

Voice for Christ Ministries
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Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

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The Director's Cut



I recently read a newsletter from another ministry in which the author said, "Ministry takes perseverance, we can not give up!" My inner Grammar Cop thought it should read "we CANNOT give up." But, upon further reflection, I like their original wording better. My phrase, "we cannot give up," may be correct grammatically, but it is untrue. You better believe we **CAN** give up. We can give up like no other species on the planet! Sometimes everything in us cries out to give up. To sit down. To just rest for a while. But it's also true that we CAN decide to NOT give

up. We can decide to persevere. We can renew our commitment. We can determine to keep going another minute. Another hour. Another day. The minutes and hours and days then add up to months and years and decades of service to the One who is worth all the service we could give in 100 lifetimes. Don't give up now! Who knows but what the next soul we touch will be the one that burns brightly for Jesus and leads many sinners to the Savior?

At Voice for Christ Ministries, we recommit ourselves over and over to serve the Savior by serving our

listeners all across the state. We serve them by sending the gospel to remote Alaskan areas that might not otherwise hear, fulfilling the words in Romans 10:14, "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Thank you for standing firmly with us in this endeavor, praying and giving generously to allow us to fulfill the mission that ALL may know Jesus Christ. Join us as we affirm that we absolutely **CAN "NOT GIVE UP!"**

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Mike Arzen".

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

After 6-years of committed effort, the KYKD Yup'ik Audio Bible team has finished production of the entire Bible in the language of the Yup'ik people! Palmer and Bonnie Bailey, managers of the VFCM station KYKD in Bethel, spearheaded the group that brought the Bible to life. More people have already received a blessing from hearing God's word in their own heart language than many imagined, praise God! The dedicated team of 21 different Yup'ik language speakers recorded the chapters, several Yup'ik language experts "proof-listened" the recordings, and the Baileys edited each of the 1255 audio files. The complete Bible loads onto

several different types of compact, portable players for distribution to those who want to hear the scriptures in their own language. There is no charge for the player, but donations are encouraged from those who want to "pay it forward" to as many others as possible. Several organizations, including the YouVersion Bible app and Faith Comes By Hearing, have expressed interest in putting this online for maximum reach. For more information on how to get your player or donate to help others, email kykd@vfc.org. Pic of players below.

VFCM has multiple opportunities to gain new listeners in the very near future. The ministry would own and operate some of these new locations

while others involve partnering with like-minded ministries who would broadcast VFCM content on their station. Some possibilities include Tok, Healy, Delta Junction, Galena, Chevak, & Palmer, AK. Pray for us as we work to determine the best way to move forward. We remain committed to getting the clear teaching of God's word into as many ears as possible while the avenues remain open. Any donations marked "New Locations" will go towards this expansion.

All 4 of our radio stations had to renew their broadcast licenses in 2021 for another eight year period. We praise God that all 4 licenses were granted and we won't have to deal with that again until 2030!

Our need for volunteer staff grows as this ministry grows and as our current staff ages.

We continue praying that God would call Christians to commit their lives to full-time service with VFCM. As many churches tend to de-emphasize the role of missionaries, fewer and fewer church members consider the call to the field, and many ministries suffer.

A wise man once said that every Christian should either be called to missions or WRESTLE with the call to missions. It is God's heart.

If He called you, how would you answer?

1 Samuel 3:10 gives a good example.

Prayer Requests/Praises

- 1. Pray as we more aggressively seek new village stations and the funds to install and keep them operating. The field truly is ripe unto harvest!**
- 2. Help with professional presentation materials, including web items, videos, and brochures.**
- 3. A newer model, 3/4 ton+, plow-capable pickup**
- 4. Long-term volunteer staff for stations in Bethel, Houston/Big Lake, and Nenana**
- 5. A radio engineer, in-state or available via phone for consulting work.**



Yup'ik Audio Bible Players

The I AM Radio Network,
Christian Radio for Alaska.

Sending God's word to
spiritually dark places



Nenana Sunset, 4/5/22



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