

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

The Pinks are running! This past week 82,000 Pink Salmon made their way into the Nome River to attempt to spawn in the headwaters. Now, this is one of the most exciting events for Nomeites since the KICY book was published. (See story on the right). The truth is, the Sport fishing season had been officially closed before it even began. Back in May, it was feared that extremely low returns of all kinds of Salmon in the Nome Subdistrict would mean no sport fishing until July 31 when a return assessment would be made.



Dennis Weidler

That changed overnight with the news that a huge number of Pinks had made their way back to Nome. Daily bag limits were now set at 10! At last count, the KICY staff had caught nearly 60 Pink Salmon and they were all cleaned and resting comfortably in the freezer in the KICY cache. The town was abuzz! Everyone was fishing. And the fish seemed excited, too. They were leaping and splashing and doing flips in the mouth of the Nome River not even 50 yards from the ocean. What a sight!

This month, Tom and B.J. Gray are inviting all of western Alaska to a week of worship and praise at their lodge and fishcamp near White Mountain. Pray that this may be a time of ministry as we change from fishermen to fishers of men. ■



Neil Peterson with his copy of *The Ptarmigan Telegraph*.

The KICY Book is Published.

The Covenant Church's Annual Conference in Minneapolis was the setting for the introduction of Greg Asimakoupoulos' most recent major work. Entitled *The Ptarmigan Telegraph, The Story of KICY Radio*, the press run marked the culmination of several years of research, fact-checking and an extended trip to Nome and several villages for Asimakoupoulos.

The work is now available at the Covenant Bookstore, through the on-line service and from both the Department of Church Growth & Evangelism and directly from KICY.

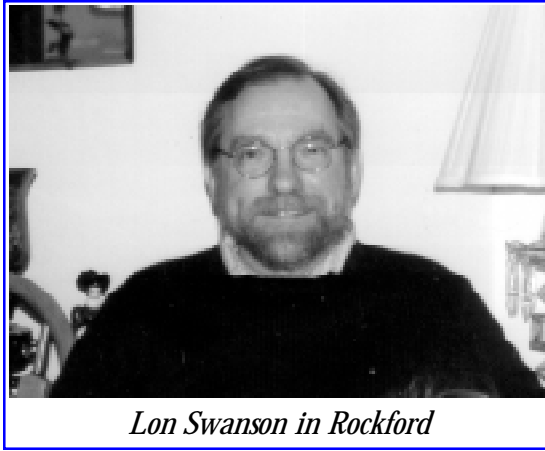
CG&E's Rob Hall was the one who envisioned a work which could be used to share the story of KICY and relate the importance of this remote, yet extremely powerful mission radio station. Except for the first Station Manager, Art Zylstra, who went home to the Lord in 1963, all of the personalities who played instrumental roles were

available for interviews. It represents a wealth of information on the history of the Covenant Church in Alaska returning to the days of Axel Karlson as he came ashore in the village of Unalakleet.

The book is available for \$16.95 and Greg Asimakoupoulos autographed copies are available in limited quantities for a donation of \$25.00. For \$50.00 you will receive the book and a CD copy of Art Zylstra's speech in Kotzebue. For \$75.00 you receive the book, the CD and a box of Ptarmigan Telegraph note cards. ■

A Prayer Request.

Our application for the FM signal improvement project is now before the Federal Communications Commission. Please pray that we will be able to move forward soon on this key project. Thank you for your support.



Lon Swanson in Rockford

Lon Swanson Set to Depart for Nome.

I'm Lon Swanson. I was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois. This city of 150,000 residents is located at the northern border of the state. I'm the third of five sons in my family. All four of my brothers have families of their own. I have many nieces and nephews of whom I'm very proud. Don't let me talk about them too much, but I've learned some great lessons about child-like faith from just being around them. The concept of a child-like faith has intrigued me many years, for I was captivated by the person of Jesus since I was about four or five years old. I felt the draw of his presence then, and it hasn't gone away. Who he was, who he is, what he did, what he is doing, and what he is going to do; these are the questions and the answers to them that drive my

life and faith.

