



Karl, Kristan and Kristofer Thiemes

Tundra Transmitter



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Ministry News

VFCM

Our board of directors along with Bob and Dee Eldridge were able to further define the role of "Founder/President Emeritus" during the board meetings in early May. Praise the Lord with us that the Eldridge's will be serving by providing consulting services to the board, physical plant maintenance, and special projects as assigned.

Please pray that God will provide for the fiscal needs of VFCM, as this ministry is being negatively affected by the economic state of our country. Another matter of prayer is our staffing needs.

KIAM

During the first two weeks in February, our family found ourselves in Nenana providing some engineering and radio announcing support to KIAM-AM and KIAM-FM.



Karl was able to work on several wiring projects to create more efficiencies for

the two Nenana stations while Kristan did some radio announcing to provide a few days of respite for Brian and Laurie Blair as well as Rick Migra.

As Brian is the only full-time announcer and Laurie and Rick are working on the radio part-time, we are in need of short-term volunteers to provide radio coverage in order to allow the Blair family and Migra family to take vacations this summer.

KAGV

At KAGV, much of the month of March was spent working on enabling the station to be operated remotely. Karl prepared the electronic radio equipment while Kristan worked on filing all of the correct FCC paperwork.



KYKD

As you know, it has been a challenge to staff our Bethel radio station since 2007, however the Lord has always provided His servants. Palmer and Bonnie Bailey served for nearly eight months at KYKD and their term ended on April 17, 2009. We are thankful to have worked alongside them.

As our great Lord did not provide in the way that we had hoped for staffing the Bethel radio station, our family boarded a flight to the west portion of Alaska during the middle of April.



Karl is still running KAGV back in Big Lake/Houston, however it is being accomplished remotely from Bethel nearly 500 miles away! Praise God for the technology allowing us to keep KAGV running instead of taking it off the air. Another praise is that a local church in Big Lake is helping us to fulfill some of the FCC requirements for KAGV.

While Karl is doing all the announcing duties for KAGV, Kristan is doing the announcing duties for KYKD in Bethel. Working together as a team, we are also able to continue to add new music, public service announcements, and special programs to keep both stations sounding fresh and broadcasting strong Bible teachers such as John McArthur, J. Vernon McGee, James McDonald, Chuck Swindoll, and others.



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- I(We) commit to praying ____ times per month.
- 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 my(our) church to support the Thiemes, please send me(us) more information

Personal Update

The last part of February on into the first portion of March, we were blessed to be able to host a group of guys from our sending church, Lake City.



Jeff, Chet, and Brent worked hard taping, mudding, and sanding the drywall in the basement. Jeff was even able to spend a day tearing down VFCM's Mitsubishi and replacing a worn-out alternator. While there was plenty of construction work going on, each of the gentlemen also spent at least one-day on the radio learning the daily operations.



Lots of fun was also a part of the LC3 guys' visit. From snow machining, to ice races and even a bush-plane ride, it was a great time!

Brent was able to stay on a bit longer and well, lets just say that we were sad to see him go. Mr. Work rolled up his sleeves and repaired snow blowers, practiced radio announcing, ran the snow plow truck, babysat, interviewed mushers at the Iditarod race, etc. What a blessing!

Kristofer is growing and developing what seems like daily. At the beginning of May he celebrated 18 months. The littlest Thieme is literally running around getting into everything in a frenzied quest to discover and explore as much as possible. He enjoys any motorized vehicles including snow machines, four-wheelers, trucks and tractors. The ability to speak intelligible



words is now coming at a rapid pace. While he loves to imitate what we say, he can also use over 30 words (the majority of which are food items). He continues to make us laugh and smile and pray a lot!

The two older Thieme's are doing well and learning more about servant hood and faithfulness. Being a servant sometimes means doing things that appear impossible in our eyes. Being faithful does not always equal the success that we imagine.

Please join with us in thanking our Lord for the following blessings:

1. Bob & Dee Eldridge's new role with VFCM
2. Rick & Kathy Migra, long-term volunteers assisting at KIAM and in the Nenana business office
3. Brian, Laurie, Gabrielle, Elliot, Simeon, and Michaela Blair for their faithful service in Nenana as an entire missionary family
4. For the ability to keep all 4 radio stations and 17 translators operating with limited staff

Likewise, please join with us to petition God for the following needs:

1. Continued wisdom and discernment for the VFCM Board of Directors as they lead us through this transitional time
2. The people that God would bring to serve along side of us
3. For the fiscal needs of the ministry to be met

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving our Lord and Saviour on a full-time basis. We enjoy it!

Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$3268	50	150
Current	\$3153 (96%)	53 (106%)	414 (276%)
Still Needed	\$115	Goal Met	Goal Met

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