

# Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

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## The Director's Cut



Early 2020 has suddenly become strangely surreal. Even in Alaska, a state known for its remoteness and individuality, the current restrictions on interactions and travel due to the global pandemic have taken its toll on residents. Many villages have gone into lock-down mode, now more isolated than ever. People whose jobs seemed secure until just recently now worry about paying bills and feeding their families. Many people who don't often consider death during normal times now find themselves pondering the

“what if's” of their own mortality and questions of life after death. Those who battle addictions and depression even in the best of times now find themselves filled with despair and anxiety. When you add into that mix a Winter that won't seem to let Spring in the door, this season feels exceedingly bleak to many souls.

And yet we have unprecedented opportunity to share the message of God's sacrifice to pay our sin debt and redeem us for Himself; to share the hope of Jesus Christ that sets men and women free!

Mark 8:36 says, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” This message does not change with the situations or events of our current day.

During these uncertain times in the remote bush, more people than ever turn to their radios for comfort and companionship. The I AM Radio Network still throws a lifeline of not only comfort, but also eternal truth and light for the darkness of these days. Thanks for supporting us with your prayers!

*Nike Aron*

**MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:**

- April 1, 2020 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KYKD/Bethel as part of the I AM Radio Network! This is a huge milestone, and it represents the hard work of many volunteer staff over the years. The station was owned and operated by two other religious entities earlier in its life and then went off the air for several years prior to acquisition by VFCM. It has been capably managed by Palmer and Bonnie Bailey for nearly 10 years now.
- A long-time friend of VFCM died a while back. It took a long time to

settle this saint’s estate, but the ministry received a blessing from that legacy! We appreciate the friendship of this individual and treasure the love that went into this gift. Don’t forget that you, too, can continue fulfilling the Great Commission even after you’ve gone on to heaven!

- Like many things in life, for those to whom this radio ministry is important, it’s crucial. A listener from Tanana remarked in a note tucked into a donation recently that KIAM has become part of his daily routine over the years and he looks

forward to hearing familiar voices fill his home. When that village station had technical difficulties in 2019, this individual called immediately and said, “I miss it.”

- The current pandemic and low oil prices will significantly disrupt the Alaskan economy this year, affecting the livelihood of many families. We’re thankful for the monthly giving of individuals and churches that allow VFCM and our full-time missionaries to continue serving. Please pray that we remain faithful to proclaim the gospel and imminent return of Jesus Christ!

A special shout-out to our VFCM volunteers! Palmer & Bonnie Bailey manage KYKD/Bethel. Kelsie & Daniel Vrenna manage KAGV/Houston. Mike Arena manages KIAM/Nenana. Others work on a regular part-time basis: Paul Garrison and Jesse Ernst at KYKD; Debra Hausmann at KAGV; Adam White, Art Thompson, Jeannie and Rob Bennett, Valerie Arena, Natalie White, and Russ Taylor at KIAM; and Karen Goodwin doing financials. Others do voice work or provide technical assistance from home.

Perhaps you or someone you know could work with one of our stations...helping proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ!

**Prayer Requests**

1. Pray as we prep for a busy summer of repairs.
2. Several villages with no Christian radio have asked us to begin serving their areas. PRAY!
3. We need professional help as we seek to promote the ministry and its needs to potential volunteers. We need help to produce quality videos, web applications, and other materials.
4. Pray for infrastructure needs as we deal with aging buildings and older technologies.
5. Pray that the Lord would call more volunteers!

Jesse praying with men on the Kuskokwim



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The I AM Radio Network... Christian radio for Alaska

Daniel shoveling at KAGV



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