I look forward to being part of the KICY ministry. To be involved with a ministry that is creative and growing is a tremendous opportunity that God has opened up, and I can't pass up. I'm going to get more answers to my questions. To be placed among a team and community with a vital faith and witness, is an invitation to see and experience the power of Jesus' presence in this world. Who he is, what he's doing, and what he is going to do through the ministry of KICY. My expectation is that God will bless me way beyond my abilities and energy I'm bringing to the ministry, and that he has many lessons for me to learn. Thanks again for this opportunity, and when it is mid-December in Nome please feel free to remind me of this article's content. ■

A Message from a Russian Listener.

"I listen to KICY radio station every day. This is a gift from God to me even when they talk and sing in foreign language, I know that this is a living river and truthful, God-given and pours into hearts of men".

-- Yuri from Chukotka

Translated by CRFR in Moscow, our primary programming source.

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

Greg 'Bo' Bowman

Matthew Lundgren

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

Jamie Saghafi

Albert Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

Please add Lon 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.

We are also delighted to announce that Luda Kinok, from the Russian village of Provideniya will be joining the KICY Volunteer staff in charge of Russian Programming.

Capital Campaign Update.



Nome children waiting for class to start in the KICY staff lounge.

Students Learn to Write PSA's.

Again this summer, Norton Sound Health Corporation and the Nome Community Center have partnered to provide positive, stimulating summer activities for the young people in western Alaska.

Summercise is a summer-long program to involve as many local children as possible. Some are

indoor or outdoor sports activities, yet just as many involve developing reasoning, writing and, in our case, speaking skills.

Seven lively youngsters spent four weeks at KICY learning to write, record and produce Public Service Announcements or PSA's, as they are known.

The topics were selected by the students and ranged from bicycle safety to gun safety to suggestions on how to avoid being eaten by a bear. All are important lessons in Nome and the surrounding tundra.

The class actually produced several PSA's which were recorded and are now on the air!

Operation *Blanket Nome* is under way! We are seeking your help to allow us to expand our FM signal to meet an ever growing demand by our listeners. We hope to be able to order materials to be shipped on the first barge next summer with completion by July 31, 2005.

The entire project, transmitter, antenna, tower, shipping and installation is budgeted at \$60,000. This month we received \$160. Can you help us reach our goal?

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

A Salmon Fundraising Dinner in Arvada, Colorado on August 4.

Memorials

In June we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Evangelyn Fondell

Helen Three Stars

Don & Kathy Erickson

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

PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-
\$25,284.32

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

-June Budget-
\$21,360.00

Thank you for your prayer and financial support.



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My First Impressions.

As part of my radio broadcasting degree at Northwestern College (MN) I am required to have internship credit. For such a professional experience internship in a high-technology field of mass media, most would not first think of a town in the Alaskan Bush. But with my background in the Covenant church and desire to enter a career in missions radio, I did.

I had many expectations coming to Nome. I have to say my greatest expectation was the unexpected. No surprises there. I arrived to meet a host of people inside Nome's one-room airport terminal. It took no time to get used to the small-town aspect of Nome, being a farm kid from South Dakota, but the cost of



Volunteer Albert Swanson

groceries was another story. Even Ramen noodles, a college students best friend, cost a half-dollar.

It also took me no time to get on the radio, starting to do the

Breakfast Club every weekday morning.

The most difficult adjustment may be sleep; getting up before six in the morning would be easier if the sun went down before one.

More than anything, my experience so far has taught me that radio – and missions – is about serving people. That's what KICY seeks to do for the villages and people of Western Alaska. When the summer comes to an end, I'll take that home with me – and maybe a few salmon.

Serving people as I serve the Lord,

Albert Swanson

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