



Karl, Kristan and Kristofer Thiemes

Tundra Transmitter



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Ministry News

KAGV

These past two months, God has been providing what we need in His perfect timing. KAGV's provision comes in the form of a local volunteer radio announcer. The worship pastor at Faith Bible Fellowship (the church we attend in Big Lake) has begun taking the Monday afternoon radio shift. Brad shares scriptures, hosts music segments, updates weather forecasts, and makes public service announcements for Mat-Su Valley listeners. He also is willing to help in other tasks.



Here Brad and Karl are working on installing an old satellite dish on a new post. It is with this dish that Karl hopes to solve some of the reception issues that KAGV has been experiencing. This old dish with some new electronic parts is able to receive information from a satellite in space that is different than the satellite we are having difficulties with. We will keep you posted on the results as this experiment moves forward.



In other KAGV news, although this summer has been wet, Karl has found a few sunny days to maintain the ground-plane for our AM-antenna. This requires that natural substances (such as birch tree sprouts) are kept clear from the buried copper wire radiating from the base of the tower.

Speaking of wet weather, you may recall that last summer during the rainy season (August), the KAGV tower experienced some difficulties with its insulative properties. Well the rain is back and so are the 'fireworks' at the tower site. Here is a picture of the latest fire that momentarily stopped KAGV's



broadcast transmission. Thankfully Karl was able to build a work-around with hose clamps and pipe to get us back on the air!

KYKD

While staff for KYKD was not available by the time Ken and Karen Anderson left at the end of July, God's perfect provision included a local volunteer in Bethel. As an independent Baptist missionary, Bruce offered to help us run KYKD remotely from the KAGV studios in Big Lake/Houston.



Kristan and Kayleb spent a long weekend in Bethel to see the Andersons back to Florida and to work out technical and logistical details necessary to keeping the radio broadcast going. Then it was back home to work out a functional daily routine to record weather forecasts and maintain/monitor the computer automation controlling the music and Bible-teaching programming. Again, God's provision is perfect for His plan. The remote operation is going well despite a few minor hiccups.

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☐ I(We) would like my(our) church to support the Thiemes, please send me(us) more information.

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Personal Update

Regardless of the unusual wetness, our family has been enjoying the Alaskan summer.



While we have not yet gathered all the wood needed to get us through this winter, we are well on our way.



Karl and Kristofer have spent significant time tending a vegetable garden this summer. While a mother moose and her twin calves have harvested the cabbage and broccoli for themselves, we have been able to eat wonderful things such as lettuce, rhubarb, zucchini, carrots, and potatoes. Kristofer is also enjoying wild berry picking.



Our small town of Houston held a carnival like event at the the beginning of August. We had a great time as a family eating, playing with the inflatable toys, and taking in a spectacular fireworks display.



Kayleb is growing fast and at four months old he already has a desire to do many of the things that his brother does. Weighing in at nearly 14 pounds, mommy and daddy are amazed at the many differences between the two boys from physical features to temperament and personality.



In terms of our financial support, we again are reminded of our Lord's perfect provision in his perfect timing. Along with our already faithful monthly prayer partners and financial supporters, we have had two new monthly financial supporters join our team and several others give special one-time gifts. Thank you for your encouragement and willingness to respond. We are grateful for the opportunities to serve our great God in this way and endeavor daily to keep the right focus

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ” Colossians 3:23-24

Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	# of Prayers
Minimum Goal	\$3596	50	150
June July avg in %	\$3323 \$8487 (164%)	57 (114%)	416 (277%)
Needed	Goal Met	Goal Met	Goal Met

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