

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Ah, March...that single busiest time of year is here. Josh Rogers traveled to Anchorage, at his own expense, to cover the beginning of the Iditarod. Irene Houdek traveled by MARC mission plane to Mountain Village to record services of the ECCAK Conference. Neil went to Savoonga to cover the Bering Strait School District Basketball Tournament.


We've been shipping the recording gear to Get-Togethers in Shaktoolik, Mountain Village, Koyuk and Kiana to capture the worship music for addition to our music library.



Dennis Weidler

Luda is in Anadyr, the capital of Chukotka, on her way back to Provideniya. She is required to return to Russia every 90 days under her current Nanook Commission visitation permit. Please pray that she will receive her U. S. government issued 3-year Church Worker visa in the near future.

We sold-out basketball and Iditarod sponsorships again this year and additionally managed to barter a satellite phone for our use to cover the teams of Iditarod.

And we've begun scheduling summer work teams with a group of six from Tucson, AZ scheduled for May 30 and another from St. Petersburg, FL on June 9th. Thanks to each of you for all you do! 



Russian Mission at Risk as Donations Decline.

KICY is quickly approaching a point where the cost of power to operate the 50,000 watt transmitter will not be met if the current decline in donations continues.

Nome Joint Utilities has applied another Fuel Adjustment charge to our bills starting in February. KICY is also assessed a Peak Demand charge for our three-phase 480 volt service. We have petitioned the Utility for relief from our Peak Demand charge but, so far, no action has been taken. We also know that the fuel adjustment charge is across the board for every Nomeite. Between the Peak Demand and Fuel Adjustment charges, we pay an additional \$2,100.00 per month for electricity for the AM transmitter.

For the short term we have a remedy to keep KICY operating, but it would mean losing most of the hours we are broadcasting into

Russia.

Under current F.C.C. regulations, we cannot lower power without asking for an STA (Special Temporary Authority). These are not granted for financial considerations. We are permitted to simply turn the transmitter off between the hours of midnight and six am.

We could turn off the transmitter from 4 AM to 6 AM and gradually increase the hours until we are off the air from Midnight to 6:00 AM. That would give us only one hour of Russian Programming. Reducing service is obviously our last choice.

The first choice is for our financial supporters to rally to keep us broadcasting into Russia. We are suggesting that your Sunday School Class, Youth Group, or Church make a monthly faith promise for a year to offset our power costs. There

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Volunteer Irene Houdek

My First Impressions.

Dennis asked me if I would like to write an article with the first impressions of my experience here in Nome. As I've thought about my experience so far, one of my first impressions is "WOW! God has prepared me for being here".

I can only speak for myself, but my guess is I'm not alone. I fail to give God credit for the many things He does in my life, things that I think of as circumstances or just daily living. But I do want to give Him the credit for using circumstances and situations to prepare me for my time here in Nome. I also know that many of the things He's done have been in answer to prayer. Thank you to those who have been praying for me over the last months and the last year. God has been answering those prayers.

How has God prepared me? Well, here are a few areas. First, I have been a suburbanite my whole life, first in the Chicago area and then Denver. So far, I'm doing okay in Nome and I feel that I will be okay. Remember, this is my first impression. I don't know how I'll feel in 2 months or 6 months from now!

Second, I have lived in my own house and I'm now in a small apartment. God prepared me for this with the 2 Christian camp jobs

I worked at in 2004. Anyone who has spent time in seasonal staff housing at camp will understand that a small, private apartment is pretty good. The 2004 jobs also prepared me for living where I work, which is the case here in Nome, also.

Third, the Nome Covenant Church is a small church. For the last seven and a half years I have attended Arvada Covent Church in Colorado. Arvada Covenant has an attendance of around 1,000 people on Sundays. That is a big switch, but the first church I attended when I became a Christian was a very small Baptist church in Illinois. I never thought I would go to a church the size of Arvada Covenant. So, I am enjoying the church here. I already feel at home and I know that it will only get better as I get to know the people better and figure out what ministries to get involved in.

