

Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

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The Director's Cut



Why did Paul make so many difficult journeys preaching and teaching about Jesus? Acts 13 says that he followed the direction of the Holy Spirit - he sailed to Cyprus and there "began to proclaim the word of God" immediately. The back of my Bible has a map listing Paul's Missionary Journeys and has tiny little symbols showing where he preached in synagogues on the frontier of the Roman Empire, the very edges of his civilization. Quite a few of those little symbols appear on that map.

Our radio network sends gospel preaching and teaching to the very edges of the United States, and we will soon have a unique opportunity to reach even MORE places along our own frontiers! We expect the FCC to open an "application window" in early 2021 to broadcast to new areas. They have not done this since 2007. Please pray with us as we work with pastors and other missionaries in villages with no Christian radio presence at all. We want to go where God wants us and where the words of truth will

have the most effect for the kingdom of heaven.

The FCC application process is not cheap, but the real work and expense comes after they grant a license. I invite you to partner with us in trying to cover more villages with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our frontier has people who have yet to hear that Jesus saves and has many areas where believers need the hope and encouragement that comes from scriptural teaching.

Nike Aron

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

We don't like to say "Goodbye," especially to those close to us. This past summer VFCM said "Goodbye" to Kelsie and Daniel Vrenna, who both worked full-time at KAGV in Houston/Big Lake, AK. Kelsie ably managed the station since 2015 and Daniel joined her for the last few years. They moved back to the Lower 48 and expect their 1st child soon. If you'd like to thank them for serving, write to the VFCM address at the bottom of this page and we will forward your mail to them. Please pray as they open this next chapter of their lives.

We do, however, like saying "Hello!" Please join us in welcoming Greg Lewis to our ministry family! Greg has ample

experience in radio, having worked in Alaska and Arizona, but felt God wanted him to commit to KAGV for a period of time. He will remotely manage station operations from Arizona, including programming, promoting the ministry with local AK churches, responding to listener inquiries, building daily logs, etc.

An engineering study showed that a taller tower for our current radio transmitter in Hooper Bay, AK could allow that signal to reach the nearby village of Chevak, which has no gospel radio. Having received the FCC OK for this change, a team of volunteers led by Palmer Bailey successfully completed the project this summer. They're now in the process of peaking the equipment to

maximize signal reach. We continue searching for ways to cost effectively reach the unreached.

VFCM received a letter from a representative of Alaska Native Ministry giving some really good news. She received a letter from the Bethel Correctional Center from a 55-year-old inmate who was born again after hearing a message on KYKD 100, our Bethel station. Now he reads his Bible daily and listens to the radio. We'll likely never meet this man here on earth, or others we've impacted. Witnessing is like that. Radio is, too. We obey by putting the good news on the air and then God gives the increase!

"My family and I have listened to KIAM radio for 30 years now and it is a valuable part of our daily routine. We live on the Tanana River in the winter and go to fish camp on the Yukon River in the summer where KIAM is our only source of information. Mukluk Telegrams, the river report, fishing report, weather, and news is invaluable. My daughter has listened to the kids' shows for years, really enjoying Adventures in Odyssey and the Saturday morning programs (especially Ranger Bill). We enjoy many of the other programs and want to thank KIAM for making it all possible." (R. B.)

- Prayer Requests**
- 1. Initial funds for new village stations and ongoing funds to continue their operation.**
 - 2. Volunteers to help with more professional presentation materials.**
 - 3. Replacement of all on-air computer equipment across the Network in 2021.**
 - 4. Long-term volunteers to staff stations in Bethel, Houston/Big Lake, and Nenana.**
 - 5. Long-term need for a radio engineer.**
 - 6. Need to update aging infrastructure.**



Jeff and Leroy on the Hooper Bay tower. Photo: Palmer Bailey

Speaking LIFE into spiritually dark places:
The I AM Radio Network...Christian radio for Alaska.



Aurora over KIAM. Photo: Russ Taylor

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