

# Reaching Native & Rural Alaskans through Christian Radio

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## The Director's Cut



Yes, life in Alaska can be hard. But God's blessings always come to those who serve Him faithfully.

We've had the privilege recently of becoming better acquainted with listeners from remote areas. Many of these folks have listened for years and it's fun to find out what they appreciate most (and least!) about the broadcast content. Some of these listeners rarely get "to town" to take care of issues such as medical and dental appointments, supplies, business dealings, etc. We feel honored that they would take time out of their busy schedules to visit with their favorite (and sometimes only!) radio station.

We strive for teaching and preaching solid enough for someone to become born again and get disciplined without ever changing the dial. Along with providing a mix of inspirational, encouraging, God-honoring music this can be quite a challenge! We find that listeners here, like most places, have favorite music styles, Bible teachers, and programs. Some outside of Alaska express surprise at the deep Biblical literacy of many remote listeners.

A listener recently wrote in, saying of the live Mukluk Message segments: "Many, many thanks for the program. It's a healing voice that seems to come along at

just the right times." Perhaps you or someone you know should pray about becoming one of the "healing voices in the wilderness" on our team. What a privilege to serve the Lord in this place!

*Mike Arena*



### MINISTRY HAPPENINGS:

- Kelsie Vrenna has capably filled the role of Station Manager at KAGV in Houston, AK, for several years. Her husband, Daniel, recently felt God leading him to ALSO enter the radio ministry in a full time capacity. Please remember them as they try to raise the appropriate support level and all the other details of full time missions work. We praise the Lord of the Harvest for answering our prayer for more willing workers in this ministry!
- KSCM in Scammon Bay has now completed all the paperwork and has received final approval from the FCC to broadcast the gospel to this

village of around 500 souls! This accomplishment resulted from the cooperation of Vision Alaska, a local church in Scammon Bay, and Voice for Christ Ministries.

- We've recently heard from several individuals who served as volunteers with Voice for Christ in the past. God has encouraged our hearts as we learned just how important this time proved in their lives! Several said they treasure the time spent in Alaska and one said she "will always carry a piece of it" in her heart. We still pray that God will touch the hearts of others and bring them to the mission field here...we cannot overestimate the impact of that

time of service in someone's life. Often they will either surrender to the mission field or talk about the experience for the rest of their lives.

- Many long-time supporters have recently expressed their thanks to the ministry for faithfully sending the gospel over the airwaves for many years. Since 1985, VFCM has sought to honor the Lord and His word by sending His message as far across Alaska as possible. One dear older listener from a remote village passed away recently and we received a check from her estate to help continue ministering. What a blessing to enter people's homes daily to encourage and disciple!



Dr. Mark Smith, President of Columbia International University (2nd from right), met with (L-R) Adam & Lyndy White, Mike & Valerie Arena, Tim (not pictured) & Pam Calhoun, and Jeannie & Rob Bennett

Many ministries across the world have significant shortfalls in both financial and human resources, and VFCM feels the same need. The Great Commission still remains in full effect, yet it seems not many today yield to God's call. Please pray as we seek to partner with Christian schools and other groups to encourage young people to seriously and prayerfully consider full-time missions. Whether it's students looking for a gap year experience or retirees seeking to make their final years count, serving God has eternal rewards!

*"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36*

At the I AM Radio Network, we've committed ourselves to bringing the hope and freedom of Jesus Christ to rural Alaska. We invite you to come help, on either a short or long-term basis, or to partner with us financially for this mission. 907-832-5426

### Project Help Needed—Please Pray for These!

1. Prep old mobile home in Nenana for demolition by removing stored items, appliances, etc.
2. Prep/paint exterior of VFCM/KIAM in Nenana
3. Prep/paint interior of VFCM/KIAM in Nenana
4. Replace carpet/vinyl flooring at VFCM/KIAM
5. Prep/paint Nenana Transmitter Bldg exterior
6. Install carpet on walls of KIAM to soundproof
7. Install computers on a network, need guru!
8. Promotional material needed: video, web, etc

Mike and Fran Turner, long-time listeners on the Kantishna River, feed Max the Moose\* at KIAM...



\*KIAM Moosecot

...On Nat'l Oreo Cookie Day!

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