

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

After much village travel since the first of the year, the KICY staff is taking a bit of a breather. April and May are 'breakup' time and the long hours of daylight are calling us out to hike and explore. But don't forget your boots because it's probably wet and muddy wherever you go. It is officially spring because I heard my first Seagulls. That's a sign there is open water not too far out on Norton Sound.


I want to sincerely thank so many of you who have responded to our March Call Letter and April Anniversary Appeal



Dennis Weidler

Letter. Donations have climbed and pulled us out of our immediate financial concerns. So far, we have *not* had to reduce any service to our Russian listeners and our bills are paid. Praise God and thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Neil Peterson will be returning to his home in Iowa at the end of this month. I want to thank his family for 'loaning' him to us for 20 months. Our listeners will surely miss his play-by-play of those great basketball games.

One word on Fundraising Salmon Dinners. I hope to be able to continue those again this fall. I have plans to be traveling the last week in September and the first week of October. If you would be willing to provide a venue, let me know. 



The tracked drill parked in front of the studio.

Drilling for Soil Samples.

Plans continue for our new FM tower to be erected this summer. Before the tower company would provide engineering drawings and actually build the tower, a soil analysis had to be performed. We located a soils engineering firm in Fairbanks who knew of a drilling rig already located in Nome. We're thankful that Alaska Gold has been doing a lot of drilling/sampling for their new open pit gold mine out on Glacier Creek Road.


After removing the four feet of snow and ice, we located those all-important sewer and water lines, so drilling could begin.

The good news is that no permafrost was found. Layers of gravel and sand comprised our soil to a depth of 35 feet. A water table was found at 25 feet.

About two weeks after we completed our soil analysis, the final drawings were submitted and we began the process of pricing concrete,

and rebar and locating an excavating firm with a backhoe. Our original plans for sinking well casings for pilings have been revised by the newly engineered drawings. We can actually save money by pouring a reinforced concrete pad with tower anchor points. Since there is no permafrost in this location, we only have to dig down about 10 feet to pour the tower base. There may still be some jacking of the tower when the ground freezes in the winter, but that can be minimized.

The new 1,000 FM transmitter has been shipped and will be in Nome by the time you read this.

I want to thank all of you for your prayer and financial support for our "Blanket Nome" FM upgrade. This should give us decades of improved FM service to Nome and the surrounding suburbs. I know of several Norton Sound fishermen who will appreciate it as well. 

Live from Shishmaref.

On April 6th, I headed to Shishmaref to the Seward Peninsula Lutheran Spring Conference to record the conference as well as broadcast live until 11pm each evening, April 6 - 10. The first night of the conference was just a warm up, ending around 11:30pm. I was told that some of the gatherings in the villages can go until very late in the night, or should I say early into the morning! This conference did go later every night.

The Shishmaref church had 3 choirs and they would also join and sing as a combined choir. Other groups that went up to sing as official choirs included: Nome, Teller, Wales, Brevig Mission, Anchorage and one appearance of the Shishmaref Sunday School children. There were also impromptu choirs such as all the men, all the pastors, all the women, etc. In addition to the choirs, individuals and small groups went up and sang also.

Let me backtrack and explain what a conference is like. The people in the villages love to sing and to listen to singing. Small forms were available to submit to the worship leader for anyone who wanted to sing. The leader would call out the names and the group or individual would come up and sing. There would be a 20 to 25 minute message from one of the pastors after about an hour of singing. Then, there would be singing until everyone who wanted to sing got their chance. There were a few reports, testimonies, recognitions, or other business items, as well.

I don't think there is any way that I can totally understand or explain how the people can spend so many hours singing and listening. I know

that it amazes me and it is very refreshing. Everyone seems to want to sing. The welcoming song each night really tells the story - "Come On And Sing". In 5 nights, we met for a little over 30 hours. Sunday night went into Monday morning, with the conference officially finishing at around 3:30am.

My favorite moments include when the children would come over and ask me my name. Then they would ask me what the different pieces of equipment were for. I would put the headset on their head and let them listen. That was a lot of fun. The kids were very friendly and curious. Another special moment was at 1:45 Saturday morning when the last song of the service was "I'll Meet You in the Morning".

Some of the more popular songs in the Seward Peninsula churches are *Angel Band*, *What a Wonderful Day*, *Someone Is Praying for You*, *Come On and Sing*, and *Since Jesus Came Into My Life*. My personal favorites were *Turn Your Radio On* and *Church in the Wildwood*.

It was great to receive feedback during the conference. There were elders in Shishmaref who weren't able to get out. They listened on KICY and were appreciative of the broadcast. We also had people from other villages calling people they knew in Shishmaref asking them to put in requests for songs. They were also very happy to be able to listen on the radio. The leader for the evening would make sure those songs were done before we switched to Russian at 11pm. The Lutheran leaders expressed their thanks to me and KICY and I express my thanks to those of you who support this ministry on behalf of all those who listened to our broadcasts of this conference.

--Irene Houdek

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

Another busy summer is in store. Volunteer teams have made their travel plans. Neil Peterson is completing 20 months of volunteer service and returning to his Iowa home. Who will do all the basketball next season?

