

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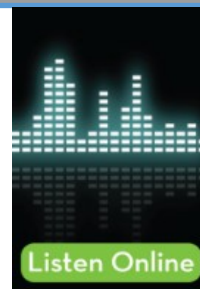
Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

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The Director's Cut

Listeners frequently call or write and tell us what they like or dislike or how long they've listened to the broadcasts. One family wrote recently that they've listened for 30+ years, and they included a gift as a token of their appreciation! While some listeners send gifts, the majority of our coverage area doesn't have much disposable income due to the expense of living in Alaska... so we rely on the generosity of God's people elsewhere to fund our gospel broadcasting. Please pray about supporting Voice for Christ

Ministries with the enclosed Action Form. We feel the spiritual warfare, and it really IS a battle.

Someone once said, "For years, Americans have sent missionaries to dark continents, often ignoring dark places on our own." God has called the "I AM Radio Network" missionaries to some of the darkest, harshest environments in the United States, and we need more volunteer families and individuals to staff the stations. Have YOU heard God's call to missions? Perhaps you're not certain you have what it takes –

please call 907-832-KIAM today or email director@vfcm.org to talk more about this critical need.

I invite you to call or write with ANY questions you have about our ministry or missionaries...I'd enjoy sharing with you! Mike Arena



Mike & Valerie Arena

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

- The biggest “happening” since our last newsletter occurred at our I AM Network station in Houston, AK... KAGV 1110AM. The main 10,000-watt transmitter stopped suddenly and the 49-year-old backup unit worked admirably for a while and then it also gave up the ghost. We have ordered a new transmitter that will arrive in early to mid-November. We’ve already heard from listeners in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley offering to step up and help with the nearly-\$50,000 cost for procuring this unit. If you’d like to join this effort, go to www.vfcm.org for more info on how you can partner with us.

We remain committed to sending the Gospel over the airwaves in the Valley to make disciples!

- Palmer and Bonnie Bailey, our volunteers at KYKD in Bethel, Alaska, have continued working on the Yup’ik Audio Bible. Yup’ik readers from Bethel have completed 34 books, with 11 more in progress. The project is now more than 50% complete. Please pray for the Baileys as they added many editing hours to their weekly schedule.
- Jacquelyn Arena, Mike and Valerie’s youngest child, has come to Alaska twice in the last year and worked at the station for a couple of months each time. She has learned enough

of the daily operations to allow Mike and Valerie to attend the annual Family Missionary Retreat held by *Arctic Barnabas Ministries*. There they met many missionary families who have worked and served in remote locations within the state for years, learning from those Godly servants’ experience. God also used this time for refreshing and renewing, and a recommitment to gospel radio ministry!

- We will soon broadcast to Scammon Bay, partnering with a local church there and *Vision Alaska* to provide content for this brand-new Class D station. Praise the Lord for “enlarging our coasts” for Him!



Adam White, pilot with *The Master’s Mission of Alaska* and Chairman of our VFCM Board, flew to repair several translators, taking Mike Arena with him. Thanks to their efforts, we are now back on the air in Tanana (pictured), Ruby, and Hughes! Two villages, Eagle and Anaktuvuk, remain off the air. Please pray that we can get to them, as well. A translator setup often includes a discarded freezer from the village dump placed into a small enclosure built and barged to the location. Secure and very well insulated!

Prayer Requests/Needs (Phil 4:6)

1. Increased financial support to maintain existing equipment & expand into unreached areas
2. Funds for the KAGV transmitter & operations
3. People willing to come work with VFCM in Alaska for on-air and administrative functions
4. Work crews/interns/short-term missionaries
5. KIAM: experienced radio person/Station Manager
6. Faithfulness for our current volunteers
7. We need an experienced radio engineer
8. Partnerships with other ministries for the gospel
9. Graphics & web designer - can work remotely

Many people and businesses make plans for year-end giving in conjunction with their tax outlook for the year. Please consider donating to keep the Gospel going to places where it’s really difficult to send and maintain a preacher. These broadcasts help provide hope and spiritual sustenance to very dark, needy, rugged places. Pray about becoming involved with YOUR resources, human and financial!



Esther Walker, a teacher from GA, came to KIAM to work for 5 weeks this summer. We hope to have her back. When can you come?

Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support to keep the Gospel on the air... may God bless you! Per IRS rules, VFCM has complete discretion and control over all donated funds.