



Greetings, in the name of our Lord.

Spring has definitely arrived here in the great north. The ice has gone out on the rivers and the fires that burned in wood stoves all winter have finally gone out as well. It is now nearly midnight before the skies are completely dark.

This time of year is particularly busy as we attempt to arrange and prioritize projects based on the anticipated resources. As they say here, "summer is short and winter is coming".

So, here is a quick update on the goings on at VFCM over the last few months.

Kelsie Anderson, (now Kelsie Vrenna) came up from Nebraska last year to help for the summer at KAGV in Big Lake. While in Alaska, she met Daniel Vrenna and they were married on February 20th. Kelsie plans to continue helping with KAGV. Praise God for His provision for her and for the ministry!

Mike and Valerie Arena are still in the process of raising funds to be able serve in Nenana. Pray that God will provide the finances soon as we are in desperate need of additional personnel.

Palmer Bailey at KYKD in Bethel is working on a project to record a Yupik audio Bible. They are at about 20% of completion, and are making great progress. This will be a great aid to those who speak Yupik, but do not read the written language very well.

We are hoping to be able to repair and upgrade several of our village FM translator stations this summer. Pray with us for the logistics and weather to work out to accomplish this task.

The warm winters we have had over the last two years have caused the permafrost to start to melt at the KIAM tower site. A small sinkhole has developed under one corner of the transmitter building and is causing the structure to tilt slightly. Pray that God will provide summer work teams to help with stabilizing the building as well as several other urgent maintenance projects. We have had inquiries from two churches regarding sending up workers for a mission trip, but nothing definite as of yet.

There are several other items that are still "up in the air" as of this writing. I hope to have more to report in our next newsletter.

As always, we thank you for your faithful prayers and support. It is such an encouragement to see God working through His people.

Blessings,

Art Thompson
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