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Ministry News

VFCM has welcomed a new missionary family this past month! We are all very excited to have Billy and Marti James and their two children, Amber and Tyler living in Nenana. Billy is the



new pilot/mechanic and radio announcer. Praise God with us for their family and please be in prayer as they are transitioning to life here in Alaska.

Translators

July was a very busy month for translators. After waiting on general "Alaska" hiccups such as equipment shipping mistakes, cloudy weather, summer village life (wake up at 11AM, go to bed at 2AM), we were able to install 3 more translators this month in the villages of Quinhagak, Hooper Bay, and Grayling.





In the first picture Karl, Adam, Billy, and Bill (Billy's dad) are working on the antenna in Quinhagak. Next, Kristan is working on getting some free advertisement via the satellite dish in the village of Hooper Bay. The last picture on the left is of the translator set up in Grayling.

We have three more translators to install during this project that need to be completed by the FCC deadline of October 29. However because this is Alaska, the weather is always semiunpredictable. As winter is already approaching in some areas of the state, it would be much easier if translators in the villages of Anaktuvuk Pass, Ambler, and Coldfoot (all north of the Arctic Circle) could be installed by the end of September. Please pray with us that God would provide the logistics for these last three.

KYKI) - Bethel

While waiting for good weather to fly and install translators, we spent approximately 10 days at our Bethel radio station, KYKD. During our stay we were able to do some maintenance on the ministry owned facilities there.

Also, Karl, Billy, and Adam were able to swap out the starter on the Chevy Blazer that is used there in Bethel. Here is a picture of the guys as they are busily

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As of the time that this newsletter is being composed, the Lord has not yet provided a permanent missionary couple to run KYKD. Bill and Bonnie James (short-term missionaries) will be leaving on September 20, 2007. Please be in prayer with us that God will provide a permanent solution for keeping this radio station running. Here is an aerial picture in the city of Bethel with the radio station circled.



Personal Update

As we have been away from home for the majority of June, July, and will be gone during the month of August as well, we have not made very much pro-

gress on building our house.

All, this to say that we are very excited about the things that God is allowing us to accomplish for VFCM and are not worried about the house getting finished. God knows our needs.

Many of you have inquired about the coming of our first child.



After an initial diagnosis of Gestational Diabetes, Kristan has been able to manage her diet well "on the road" and her doctors are pleased. Karl is anxiously awaiting our child's birth and is busy taking pictures and collecting ultrasound videos.

Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$2929	50	150
Current	\$3298	52	404
	(112%)	(104%)	(270%)
Still	Goal	Goal	Goal
Needed	Met	Met	Met

We are grateful to all of you who are supporting us in prayer and finances. We have now been with VFCM for a year and as you can see our support goal has increased due to a 3% yearly policy.

Know that without those of you who support us, we would not be able to be here in Alaska enjoying serving God through VFCM.

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