



Our Mission

Our Lord commissioned His people to make disciples of all nations. Arctic Mission Adventure has been designed to help implement that discipling, especially of Alaska native peoples of Northern and Northwestern Alaska.

ALASKA RADIO EVANGELISM

EVERYONE CAN BE REACHED, EVEN IN THE LAST FRONTIER!

THE CHALLENGE

The Last Frontier is a huge state with a widely scattered population. The population density is 2.6 people per square mile in a state that is bigger than Texas, California and Montana combined. Seventh-day Adventists in Alaska make up less than 0.5% of the total number of the state population of over 700,000 so the challenges of reaching all of Alaska are great.

Sparsely populated areas are dispersed all over the state with the majority reached by air transport. The extreme climates from the wettest to the coldest in North America, combined with prolonged darkness of winter, adds to the challenges of reaching all populations. Only technology can take the gospel commission to these many remote areas.



Radio Tower Serving Wrangell, AK

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Alaska Conference plans to carry the three angels message through the airwaves to small remote towns and villages that have no radio station and it is a bold mission. Our goal is to have a minimum of 36 stations on air before the end of 2012. Three levels of radio stations are planned as a part of our evangelism outreach strategy:

I. Low-power FM Radio Stations in Villages

Part of our evangelism outreach is to install low power FM stations that will broadcast 3ABN or equivalent signals to the 230 villages with a population of less than 1,000 people. By using low-power transmitters, we can avoid the requirement of a FCC license and most villages are small enough that even a low-power transmitter can reach the entire community. The cost of each station is under \$1,000, but there are ongoing costs of time and/or money. The radio components are prepackaged and installation can be done in less than four hours. These stations can receive programming in a number of ways:

- Mailing of preprogrammed audio files on CD.
- Internet delivery of audio, where available.
- Direct download and feed from satellite where internet speed is available.



Low Power FM Station in Savoonga, AK



Judi & Gavin Thompson of Dillingham with the tower serving their area

We currently have stations running in the following 15 villages: Togiak, Ekwok, Chignik Lake, Aleknagik, Craig, Galina, Barrow, Gambell, Peterson Point, Homer, Kachemak Selo, Kenai/ Nikiski, Savoonga, Shungnak and Selawik.

2. Commercial FM Stations in larger towns:

The second phase of our evangelism strategy is to establish commercial FM stations, with 3ABN or equivalent programming, in all 44 towns with populations of 1,000 to 10,000 and any towns with populations greater than 1,000 that have no Adventist presence. We are making progress in this area with several stations in process or up and running:

- Delta Junction: Full power FM station in operation
- Dillingham: Two full power FM stations, one in English and one in Spanish
- Fairbanks: On hold
- Homer: Near approval; searching for a site for the tower
- Juneau: Full power FM station in operation
- Nome: Full power FM station in operation
- Sitka: Full power FM station in operation
- Tok: Full power FM station in operation
- Wrangell: Full power FM station in operation

3. A High Power AM Station for all of South Central Alaska:

Over one half of the population of Alaska resides within 50 miles of Anchorage. We have recently received a full license for a 10,000 watt AM station that will broadcast to the majority of the urban population in Alaska. We have a designated acreage to build the tower, but have run into permit problems for the site. Please pray that this will open up for this much needed station.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First and foremost, your prayers are needed! You can also help evangelize the people of Alaska through financial support of the radio initiative. Each low power FM station costs under \$1,000 for equipment and installation and each high powered AM station costs about \$30,000 components and installation. We are in need of additional funds for this project; anything you can assist us with will be a blessing.



Low Power Antenna in Bethel, AK