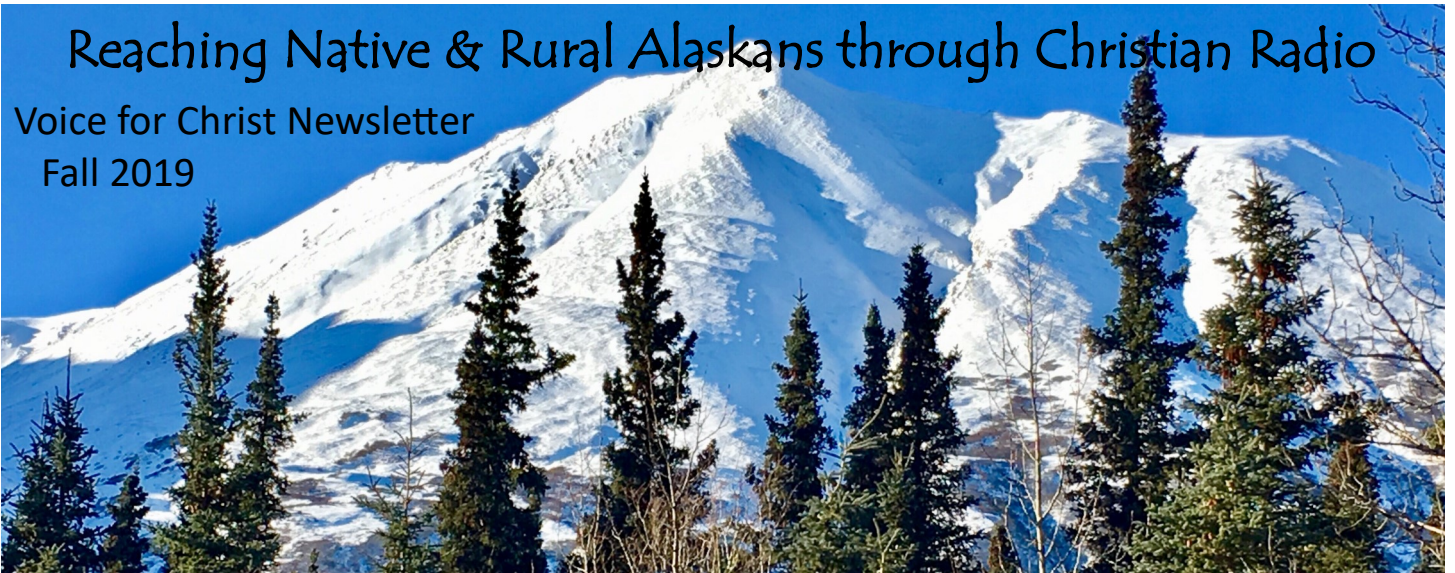


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The Director's Cut



“Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.” Many of you remember that slogan from a large insurance company. Have you ever gotten so lonely that you just needed to hear the sound of another human voice? With so many remote areas in Alaska, people do get lonesome and depressed from isolation. Many of them turn on the radio for companionship. People the world over have similar needs for interaction, whether it's words of affirmation, a comforting voice, or a simple expression of concern. Preparing for live radio segments, I'm aware

that Voice for Christ Ministries can serve as that good neighbor or good friend... a friendly voice bringing the encouragement of God into someone's private space. I may not know what a listener faces on any particular day, but I trust that God does. We have the unique opportunity to speak truth and healing into hearts and lives all over Alaska. Proverbs 25:11 says, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Technology allows us to fill people's hearts with words “fitly spoken” in dark, remote areas. Filled with loneliness, pain, and

hopelessness, these villages badly need the “fitly spoken” words we send. The inherent power of the word of God will accomplish His divine purpose.

A radio transmission can't hold your hand, wipe away your tears, or make you a casserole. But it CAN reach into personal spaces at any hour of the day or night bringing words “fitly spoken” to a hurting, broken human soul. Thank you for partnering with us to continue this mission!

Nike Arzen

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

- KAGV now streams on the internet! Thanks to Kelsie and Daniel Vrenna for working hard to get the needed hardware installed, configured, and operational. This was a big task and they did it well—praise the Lord!
- After reading about our need in a previous newsletter, Dann and Nancy Farquhar came to Nenana to upgrade some of our ancient technology. We now have newer computers and fewer worries about catastrophic failures with Windows XP! While Dann upgraded computers, Nancy helped upgrade interior paint! We're grateful for

their willingness to serve and ask that you pray for them in their own full-time ministry.

- The KYKD Yup'ik Audio Bible Project has nearly reached 80%! Please continue praying for Palmer and Bonnie Bailey as they work hard to complete this important project for those who speak but don't read the Yup'ik language.
- Our volunteers made trips to many villages this past year to repair equipment and share with the people there. This included Scammon Bay, Eagle, Ruby, Bettles, Hooper Bay, Anaktuvuk Pass, Allakaket, Hughes, and Tanana. Involved in these trips were Adam,

Palmer, Dan, Jesse, LeRoy, Rob, Randy, and Mike. Please pray as we seek to maintain radio equipment in these remote villages and try to expand the reach of the Gospel message to new ones.

- One of our new ministry partners, Arctic Barnabas, has committed to fielding a work team in 2020 to work in Nenana on a backlog of exterior maintenance projects. PTL!
- This summer we've had numerous contacts by listeners via email, letter, contribution check, or even personal visits at one of the stations. It's both gratifying and satisfying to hear about the impact we have in the lives of listeners.

VFCM sorely needs some younger missionaries (or young-thinking retirees!). We have one young couple working full-time in the ministry, but everyone else has hit middle-age or older. Serving God full-time has an impact like nothing else you'll ever do. But even after God leads someone to a firm decision to go it takes time to get to the field, so we need to get started!

If you know someone with the interest and adventurous spirit to serve in Alaska...and not everyone has that spirit...we need them!

Could it be YOU?

Prayer Requests

1. **The FCC has not granted applications for new translator/repeater sites in years. Pray that we can find innovative ways to reach new areas.**
2. **Pray for infrastructure needs as we deal with aging buildings and older technologies.**
3. **Pray for expert help as we seek to promote the ministry and its needs to potential volunteers. We need well-done promotional materials like videos, website features, and brochures.**
4. **Pray as we prep for another cold, dark winter.**



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



Summer 2019 Translator Repair Crew, L-R: Rob Bennett, Mike Arena, Daniel Richardson, & Adam White in Anaktuvuk Pass

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