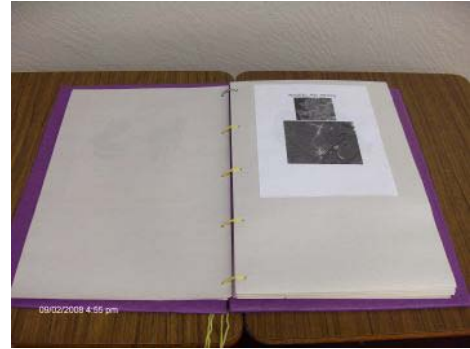


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Arctic Mission Adventure Update

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Hi Folks,

Praise the Lord, we now have six radio stations in operation. Two in Dillingham, and one each in Selawik, Togiak, Aleknagik and Ekwok. We also have requests from Chignik Lake and Barrow to install radio stations there. In Akiak, three people have requested Bible studies as the result of our prayers. The prison ministries team here in Dillingham have just made a contact from the village of New Stuyahok who would like to host a radio station. This is a major breakthrough with this village, because up until now, this village has been completely closed to all outside influences. Please continue to remember them in prayer. Dan Rotthoff is now resident in the village of Togiak, and the Lord is blessing his work there. The Lord is answering our prayers in so many ways! Funds are coming in for the stations, contacts are being made and Bible studies are going out.



I made a short DVD of our trip to install the radio station in Ekwok. It's not very professional, but if you'd like a copy, I'll be glad to make you one :)

We are starting to get feedback from the community here in Dillingham. One lady says she has the station tuned in on her car radio, and sometimes she gets to

work and is enjoying the program so much, she sits in the car and waits until it's finished before she goes in to work! More people are tuning in and enjoying the programs. We are planning to purchase some better quality microphones when we go into Anchorage for Teachers' Meetings in February. The last ones we ordered online, arrived here in pieces! When we get some good microphones we want to start recording some local input for the stations.



**L: Rod Rau (visits Ekwok on Sabbaths); M: Buck (host); R: Gavin (with station)**

We are currently looking for a unique unit that can run the radio stations. It needs to have a small screen, DVD drive, hard drive storage of at least 120GB, at least 1GB processing speed, some kind of basic media playing software, uninterruptible power supply and at least one USB port. AND it needs to cost less than \$300. It needs to NOT look like a computer. I have been looking online to see if I can find a portable DVD player of some kind that has internal storage as well, but haven't found anything as yet. If we use a normal computer, we run the risk of all the village kids commandeering it to surf the net and play games. So we don't

want it to look like a computer or have wireless internet capability. We need the DVD drive so we can mail program updates to the host and have them insert the DVD and copy the programs into storage. We are currently using second hand computers that have been donated for this purpose, but these computers don't come with an operating system, and although we have an operating system we can put on, it is often very difficult to locate all the drivers to get the system to function properly. Also, it means that every station turns out slightly different, which becomes a challenge when things go wrong and we need to try to help the host repair things over the phone! So if any of you technology buffs out there want a challenge, you can help us come up with some kind of small package that will work! It's so hard to do this kind of thing, when you can't walk into a store and look at what's on display and talk with the experts.

Gavin is still filling all his spare minutes with converting files and adding to the playlist of programs. We have permission from Chapel Music to convert to MP3s and use any of their music, so if you have the ability to convert music CDs into MP3 files, and you have some of Chapel's music, you could do that and put the files on a CD and mail them to us, if you'd like to help with this project. Any other good programs, such as sermons suitable for evangelism, Bible studies, or other programs suited to non-Adventist audiences would also be most welcome :). I found a good website called "Parenting Today's Teens" where I was able to download almost three hundred 60 second parenting tips.

The two transmitters that were on order last time I wrote have arrived from China. However, one was not in working order, and was replaced by the company. Gavin managed to replace the defective component in the original one, and so now we have the two radios for Ekwok and Aleknagik completed and installed. But Satan is good at creating delays! Work, illness, snow and equipment that doesn't work have all combined to slow things down. We planned to go to Ekwok many times, but when it wasn't -30, it was snowing and fogged in! Nothing ever happens fast up here on the last frontier.

People are really enjoying the Spotlight on Mission DVD that has been going out. We have received reports from as far away as Australia and New Zealand, requesting permission to copy and share the DVD with friends.

Thank you all for your continued prayers! They are being answered almost faster than we can keep up with them :).

So please find attached an update on villages in the scrapbook and their status at the present time. As you can see, I have added quite a few villages needing prayer. If you don't see you're name anywhere, and would like to add it, just let me know :). We got lots of emails saying "We're praying for you", but not requesting a specific village. If you intended to be assigned to a village, and you don't see your name here, please let me know. There are still many villages that need prayer partners!

