



Karl and Kristan Thieme's

Tundra Transmitter



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Leaving Washington

It is amazing to think that it has only been one month since we last wrote to you. There has been so much that has happened over the past four weeks!

Karl was in Alaska for the first two weeks working with Brent Work on the foundation for our house.

During this time, Kristan was finishing up the last of the 2005-2006 school year at Jason Lee Middle School in Tacoma.



It was a mixed departure. Kristan enjoyed teaching, her students, and all of her colleagues. Yet it is quite exciting to be following God's will in moving to Alaska. From the University of Washington, Tacoma, Kristan also was granted her Master's Degree in Education during this time.

Karl and Brent returned from Alaska on the 11th of June after getting the foundation started.

Driving Up

We left Tacoma on the night of June 16th with our car, pickup truck, and our snowmobile trailer. All three were packed with the last of our material belongings and we started up Interstate 5 around 9:00 PM.



Due to the fact that our 12' trailer was filled heavily with only one axle and passenger rated tires instead of more sturdy trailer tires, we had difficulty keeping it from fishtailing behind our truck. After a few days we stopped and replaced the tires and also added a weight-distributing hitch. These improvements created a much more pleasant drive.

We arrived in Houston, Alaska at about 5:00 AM on Tuesday, June 19th.

Construction Updates

Since arriving in our new home town, the styrofoam forms for the basement walls were delivered. Karl and Kristan were able to begin building the blocks before Karl went back to Washington to finish one more week of work for Intel.

The foam blocks are like giant Lego blocks that fit together to create a form to pour concrete into. This type of construction allows our home to be better insulated from the cold



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Name (s): _____ Telephone Number: (____) _____

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- I (We) commit to praying _____ time (s) per month for the Thieme's
- I (We) would like to contribute \$25.00 per month for the Thieme's
- I (We) would like to contribute \$60.00 per month for the Thieme's
- I (We) would like to contribute \$120.00 per month for the Thieme's
- Other _____

The garage slab is scheduled to be poured after the 4th of July holiday. Just in time for the work teams from Lake City Community Church to come and begin framing.

For day to day updates on the construction process, see our website at www.firstfruitsfarm.com/alaska

Work Crews

Our home church, Lake City Community Church (www.lc3.com) is sending two work teams during the month of July. The first team will arrive in Alaska on July 8, leaving July 17 and the second team will arrive July 22 and leave July 31.

Please pray with us that God will provide safety for these teams and that all members of the teams will be blessed by assisting the ministry here in Alaska through working on our house.



Blessings

Over the past month alone we have been so blessed by God we wanted to share so that you can be praising God with us for his very practical love and guidance.

- * Our physical safety
- * Emotional support and encouragement from close friends and family
- * Sad but exciting departures from our respective jobs in the lower 48 (Intel Corporation and Tacoma Public Schools)
- * Safe travels from Tacoma, Washington to Houston, Alaska
- * Continued progress on our home here in Alaska
- * A small but nice trailer to live in on our home site while building is going on
- * Advice and support from VFCM personnel in the building process
- * People like you who are supporting us in prayer, finances, and encouragement



Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$2844	50	150
Current	\$2581 (91%)	46 (92%)	321 (214%)
Still Needed	\$263	4	Goal Met

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