

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

As schools wind down for the year, children play outdoors and the daylight seems endless, the promise of summer looms. Of course as the snows recede, they leave behind a growing number of items damaged by the long, sub zero winter. Buildings begin to move, trash appears spontaneously, and pools (lakes?) of standing water act to melt the permafrost below. Welcome to summer in the Arctic.

The sun seems so intense at times, yet the temperatures remain quite comfortable. That is in stark contrast with Tucson, Arizona. Now, Tucson is a spectacular city hemmed



Dennis Weidler

by mountains and teeming with all kinds of wildlife, plants and flowers. I actually saw a Roadrunner and I thought they were just in cartoons. We were invited to bring our Norton Sound Silver Salmon...enough to feed 200...and tell of the "state of the station" to our supporters. The dinner was held in an outdoor garden at the Z Mansion in downtown Tucson. It's been a long time since I wanted to eat outdoors! There was even live harp music. It was a totally delightful evening. We have another Salmon Dinner planned for August 4th in Arvada, Colorado and another on October 8th in Stephenson, Michigan. Maybe I'll see you there! ■



Koyuk Girl Scouts prepare to be interviewed in the Genesis Recording Studio.

Girl Scouts Record Traditional Foods CD.

KICY has developed a wonderful relationship with the Farthest North Girl Scout Council based in Fairbanks. Though over 500 miles away, this Council includes troops in many villages in our region and five troops in Nome.

During one of her recent visits, the Village Coordinator, Shannon Uzzell, was visiting with us on The Coffee Crew live broadcast from the Polar Cafe'. She asked if we would be able to record some of her scouts and village elders to compile a CD entitled "Grandmother Gives the Gift of Food."

Our first recording session was held last month when a group from Koyuk visited our studios.

"Our girls really enjoyed touring KICY and meeting the staff. They listed their time at KICY as one of their favorite activities during the conference," stated Uzzell. "Thank you for the generous support of our girls!"

They were a delight to have in the

studios for a visit. They had stories to tell about their Grandmothers and how each was influenced to embrace and enjoy traditional favorites such as seal oil and salmon berries.

As the year progresses, we look forward to other village teams coming to Nome to tell their tales of traditional foods and of their relationship with their Grandmothers. We will also be airing these interviews so their stories can be shared by all in western Alaska. Thanks to the Girl Scouts for this opportunity. ■

A Prayer Request.

The application to improve our FM signal is now before the Federal Communications Commission. We need your prayer support to assure the application will be approved and that construction work can begin as early as next summer.

Andrew Peterson Concert a Huge Success.



Andrew in the ICY 100.3 FM studio for a Coffee Crew interview.

Bopen for any possibility. That attitude keeps things interesting.

We received a call from Joel Caldwell of Arctic Barnabas Ministries a few weeks ago. He was transporting Contemporary Christian recording artist, Andrew Peterson throughout the Norton Sound Region and wanted to know if we would host a free concert in Nome. Now this was perfect. We have been playing Andrew Peterson on ICY 100.3 FM for years and I've always enjoyed his work. Now he was coming to Nome!

Andrew was born in Illinois and raised in Florida. His father is a Pastor and his mother works in the Parole division of the Department of Corrections. He's now living in, of course, Nashville, Tennessee, is

married and has three children.

We took this opportunity to promote his tremendous talent on both radio stations as he was also performing in Unalakleet, White Mountain and Elim before heading back south.

At 6 PM, an hour before the Nome concert, the GPS (local youth group) organized a Cinco de Mayo dinner complete with moose burritos and cheese enchiladas. Andrew played for a full house at the Nome Covenant Church. It was the fastest 90 minutes I've ever enjoyed.

Andrew is a skilled story teller and extremely talented musician. Even the small children sat quietly as he wove his tales through inspiring music. If you have an opportunity, I encourage you to hear Andrew for yourself. You will not be disappointed. Thank you, Arctic Barnabas for this unique musical treat! ■

A Prayer Request. *For each of our staff members.*

Greg 'Bo' Bowman

Matthew Lundgren

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

April A.J. Pugh

Greg Pugh

Jamie Saghafi

Andrei Sarazov

Ellen Sarazov

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

Looking to Organize a Summer Work Team in Nome and KICY?

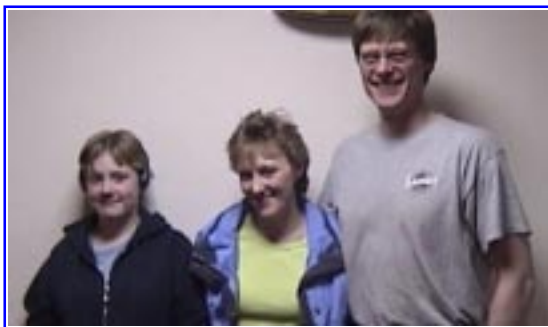
Check our website at www.kicy.org/vollist

for a current listing of volunteer teams and projects.

