

From the Hillside



Keeping The power up

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NASEC) ~ For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.

KCAM stays on the air through the power of electricity, but it broadcasts the Gospel by God's power.

The last three months have been an interesting mixture of still settling into our home here in Glennallen, experiencing anew Alaska Spring Breakup, struggling to wrap up the school year and prepare for the next, and stretching our knowledge and skills to new extremes.

Radio Ministry updates: Springtime and breakup of winter tend to stress the local power company's ability to keep the valley supplied with consistent electricity. Scott has been known to say "without electricity there wouldn't be Radio!" We do rely on it quite a bit. This annual struggle is what God used to help Scott learn all about the power backup systems that He supplied in the recent past for KCAM.

During the challenges in learning the finer intricacies of how the battery backup, inverters, and generators work together Scott unfortunately caused 2 or 3 power outages at the station (only 1 was officially planned). Nothing of a critically serious nature, but very annoying all the same. Some lessons come by learning the hard (and humbling) way. So far those lessons have been blessed and things are running smoothly. We have a couple of major tweaks to do yet, and need a diesel generator that was already torn apart when we arrived to be put back together or rebuilt.

The other major project that Scott has been working on is initializing a new donor database and receipting system for KCAM's Bookkeeper. The biggest challenges in doing this are: design of specific reports and import of the current database. It has been a slightly bigger challenge to learn the reporting system than was first anticipated but there is a lot of capability to customize and design reports, like receipts, to have all the information on them and → Continued...on back

Prayer & Praise:

- *Pray for perseverance for Scott as he works on the database transfer.*
- *Praise God for helping smooth out KCAM's backup power issues!*
- *Praise for a house to rent and take care of and to raise our family in.*
- *Pray that the Gospel would be heard clearly on the airwaves of KCAM!*
- *Pray for health and stamina for the whole family as we live life in His service.*

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Scott in the battery backup / inverter room!

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look the way we want them to look. This software will enable Kelly, our bookkeeper, to work with KCAM's donations in a much more organized manner and help smooth out some of her processing. The database transfer will be a more time consuming task, the challenge for Scott is to persevere.

KCAM has an intern for a few weeks and we have a couple of work teams coming this summer as well to help in our construction projects. In August our Sales manager, Gene McCoy, will be departing, leaving a big hole in our staff as they head out to Florida. Seems God is doing a little remodeling again on His ministry through KCAM! Praise the Lord!

In His service, Scott & Sarabeth Hill and family

Family News:

Like many of you, our spring has been a whirlwind of activity – our first ever standardized testing (part of homeschooling through Upstream), an all too brief visit from Uncle James, a trip to Town, Awana awards night, church work day, etc.

Matthew had a great time at the Youth Group retreat in April and in May had the opportunity to work on his horsemanship skills via a 2-day class offered to homeschoolers. When not doing schoolwork he is working steadily towards clearing the yard of the many little (and not so little) aspen saplings that were taking over.

We finally finished all the testing and evaluations for **Lydia** and were able to have about a month's worth of sped classes before the public school finished for the year. They gave us a number of games/resources to use over the summer. She is also hoping to join Matthew for the fall horsemanship class.

Kara had the opportunity to receive some one-on-one tutoring in drawing from another of the homeschool moms. It's neat to see her skills in this area growing.

Caleb and **Ben** were able to go with friends on the Upstream Learning annual end of the school year hike to dig fossils at Slide Mt. They made use of some of the lumber scraps and pallets by building a fort and are enjoying being allowed to ride their bikes down to the radio station to visit Daddy. Caleb also had the opportunity to participate in the first ever Upstream Science Fair.

The youngest three are enjoying spending most of their days outside now. Thankfully they don't seem too bothered by the mosquitos that are coming out in force with all the rain we've been receiving. **Gabe** is daily asking Mommy for schoolwork that he can do, **Elaina** has learned how to climb out of her crib, and **Thomas** has finally learned to dress/un-dress himself (next comes potty training, oh joy).

 Workshops to learn about options for homeschooling high school through Upstream, making curriculum choices for next year, getting the garden started, and coordinating our family's schedule have kept **Sarabeth** busy. She has enjoyed living close enough to church to participate in a weekly women's Bible study as well as the opportunity to get to know some of the women here better. They just finished a study on I Peter by Jen Wilkins.

