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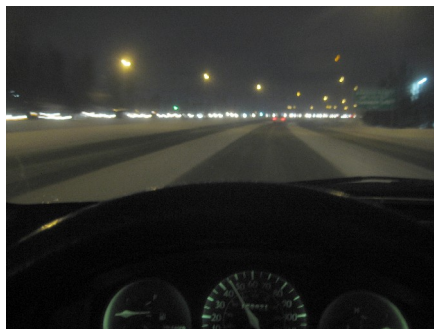
Ministry News

KAGV

Since our December newsletter, we are happy to report that our great God blessed the radio programming changes and KAGV began airing a new weekday lineup beginning New Year's day 2010.

As mentioned before, our goal here is to broadcast a daily schedule of biblically based radio programs and music to better meet the needs of our listeners that commute from the Mat-Su Valley to Anchorage each day.

Please pray with us that this programming change will impact those who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal savior. We want to use KAGV to spur those to confess of their sins and begin a saving relationship with Jesus and also to challenge those who already know Christ to draw closer to him on a daily basis.



On a recent trip to Anchorage, we were encouraged to pray for these daily commuters. Here is a picture of the number of cars traveling back and forth

each day. Perhaps God would use KAGV and its programming to draw more people to Him.

This new programming line-up includes a hosted morning show by Jonathan Wildes, a missionary who has been accepted to VFCM but who is currently on deputation in the lower 48 states. Jonathan is able to remotely access KAGV and does a great job!

Please pray for the Wildes family as they seek God's provision to join His work here in Alaska.

Also, in the evening drive time, KAGV is airing "Wretched Radio" (like in the song *Amazing Grace*, "... that saved a wretch like me."). This program is very direct in examining today's American culture in light of God's Word. It also encourages believers to share their faith in practical ways. For a full listing of all the programs that KAGV airs, check out the station website at www.vfcm.org/kagv.

KYKD

Near the middle of January, Ben & Pat Burkey left Bethel and the work at KYKD to return home to South Carolina. Palmer & Bonnie Bailey, who you may remember served at KYKD during the winter of 2008-2009, have returned.

Praise the Lord with us that the Bailey's are excited to serve in Bethel until the first part of May 2010. We are also rejoicing that it is looking like the Lord has provided another couple to serve in Bethel after the Bailey's leave.



KIAM

Currently, our family is in Nenana for 3-weeks to provide time for the Blair family (VFCM missionaries stationed at KIAM) to take vacation.



While here, Kristan has been doing radio shifts, hosting "Mukluk Messages", and running KIAM with Rick Migra (KIAM volunteer). Karl (with some help from Kristofer) has been working on several engineering projects including changing back-up generators.



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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.

TRANSLATORS

The FCC is taking a second look at 4 translator applications filed back in 2003. **Please be in prayer with us that if it is in God's will, VFCM will be granted construction permits for these villages.**

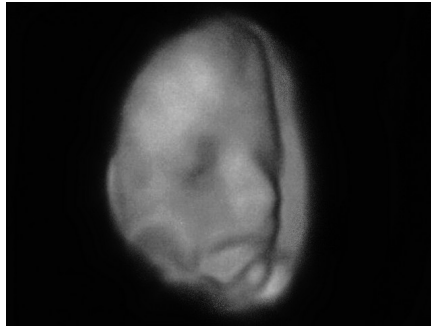
Personal Update

Lot's of news in the personal category. First, Kristofer is doing well and continues to amaze us with his vocabulary and "learning through imitation" routine. It is fun to watch him copy his parents actions (until we do something less than appropriate).

Kristofer is learning to pray to God and has begun to work at memorizing simple scriptures. **Please pray with us that he will grow to understand that he is a sinner who needs the saving grace of Jesus.** Here, the #1 kiddo is trying out all the small tools he got for Christmas.



Secondly, there is no real delicate way to say this other than, we are expecting the arrival of another little boy at the beginning of May. That's right, Kristofer will soon be a big brother! The doctor here seems to think that kiddo #2 is a look-a-like twin of Kristofer based on his ultrasound



pictures. We don't really see the resemblance, but who would with these pictures? **Please petition God with us for the safe arrival of this next little boy.**

On the home construction front, not too much has happened since our December letter, but we we figure we will have some time to work on it after returning home toward the end of this month.

On another note, we had a great time celebrating Christmas with Kristan's family. Kristan's sister Sara enjoyed Alaska and is hoping to come back soon for another visit.



Karl's parents were not able to come visit in January due to rotor-cuff surgery that Karl's dad underwent. Hopefully they will be able to visit this spring and see both grandsons!

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Our website has been fixed and is updated! Check it out!

We thank the Lord for all of you, and especially those who support us with prayer and finances. Your obedience to God through your faithfulness allows us to be here in Alaska sharing the good news of Jesus Christ by providing "Christian radio for Native and Rural Alaskans".

Please let us know how we can pray for you and your family during this time when things are difficult in our country. Also know that you are welcome to call, visit, or drop us a note at any time. We are grateful for your friendship and interest in God's work here in Alaska.

Monthly Support Goals

	Finance	Prayer Partners	Number of Prayers
Goals	\$3366	50	150
Current	\$4549 (135%)	55 (110%)	416 (277%)
Needed	Goal Met	Goal Met	Goal Met

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