Or, call toll-free 1-800-478-5429

Please add Albert Swanson and Josh and Lydia Rogers to your staff prayers. They will all be joining KICY in the near future and are relying on the financial & prayer support of family and friends.

Farewell to the Ratzlaffs.



Sarah, Brenda and Greg at their farewell dinner.

God's timing is perfect, but it's never easy to say goodbye when friends feel its time to be called away from Nome and KICY. Such is the case with Greg and Brenda Ratzlaff and daughter, Sarah Luther. For them, KICY was a family project. Each had an opportunity to be an announcer, a program technician, basketball board

operator, Iditarod dog team tracker or any of the jobs to keep KICY operating at peak efficiency.

Greg began as a volunteer over six years ago by transferring programs from cassettes and CD's into the computer system which would play them over the air at the scheduled time. This function, was turned over to Sarah while Brenda began transferring the balance of the programs into our new system. It is considered to be one of the most boring and most repetitive jobs at KICY. Yet this family did it with dedication and pride. And, Greg single-handedly re-wired all of the KICY studio building beginning at the circuit breaker boxes. Yes, we'll all miss this family! And, we wish them all the best. ■

Another Salmon Fundraising Dinner added in Arvada, Colorado on August 4.

Memorials

In April we received memorials in the name of:

- Sherman Erickson**
- Loren Kranich**
- David Kranich**
- Beverly Wells**
- 'Pud' Reynolds**
- Roger Lee**
- Elsie Anderson**
- Henry Johanson**
- Helen Three Stars**
- Jessiebelle Herbertson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one through a gift to our mission.

PLEASE NOTE!

-April Income-
\$23,999.14

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

-April Budget-
\$29,155.00

-April Spent-
\$26,332.42

Thank you for your prayer and financial support.



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Capital Campaign Update.

Operation *Blanket Nome* is under way! The FCC has accepted our application for a 'minor change' and the fundraising has begun. Requests continue to reach us from listeners who are trying to receive us in Nome but are having difficulty. It is a challenge when so many are seeking good, Christian Contemporary music presented in a relaxing, informative and often humorous style. Bo and Neil's *Coffee Crew* from 7 to 9 AM has an ever growing audience!

\$60,000

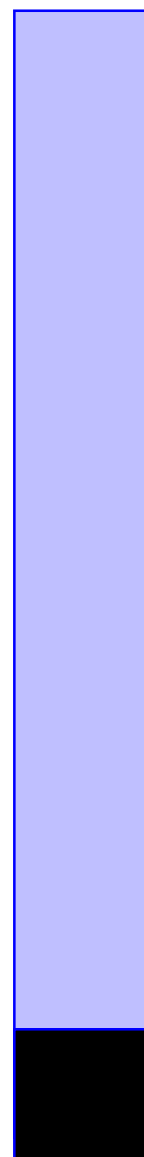
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\$10,000



The KICY Story Goes to Press.

Parmigan Telegraph - *The Story of Radio Station KICY* tells the story of how the vision of a few people became the reality of radio station KICY and how this radio station in Nome, Alaska connects people not only to each other but to the Gospel message as well. For almost 45 years, KICY has been a pioneer in the radio broadcasting in Alaska and also in the Russian Far East. We know that you will be inspired as you read the story of KICY.

"I grew up listening to KICY and this book sparked many happy memories. With raw honesty, Ptarmigan Telegraph provides a very straightforward account of the conception and development of KICY."

-- State Senator Donald C. Olson, M.D. – Golovin, AK

"I hope that the telling of this story will bring glory to God, a harvest of souls, a commitment to prayer and an encouragement to God's people."

--Margaret Zylstra Davidson, widow of Art Zylstra, first general manager of radio station KICY

Greg Asimakoupoulos has captured the marvelous, moving story of KICY. From Arctic Alaska God has used the faithfulness of his followers to reach Arctic Siberia and many other places where Christ has been proclaimed through the remarkable ministry of KICY.

--Dr. Anita Deyneka - President, Peter Deyneka Russian Ministries

"As a person who grew up in Nome during the time when there weren't any radio stations...the advent of KICY was a huge event in our lives. It is so important that this part of Alaska's history be saved!"

--Gail Phillips - Former Speaker of the Alaska State House of Representatives

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