

Hi Folks,

Praise the Lord, since my last newsletter, three new stations have been installed, in Chignik Lake, Gambell, and Peterson Point, giving us a total on nine LPFM stations on air! We also have requests from Akiak, Anchor Point, Barrow, Craig, Delta Junction, Homer, Kachemak Selo, Kenai, Koliganek, Nanwalek, Nikolaevsk, Nome, Port Graham, Rasdolna, Savoonga, Seldovia, Valdez and Vosnesenko to install radio stations there. At Palmer Camp Meeting, about 100 people offered to be prayer partners for villages, and I'm still working on getting all that information organized, but I certainly have not forgotten any of you!

A portable MP3 recorder has been purchased for recording local content, and this is in use almost every day.

Progress is being made on developing a unit that is mailable. However there are still technical challenges to be overcome. In the meantime, the Lord continues to provide donated second-hand computers for the project, and we praise Him for that!

Here are some photos from Chignik Lake:



Refueling the planes for the trip home.



Arctic Circle Radio's desktop background.



Our hosts, Roger and Elizabeth.

This just came in from Rick at Peterson Point Cannery on the eastern side of Bristol Bay:

"Here are the photos you requested. I will be departing PPt later this week so the station will be off the air until I return next Spring. You can send me updated programming about mid April if available. I did have some trouble initially with the computer blue screening and auto resetting, but when I moved it to my room from the electrical shop, the problem went away. Has been on the air for over a week. Have monitored output audio and find no distortion. I asked Ken to check for signal in Naknek and he advised that he could hear it in a few locations that were at higher elevations, but are nearly 4 air miles from transmitter so currently has little impact on the village itself. However, it gives full coverage in area of plant and set-netter cabins along the shore within sight of PPt. The frequency I picked of 88.1 MHz is very close to the same spot on the analog FM dial as KDLG is on the AM dial, so just switching from AM to FM without retuning gets both stations. It is also as far away from any possible interference with KAKN as possible. I actually borrowed use of my discone ham antenna for operation. I plan to move the antenna that came with the transmitter to the top of the building next door (where the end of my folded dipole HF antenna is secured as visible in picture) next Spring to improve coverage and range. It is about 15' higher and has an unobstructed view from north of Libbyville down the beach to the mouth of the Naknek River and about half the Naknek residences and cannery bunkhouses. Will have to see what the coverage really is when I get the system moved next door next Spring."

Here are some pictures from the installation at Aleknagik:



Pastor Downs reaching as high as he can to install the antenna.



Gavin worked for half an hour arranging and rearranging cables and equipment to get rid of the hum.

Then we boated up and down the Lake to see how far the signal was reaching.

This is from Lake Aleknagik:



"I wanted to let you know how much I'm enjoying the station! But the truly neat news is from my neighbor Kathy. She was skeptical when I called and gave her the frequency on Sunday, but today she called and said that she LOVED it and had called all her friends in the village. She's listening continually all day long and is so happy!! Thanks for your dedication!"

Please be sure to check the attached data base of information on installations and prayer partners. Please note that the prayer partner information is not up to date yet, as there are many names from Camp Meeting that I have not had time to assign yet. But I couldn't wait to get this information out!

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.

- 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,
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