

Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

Voice for Christ Ministries Newsletter
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The Director's Cut



One of our volunteers has likened radio world work to the dairy farm on which he grew up. Some tasks must happen daily, some weekly, monthly, quarterly, seasonally, etc. Most professional fields require a similar discipline, I suppose. So do our lives in general. Paying bills, staying in touch with loved ones, trying to keep the weight off, maintaining things you own...it's all cyclic.

In the same fashion, our spiritual lives require certain activities to occur over and over again to maintain health. If we neglect Bible study, prayer, or fellowship with other believers, we could find ourselves losing ground spiritually and growing cold. Prayer and Bible study can occur almost anywhere. In Alaska, though, fellowshiping with other

believers has an added layer of difficulty depending upon location. In addition to providing sound Biblical teaching, VFCM also has the joy of providing “long-distance fellowship” over the airwaves to far-flung locations in the state.

The all-volunteer team God has assembled for Voice for Christ Ministries continues to humble, inspire, and encourage me as we move through the days and weeks that make up our annual cycle. It's a privilege and an honor to serve God in Alaska through Christian radio!

We still have an awesome opportunity ahead to apply for broadcast licenses in new areas. One license filing has already occurred and another will soon follow. Please pray for the resources to launch into those two villages and the wisdom

to continue evaluating additional populations needing 24/7 Christian radio.

Alaska has traditionally experienced high case counts of suicide, depression, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and other evils. As you can imagine, a year of COVID has only made these things worse. Only God can heal the pain and stain of sin and we're privileged to send the balm of His words to the weak, weary, and heavy laden. Thank you for your partnership with and support of this ministry with your gifts and prayers — may God richly bless you and yours!

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:29 ESV

Nike Arzen

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

We have several groups slated to come to VFCM to do some needed work, including painting parts of the KIAM exterior for the first time in 20+ years.

We've had a prayer request on the list concerning needed website work and presentation materials help and the Lord has now seen fit to take care of some of these needs. We have a man working even now to redesign and update our website, so stay tuned!

A radio broadcast major from Cedarville University plans to work at KIAM for 2+ months this summer starting in early June. We are grateful!

Speaking of Cedarville, Mike Arena participated in Cedarville's Virtual Missions Conference this past January, meeting several students in the process. Please pray that God will continue to bring people to the ministry to work.

Greg Lewis, who remotely manages KAGV in Houston/Big Lake, introduced us to a couple with radio experience who currently plan to move to Alaska in the Spring of 2022 to focus on KAGV. Please pray that the plans will bear fruit.

Another church in Alaska answered the call to support VFCM on a monthly basis, praise the Lord! Anchorage Grace Church became our newest financial

partner. Perhaps you know a missions-minded church family who would also consider supporting us. Please let Mike Arena know or have them call him.

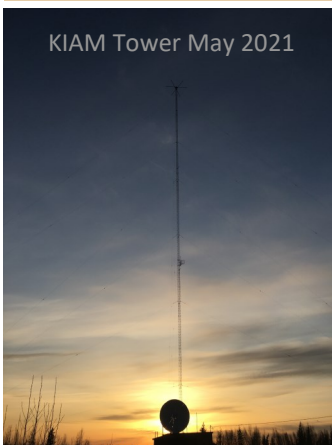
We had an issue with our donor database recently and had to rebuild a lot of the information. If you requested we switch you to the email list or remove you entirely, please let us know again. We are sorry for any duplication.

The Yup'ik Audio Bible recording project has now reached over 95% completion, and we praise God for that!

Should you have any questions about the ministry, call us at 907-832-5426.

"Thanks to all the staff at VFCM for all you do to get the WORD out. You do a good job and since the COVID stuff, Mr. Lutzer has been our "church." He sure has good messages. We look forward to getting back in church. So prayerful this will all pass and hopefully many have and will be reached via KIAM airwaves—for Jesus! Thank you. Keep up the good work!" (Manley H.S.)
"I got the stimulus check and so now I can give some money again. Saturday children's programs are the best. The young voices reading the Bible verse for the week are so pure and innocent. God bless your staff!" (Lake Minchumina)

- Prayer Requests**
- 1. Initial funds for new village stations and ongoing funds to keep them running.**
 - 2. Help with professional presentation materials.**
 - 3. Replacement of all on-air computer equipment across the Network in 2021. (Grant pending)**
 - 4. Long-term volunteers to staff stations in Bethel, Houston/Big Lake, and Nenana.**
 - 5. A radio engineer, either in-state or available.**
 - 6. Need to update aging infrastructure. (Also need to update aging "volunteer infrastructure!")**



Sending God's word to spiritually dark places:
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