayer is to be a conduit of encounter and our hope is that Loving Life becomes a channel for outside ministries and guests to visit and impact the Last Frontier for the Gospel! We need Jesus encounters!

AVIATION-

We are in serious need and praying for an airplane owned and operated by Loving Life Missions that is available for missionaries and relief workers to access the remote parts of our state. Some estimate there are still 80 villages with no Gospel presence. That needs to change and Alaska's size demands aviation if we are to reach every village. A ticket to remote Alaskan villages is more than a round trip ticket to Thailand! So we are believing for the resources to subsidize ministry travel so that there is no out-of-pocket travel expense for missionaries in Alaska!

COLLABORATION-

Loving Life is uniquely positioned as an independent non-profit to bridge denominational and organizational gaps, encouraging unity in the Alaska missions effort. We are working on an app that will consolidate information from ministries all over the state so that we have a more full, accurate picture of the condition of the church in Alaska. Please join us as we pray for unity across the state to see the Great Commission fulfilled!



Top: Gabe serving on the local worship team in Palmer, AK
Bottom: In the village of Koyuk, AK with friends from Church on the Rock and the village pastor



How you can be involved:



PRAY

We need prayer for wisdom! Continuing on in a new realm of missions, we need your prayers for the right next steps.

DONATE

Consider becoming a monthly financial partner with Loving Life so we can see these goals realized in 2024. We are also praying for an airplane and a 4x4 van for AK ministry trips.

VISIT AK

Come visit! We would love to host you as a family or team to come experience Alaska and share in ministry with us.

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