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# Tundra Transmitter

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### Ministry News

Since we haven't written since the end of August, there are many things to share with you. So here we go . . .

#### KYKD

We left Bethel during the first part of October in the capable hands of Ben & Pat Burkey. The Burkey's have been doing a wonderful job of keeping KYKD going despite the rather mild



winter that we have been having thus far. Please be in prayer for the Burkey's as they return to their home in North Carolina in January. Also, pray that God would bless Palmer and Bonnie Bailey as they again come to serve at KYKD. **KAGV** 

Upon our return home from Bethel, we rejoiced that KAGV was still basically operating. We are extremely thankful to our Lord for His provision of running KAGV remotely this summer.

One long-over due project was the configuration of a c-band satellite dish. As Karl was able to finish this activation work during the middle of Tear Off Here

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November, this dish allows KAGV to have more flexibility in radio programming. We are excited to be able to overhaul the weekday afternoon programming to better meet the needs of our listeners here in the Matanuska/Susitna Valley! As we are the only radio station in the I AM Network that has a commuting population (back and forth to Anchorage), our goal is to better evangelize the lost and spur growth in those who are Christ followers.

Please pray with us that these changes will not be in vein, but instead will glorify our Father in heaven. We expect to roll-out these major changes during January of 2010.



#### VFCM

During the first week in November, we were blessed to be able to host the bi-annual VFCM board meetings in Houston/Big Lake. We were able to have many folks stay in our home and it was a wonderful blessing to have so many people involved with VFCM, together for fellowship. Please lift our leadership up in prayer as they navigate this ministry through this transitional time.

#### TRANSLATORS

While VFCM finances have been struggling, the Lord provided an inexpensive way for Karl to do some repair work for the translator in Hooper



Bay during September. Another missionary family whom we have become friends with are located in Bethel and have a plane of their own. Bruce enjoyed the flight to this western Alaskan remote village, and Karl was able to repair, clean, and replace the radio equipment in order to get the gospel of Christ once again broadcasting. Praise God!

**OVER** 

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## Personal Update

Our family is doing well and while we miss the people and the work in Bethel, we are glad to be in our own house.

A challenge with being gone this past summer was missing our regular time for firewood collection. While we do not heat entirely with wood, the more wood we burn, the less fuel oil we use.



God took care of this challenge for us. While other parts of the country are experiencing harsher winters than normal, here in Alaska winter is quite mild. Again, God's provision allowed us more time than normal to collect wood with the extended fall season. Thank you Lord!



Since being home, work has continued on the home construction front as well. The basement is growing closer and closer to completion. We have been able to install the laminate and tile flooring (with the help of some friends), hang bedroom doors, install the larger wood stove, and pull out some beds from storage. Remember, you are always invited to stay as a home base for your great Alaskan vacation or for visiting us or the ministry!



Another wonderful blessing is that Kristan's mom was able to visit during the first part of November. It was fun to have Meemaw help to celebrate Kristofer's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on November 5.



We are excited as our families will be with us during the Christmas season and just afterwards! Kristan's sister and parents will be sharing Christmas in Alaska while Karl's parents hope to visit during the month of January.

Our family hopes that you had a wonderful time of Thanksgiving this past month. As we are in the midst of this advent season and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may your meditation be filled with joy and the assurance of knowing Christ as your Savior from sin.

#### **Monthly Support Goals**

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$3366	50	150
Current	\$3451	53	414
	(103%)	(106%)	(276%)
Needed	Goal	Goal	Goal
	Met	Met	Met

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