Another of my first impressions is how important and awesome it is that God has provided Christian radio to this remote area. I'm also amazed that He has brought me here to be a part of this ministry. I think about how important Christian radio and music have been in my life. Music can often touch us in a way that words alone cannot. Many times that I have been down or just struggling with

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A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

Maj. Gary Grennon

Irene Houdek

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

This is an extremely busy time as volunteers travel throughout the region to cover a variety of events. I am requesting prayers for safe travel.

MARC, Alaska Airlines, Bering Air and the Christian Pilots Association provide such a valuable service to us who are completely dependent on them.

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are three levels of participation.

- (1) Chukotkan Missionary---\$25.00
- (2) Siberian Servant-----\$50.00
- (3) Russian Envoy-----\$100.00

These are suggested monthly Faith Promise pledges. Take this copy of the Call Letter with you and discuss the need with your group.

I pray that God will place this challenge on your hearts and that KICY will be able to maintain our broadcasts into the heart of the Russian Far East seven days a week.

We have been richly blessed with a 50,000 watt, clear channel radio station. With that blessing comes the responsibility to maintain the financial resources required to continue our Christian broadcasts. Please pray for KICY and all of our donors. ■

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something I would listen to Christian music and it would lift my spirit right up. Between the music and the other programming, KICY is an extremely valuable ministry here.

Finally, I want to mention the people. I can't say that I've been out and about that much yet. Mostly I've met the staff of KICY and people at the church. Everyone has been very friendly, supportive and encouraging. When I have been out and about, I have found people to be friendly. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm in the communities for the children and the schools, whether it's academics, sports, music, art or other activities.

From my first impressions and of course all that led up to my coming here, I'm glad to be here. I'm honored to be a part of this ministry. You know, I think I'll stay awhile! ■

Capital Campaign Update.

We have just barely passed the halfway point in fundraising.

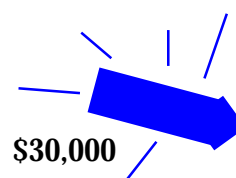
Operation Blanket Nome continues to move forward. During the past month, we have received \$650.00 in donations.

We need to raise the remaining \$28,975 in the next few months so we can begin ordering the equipment in order to complete the project by this summer.

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000



\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

45th Anniversary Marks the Year of the Volunteer.

Thanks to Mark Hanson, Debbie Martin, David Rapp and Jordan & Evelyn Rapetti and grandsons Ryan and Rocky for sending us their stories about serving at KICY. We're waiting to hear from you so we can share your story.

Memorials

In February we received memorials in the name of:

Charlotte R. Jensen
Norval Borgeson
V. Peterson
Evelyn Westerdahl
Margaret Vahlstrom
Karin Bloomquist
Agda Johnson
Evangelyn Fondell
Mr. Kimoktoak

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-
\$26,353.74

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

-February Budget-
\$29,550

**We need your prayers
as we see financial support
lagging**



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Your Book Purchase Helps Provide Power for Our Transmitter.

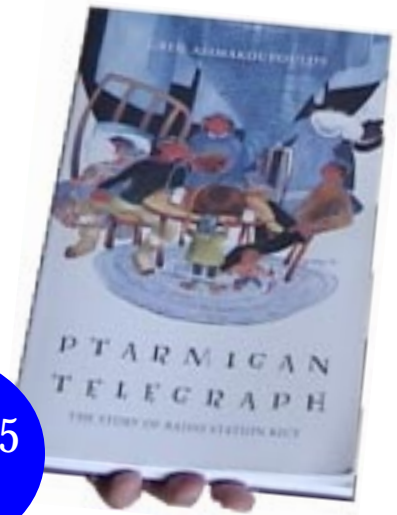
The Ptarmigan Telegraph makes a great addition to any home library. Or, donate a copy to your church library. And, the proceeds keep KICY on the air. There are other ways to support our international Christian radio mission. Here are just a few:

The Ptarmigan Telegraph signed by author Greg Asimakoupoulos
-- **\$25.00**

The Ptarmigan Telegraph book & the CD of Art Zylstra speaking of the mission of KICY in Kotzebue from 1963.
-- **\$50.00**

The Ptarmigan Telegraph book, the Art Zylstra CD and a pack of 10 Ptarmigan Telegraph Note Cards.
-- **\$75.00**

\$16.95



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