

## Definition of Team Work

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How do you define teamwork? With the Super Bowl on the way, you may think of professional athletes who are hand selected to work together competing against other formidable teams. These elite athletes are constantly training and practicing for that high-pressure time when their skills will be put to the test.

I was able to see teamwork in action when MARC was faced with a high-pressure situation last weekend. Our King Air plane blew a tire in Marshall, Alaska on the taxiway as it was getting ready to take off. With a strong tailwind, the plane would have been damaged quickly if it could not be moved off the runway. Fifteen people came out in a fifty-degrees-below-zero wind chill (where exposed skin can be frostbitten within one minute) to help move the King Air to a safe area.

Once the pilots were able to determine what happened, they notified me back at MARC headquarters, and the MARC staff moved into full swing working the logistics of getting tools, parts and a mechanic out to fix the plane. Everyone worked together checking the weather, assembling the tools, loading the parts, and defrosting the plane.

The weather cleared just in time for us to take off, and after a two-hour flight to Marshall, we began working on the King Air repair. The airport at Marshall is located in a flat area of the valley and often has high winds. As we replaced the tire, the weather was so cold with blowing snow and below-zero temperatures that we had to use a heater to make the rubber tire pliable enough to install the tire.

Thankfully, this was a rather uneventful maintenance trip, but it was uneventful because of many things. First and foremost, God gets the glory for making everything happen; we know that none of this could have worked out without His involvement.

Second, our team worked flawlessly in a time of need. It took efficient involvement from every team member to synchronize our many working parts into one smooth long-distance repair operation. Every aspect of MARC was represented and worked perfectly, including our wives at home praying for us, the director making good decisions, the pilots in Marshall accurately portraying what we needed for the repair, the scheduler clearing the way, the parts department having all the required parts in stock, and the other mechanics continuing current repairs in our hangar while I was gone.

Third, none of this would have even been possible without our crucial team members-you, our supporters who make it possible for us to be the hands and feet of Christ through your support and prayers.

We are all the body of Christ working together as a perfect team. Thank you for making this possible.