KICY Volunteers are going to summer camp at Unalakleet or home to visit family.

Please add an extra prayer for all those traveling this summer.

Luda Returns from Chukotka.

I would like to share with you about my last trip to Chukotka. To return to Russia, I always need to have big faith and completely trust to the Lord in every detail. I think it's God's provision because He wants us to always keep His Great Commandment to reach all people with the Gospel.

Because of a mistake with the American Customs stamp, I had a problem with both Russian Customs and the Military in the Capital city of Anadyr. I spent about two hours answering all their questions and writing many kinds of statements. But after a while one officer ask me an unexpected question. "Are you the same Luda Kinok from Nome who talking on the KICY Radio?" I said, "Yes, it's me". They were so surprised and God used that situation to

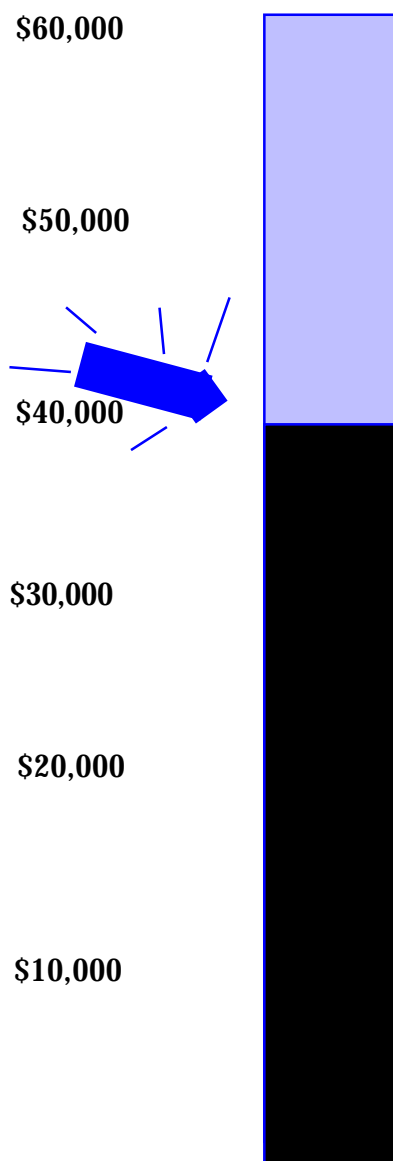
touch their hearts with the Gospel. When I got to Provideniya I needed at least 20 days for all the paperwork to get an 'insert' (a kind of Visa) for my passport for the next trip to Nome. A new Russian law requires all Chukotkans, who are going to Alaska, to come to FSB (it use to be KGB) to answer all kinds of questions about everything and everybody. Because of that it took 10 days to get the insert. They checked-up everything. But thanks to our God, He won the inspector's favor and he processed the forms in just 2 days that I may be in time for the next plane to Nome. The next flight wouldn't be for a month after that! So, I can tell for sure that God's hand was on me all the time when I was at Chukotka.

-- Luda Kinok

Capital Campaign Update.

Operation Blanket Nome continues to move forward! During the past two months, we have received over \$8,250.00 in donations. Praise God and thanks be to all of you who have been so generous.

We have only \$21,025 remaining to be raised in the next few months. The new FM transmitter has been ordered, paid for and will arrive soon. The tower and antenna need to be on the first barge of the summer.



Memorials

In March and April we received memorials in the name of:

- Lisa Holcomb**
 - Tom Dotomain**
 - Sylvia Johnson**
 - Irene Johnson**
 - Norman Kinder**
 - Ethel Hedstrom**
 - Rachel Knight**
 - Vernon Ross**
 - Lawrence Christensen**
 - Lena Asp**
 - Ellen Linn**
 - Dorothy Almquist**
 - Margaret Volstrom**
- Thank you for remembering a loved with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-
\$19,052.21
-March Budget-
\$20,300.00

-April Income-
\$32,641.73
-April Budget-
\$26,450.00

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

Thanks to each of you who helped us meet our needs in March and April.



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KICY Launches New Web Site.

Thanks to the efforts of KICY volunteer, Josh Rogers and the entire staff, KICY now has a newly revamped web site. For the first time, we have included a link which enables you to hear KICY AM-850 live over the internet. Now, access to our audio remains fairly limited with a maximum of 10 listeners at a time. That's what we feel we can safely afford today. We know our first obligation is to broadcast Christian music and Biblical teaching to our listeners.

If you have the ability, take a tour of our new web site and see what we've added. There are direct e-mail links

to our staff, an extensive photo gallery which loads quickly and still offers the ability to download images for displays or presentations at church events, and even links to the City of Nome, three Nome WebCams and the Na-

tional Weather Service so you can check on our temperatures and snowfall. Potential volunteers are offered a quick download of our staff application form.

We'll keep the upcoming events page current so you can see what's happening in Nome and western Alaska.

There is the KICY Trading Post where you can order everything from the *Ptarmigan Telegraph* book to the new KICY cap.

I want to offer my personal thanks to Josh who invested a great deal of time and expertise in organizing and locating the elements used in our new site. We all hope you find it enjoyable and easy to use.



The Site Under Development.

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