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KIAM is streaming online once again! You can download and use an app such as TuneIn Radio on your smartphone, or go to <u>www.vfcm.org</u> and click the "Listen Online" button. There you can once again select either the KIAM or the KYKD streams.



We received a visit from Ruth and Beverly recently! Ralph and Ruth Dailey were the first missionary couple to pastor the Nenana Community Church,

which later called Bob and Dee Eldridge, who later founded VFCM. Ralph has since passed away, but Ruth and Beverly, who was just a baby in the mid-50's, got to visit Alaska again, and came to see our facility. What a blessing to meet part of the "pre-history"



of VFCM and catch up with them! Ruth also served at Victory Bible Camp, while Beverly and her husband later served as missionaries in SE Alaska. The 5th Annual Nenana Gospel Music Fest took place on July 7-8, and was declared a rousing success! Art Thompson set up the "remote studio" and KIAM streamed the entire festival again this year. Voices of Peace and Ambassadors of Grace, two of the groups performing, came by the station to visit prior to the Gospel Fest.

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No matter where you find yourself, or in what stage of life, some months just seem to move faster and have more significance than others. For Voice for Christ Ministries (VFCM), JULY was that month!

Mike Arena, Rick and Kathy Migra

We had to say "goodbye" to Rick and Kathy Migra this month. They had prayed a long time for God's will and leading in the matter of their ministry, and felt strongly that He wanted them back in Ohio. So, after 12 years of selflessly working with this

ministry in many ways, they moved back home. It seems obvious that God smoothed their way before them by allowing their home in Alaska to sell very quickly and facilitating the purchase of one in Ohio. Rick spent much of his time with the I AM Radio Network as an on-air announcer and keeping our computers running smoothly with his network



Rick's Final Mukluk Message Session

background. He also headed our Translator Repair Team for years, and served as the Station Manager of KIAM for the last year or so of his tenure. Kathy worked on the administrative side of the ministry, as well as helping with hospitality and caring for our building. Dakota, one of my favorite hairy huskies ever, became the unofficial Station Mascot! We already miss them "bigly"...!

After the Migra's departure, I became the de facto manager of KIAM. Please add this to your prayer list: KIAM needs a REAL Station Manager, and soon! While I have a tremendous learning

curve ahead of me, Palmer and Bonnie Bailey continue to capably operate KYKD in Bethel, Alaska, while Kelsie Vrenna heads up KAGV in Houston, Alaska...they will all function as amazing resources to allow continued operation of KIAM in Nenana as I learn.

Please pray for all VFCM's volunteers as we seek to continue the spread of the gospel in the state. Some work primarily as broadcasters, while others have an administrative or bookkeeping focus...all contribute to the health of this operation. Bringing the news of the love of Jesus Christ to the people of Alaska remains our one focus.

We have so much work, and so few to do it. Please pray the Lord of the harvest to call more laborers to this field. If you, or someone you know, has interest in joining us for either short or long-term missions, please email <u>mike@vfcm.org</u> for more info. Sincerely, Mike Arena

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