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Dear friends,

It is 5:30 AM-just fed the wood stove with part of the ten cords of wood in a big pile outside. It's -10 degrees and the sun seems hesitant to provide any future warmth this year.

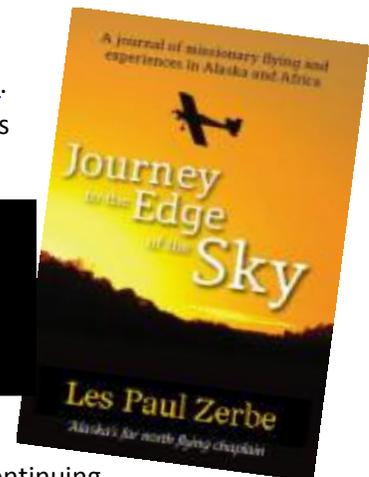
Liberia -- We are grateful for all the faithful help you have been to us this year in prayers and finances, and for our African pastors as well. Pastor Vaye's wife had to go to Ghana for serious back surgery. Pastor Vaye, who is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Monrovia, Liberia, and Roseline have just returned from Ghana after a three month stay. The surgery went well and several of you sent in funds to help pay for her back surgery, which cost \$2500 + tickets, food and housing for three months. A big thank you! Now this pastor with no Obama care can still keep caring for his people. And each month, some of you send \$35 for national pastors or rice, which is distributed by the pastors and deacons to the very needy. Funds you designated for Liberian pastors and rice in October: \$620. We were able to share your donations as designated with only a few of the 130 pastors with whom we fellowship.

Costa Rica --I mentioned in a past letter about two indigenous tribes in Costa Rica which live in a remote, roadless jungle. Costa Rican Christians have been walking seven days on a bi-monthly basis to give the Gospel to these people. Jane and I have accumulated enough air miles to fly virtually free to CR, so we are planning to go there in February 2014. The Caravan Connection is all about transportation of missionaries, so I plan to check out this situation. I could use a young pilot to go along, walk the seven days for me and check out the area for a place to plan a runway. Call me if you are interested.

Some of you may want my book, [Journey to the Edge of the Sky](#), to give as Christmas gifts. You may order through www.FarNorthFlyingChaplain.com. Any extra I make on the book goes toward travel to Liberia and motorcycles for pastors in Liberia.

Journey to the Edge of the Sky

*A Journal of Missionary Flying and Experiences
in Alaska and Africa*



Alaska --In the last two months, five ladies have prayed to receive Christ as Saviour in the jail ministry Jane works with. Some of these have been continuing in their Reformers Unanimous workbooks and have seen answers to prayer. We continue to mentor some of the ladies who have been released. It is necessary to follow up to encourage and reinforce what they have studied to enable them to make it in society, even though they have trusted Christ.

Some of you probably watch the reality television shows about Alaska, which go from one "serious problem" to another (which is Hollywood for you). We could have our own TV show with the reality of our life here. Out at an abandoned gold mine fifty miles into the Alaska Mountain Range where we held

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Wilderness Skills Bible Camp and where I go hunting for moose every fall, we have two cabins. A big grizzly bear got in one cabin this fall. He went in one side and out the other, taking out walls, kitchen area, windows and front door!! No one was in the cabin at the time, but I wish I had been. That bear and I would have had a heart to heart talk! My gun would do the talking and his heart would go in the frying pan! I wonder if there are a couple of guys who are carpenters and fishermen who'd like to come up next June or July. So, I didn't get a moose this fall, only bear troubles. And that's reality!

If you find the program "Life Below Zero" on National Geographic Channel, you will see featured Chip (Edward) and Agnes Hailstone in Noorvik, Alaska. I have been to all those places where they hunt. A few years ago, I landed my plane on the side of Monument Mountain between Nome and Kotzebue, right in the middle of forty moose and 500,000 caribou in the Western Arctic caribou herd. I had just put two caribou down when Chip and Agnes approached me. I was in the middle of nowhere, and they had seen my plane land and came to check if I was OK.



Although Agnes had a baby tied on her chest, she insisted on skinning and cutting up BOTH caribou! When I invited them to a caribou supper at my tent, Agnes insisted on cooking the supper! Eventually, I flew them to Fairbanks, where they enjoyed oil heat, electric lights, and hot showers. Chip told me he could not even go check his traps for a day, without disreputable persons trying to molest his wife in the village. So, they became nomads on the open tundra. They stayed with us a month at the guesthouse, and Agnes trusted Christ as her Saviour.

Taking them home, I landed on the beach by their Arctic Ocean cabin in a snow storm. I had to judge the depth of the snow by the height of the bushes. Tricky business! A while later Chip found two woolly mammoth ivory tusks—about ten foot long and 300 pounds each. He traded them for two new snow machines, but on the 75 mile trip back to his cabin, both snow machines fell through the ice on the Arctic Ocean. They managed somehow to survive, but the machines were gone! I still call Chip and Agnes to stay in touch. One day maybe Chip will see that his total independence from other humans doesn't mean he is independent from the One who made the nature he survives in. Pray for Chip Hailstone and family and watch them on "Life Below Zero" National Geographic Channel.

Thanks again for your prayers and support. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

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	<p>SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ: "As a single Sourdough, I've checked out that other reality show, 'Alaska Women Looking for Love.' What I found was an Alaskan T-shirt: 'Alaska Men – Where the odds are good, but the goods are odd.'"</p>
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