



Karl, Kristan, and Kristofer Thiemes

# Tundra Transmitter



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## Ministry News

### KYKD

The Thieme family was in Bethel at KYKD for the majority of the month of April. Karl and Kristan worked on upgrading the "on-air" computer and enhancing KYKD's Christian programming.

Ben and Pat Burkey, God's faithful volunteers also left Bethel after nearly 8 months of service. VFCM and the Thieme's are thankful for the Burkey's who were able to keep KYKD running.



We were also able to welcome John and Pat Fenton from New York to take over the helm of KYKD until the end of June, 2008. Kristan was able to do some radio training with them, however John had spent some time in Nenana at KIAM so there was little training required.



### Translators

While in Bethel, we were able to begin our annual summer maintenance trips for the radio translators scattered across Alaska. Ben and Karl visited Hooper Bay and were able to get them back on the air after several months of radio "darkness".

We were also able to visit the village of Quinhagak to re-align the satellite dish, upgrade the satellite receiver software, and visit with our Native friends there.



At the end of May, we took a road trip to the village of McCarthy. Approximately 9 hours and 2 flat tires later, we were enjoying the view atop a mountain overlooking the Kennecott River. Kristofer made great friends with the friends in the village who host the radio translator.

### KAGV

In early April, KAGV welcomed Jerry Wilmes back to cover some radio shifts and his wife Rosalin came with him. Then in early May, Karl worked with Don, Dewey, and Bob doing concrete work and odd jobs.



KAGV 1110AM in Houston also welcomed a college intern from Buffalo, New York. John Brown will be working full time at the radio station during the summer and part time as his schedule allows during the fall quarter



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while he attends University of Alaska.

**VFCM**

We consider it an honor that our Lord has provided for us to be able to serve through this ministry. We ask that you spend some devoted time to specifically pray for the board meetings that are coming up June 13, 14 and 15. The board will be making some very difficult decisions and we pray that our Lord will be guiding each one. We also are praying that this ministry may trust Him for provision and might bring Him glory.

**Personal Update**

Since our last newsletter it seems that winter has just been put to rest. However, with the increase in fuel prices, we have already begun to prepare for the upcoming winter season. John and Karl built a wood shed from the ground up in one 14-hour day. This will hopefully provide a drying place for the stores of wood we hope to use to offset the heating costs of our home.



Another development on the home front includes a small patch of garden. We have been home this year a bit more than expected and with the help of John have planted carrots, potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, and peas. Well, actually Karl and John prepared the soil together and John has done most of the planting and daily tending work.



As always, the Kristofer continues to grow and amaze us on nearly a daily basis with his physical and mental developments. From asserting his own will to eating more “real” food, to crying his head off for attention, we continue to have a better understanding of God’s fatherly love towards His sometimes wayward children.



**Monthly Support Goals**

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
<b>Goals</b>	\$3051	50	150
<b>Current</b>	\$3011 (98%)	53 (106%)	414 (276%)
<b>Still Needed</b>	Goal Met	Goal Met	Goal Met

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