



Karl, Kristan and Kristofer Thiemes

# Tundra Transmitter



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## Ministry News

### VFCM

Since our last newsletter in October, many things have changed. November started with the bi-annual VFCM board meetings. Out of these meetings several staffing changes occurred. Three missionary families in Nenana chose to leave VFCM.

Also Bob and Dee Eldridge were promoted from the General Director position to Founder/President Emeritus with duties to be assigned in the future.

The Blair family in Nenana and our family, are the only career missionaries with VFCM.

Please be in prayer for VFCM as the board and staff seek to follow God's will during this transitional time.



### KAGV

December brought the departure of KAGV's intern John Brown. We are thankful to our heavenly father for the provision of John over the past six months. We will be praying for John as he returns to his life in New York and finishes his college degree. Thanks John for all of your help!



January brought the likes of Jerry Wilmes back to KAGV. You may remember that Jerry is from Washington and he enjoys the radio ministry.

With Jerry at KAGV, we headed off to Bethel to provide the Bailey's with a 2-week vacation.

### KYKD

The city of Bethel, AK has been blessed with volunteer missionaries Palmer and Bonnie Bailey during the last 6 months. The Bailey's

tenure in Bethel will come to an end mid-April 2009. Pray with us that God will provide servants to minister via KYKD radio in Bethel.

### Translators

The radio translator in the village of Hughes has been off the air for several months. At the end of November, Karl and Brian Blair (KIAM station manager in Nenana) were able to fly out to the village to make repairs. While the trip was planned for just one-day, good ol' Alaska weather extended the trip to overnight.



Karl and Brian were able to meet with several listeners in the village and others that recognized Brian's voice. Praise the Lord with us that he was faithful to provide the encouragement of meeting with people who listened and appreciated the radio.



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- I (We) would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- I (We) would like to receive email newsletters instead of paper.
- I (We) am (are) sending this one time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- I (We) would like to inquire at my (our) church to see if they would be willing to support Karl and Kristan, please send me (us) more information.

## Personal Update

We are excited and thankful that even with all of the work in ministry, the Lord is providing for us to continue to finish our house.

In November, God's provision was evident when Dewey and Don arrived to hang drywall in the basement. As always, the "Bobsey Twins" are full of laughs.



After his first national election experience, November 5 was the celebration of Kristofer's first birthday. One of his favorite presents was his tool set.



December brought a much anticipated visit with family and friends in Oregon and Washington. We were able to have a late Thanksgiving celebration with Kristan's family and lots more birthday presents for Kristofer.



In Oregon, we spent some time with Karl's sister in Portland and also caught up with old college friends. Then it was off to Karl's parent's farm where Kristofer thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the farm life, especially his grandparents.



Back in Alaska, Christmas for our family was a wonderful celebration of the gift of Jesus' birth here on earth and a reminder of the ultimate life-saving gift of salvation.

As VFCM, our country, and the world are facing various chal-

lenges, our family finds peace in the hope of Jesus and the sovereignty of God. It is this hope and peace that we seek to share with Native and Rural Alaskans. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of full-time service.

### Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
<b>Goals</b>	\$3268	50	150
<b>Current</b>	\$3602 (110%)	53 (106%)	414 (276%)
<b>Still Needed</b>	Goal Met	Goal Met	Goal Met

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