So, in summary, here's what you can do :)

- Simply continue to be interested and receive this newsletter (or let me know, if not :)
- Share this newsletter with others and let us know of others who wish to receive the newsletter.
- Join the prayer campaign for a village in Alaska. If you want to have a specific village to pray for, let me know and I'll give you one.
- If you know someone who lives in one of these villages, and who may be willing to host a radio station in a corner of their home, let us know, as we are now ready to trial the first stations.
- Order a copy of the Spot Light on Mission DVD (I have copies here I can send) and share it with your church, school and family.
- Send out the link to the You Tube clip of the DVD to email friends and contacts, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5cT9ye4qO4>.
- Go to the Alaska Conference Website <http://www.alaskaconference.org/> and check out "Prayer Line Alaska", "Share the Light", "President's Blog" and "Arctic Mission Adventure". This initiative is much bigger than just 250 radio stations!

- And if you feel impressed to contribute financially to any part of this project, take it to the Lord and let Him be your guide. Contributions can be made to the "Alaska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists" or the "Dillingham SDA Church", earmarked for Village Radios.

Many blessings,  
 Judi Thompson  
 Dillingham, Alaska

<b>Village</b>	<b>Prayer Partner</b>	<b>Resident Worker</b>	<b>Radio Station</b>
Adak	Curtis & Glenda	No	No
Akhiok	Melissa	No	No
Akiachak	Rosalie	No	No
Akiak	Shirley	Request for Bible studies	No
Akutan	Ken	No	No
Alakanuk	Warren	No	No
Aleknagik	Brad & Asheley	Resident SDA's	Equipment Arrived
Allakaket	Milton	No	No
Ambler	Kelly	No	No
Anaktuvuk	Jim	No	No
Anchor Point	Jennifer	No	No
Anderson	No	No	No
Angoon	No	No	No
Aniak	No	No	No
Anvik	No	No	No
Arctic Village	No	No	No
Atka	No	No	No
Atmautluak	No	No	No
Atkasuk	No	No	No
Auke Bay	No	Resident SDAs	No
Barrow	No	No	Request Made
Beaver	No	No	No
Bethel	No	Used to be...	No
Bettles	No	No	No
Big Lake	No	No	No
Brevig Mission	No	No	No
Buckland	Warren	No	No
Cantwell	No	No	No
Central	No	No	No
Chalkyitsik	No	No	No
Chefornak	No	No	No
Chenega Bay	No	No	No
Chevak	No	No	No
Chickaloon	No	No	No
Chicken	No	No	No

Chignik	No	No	No
Chignik Lake	No	Resident Adventists	Request Made
Chiniak	No	No	No
Chitina	No	No	No
Chuathbaluk	No	No	No
Circle	No	No	No
Clam Gulch	No	No	No
Clarks Point	No	No	No
Clear	No	No	No
Copper Center	No	No	No
Cordova	No	No	No
Craig	No	No	No
Crooked Creek	No	No	No
Coffman Cove	No	No	No
Cold Bay	No	No	No
Cold Foot	No	No	No
Deering	No	No	No
Delta Junction	Cindi	Small Church	No
Denali Nat'l Park	No	No	No
Dillingham	No	Small Church	<b>On Air!</b>
Diomede	No	No	No
Dot Lake	No	No	No
Douglas	No	No	No
Dutch Harbor	No	No	No
Eagle	No	No	No
Edna Bay	No	No	No
Eek	No	No	No
Egegik	Rick/Florie	No	No
Eielson AFB	No	No	No
Ekwok	Jolena & SS	Visited each Sabbath	<b>On Air!!</b>
Elfin Cove	No	No	No
Elim	No	No	No
Emmonak	No	No	No
English Bay	No	No	No
False Pass	No	No	No
Fort Greely	No	No	No
Fort Yukon	No	No	No
Fritz Creek	No	No	No
Gakona	No	No	No
Galena	No	No	No
Gambell	No	No	No
Glennallen	No	No	No
Golovin	No	No	No
Goodnews Bay	No	No	No
Grayling	No	No	No
Gulkana	No	No	No

Gustavus	No	No	No
Kalskag	Wendell & Linda	No	Possible Contact
King Salmon	Rick	No	No
Koliganek	Shirley	Contacts made	No
Metlakatla	Nickie	Bible Studies	No
Naknek	Rick	Contacts made	No
South Naknek	Rick	No	No
New Stuyahok	Nancy	Contact made	No
Selawik	Warren	Small church Volunteer workers	<b>On Air!</b>
Shungnak	Warren	Empty church/parsonage	No
Togiak	Gavin/Jim/Judi	Small church Volunteer worker	<b>On Air!</b>
Ugashik	Rick	No	No