

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Sometimes the intensity of the short arctic summer feels like you're running a marathon. There is an endless list of things to do and, fortunately, so many workers to help get it all done. That is especially true this season. Stepping over sleeping teenagers first thing in the morning is the first sign your day is going to be a full one! But we so enjoyed all the visitors from such a widely scattered starting point...Florida, Arizona, California and soon, Pennsylvania. Though all worked really hard, with 24 hours of daylight, there always



Dennis Weidler

seems to be time to venture out to see the wild musk oxen, herds of reindeer, foxes and on a good day, a grizzly sow and her cubs. Some even tried their hand at wetting a line in the Sinuk, Nome or other local river. Alas, no fish were caught but I had never witnessed trout in such large, thrashing schools.

Record runs of Pink Salmon are reported east of here and we are all praying for a good silver salmon season starting in August.

We are actively seeking new volunteers to help in our daily broadcasts. One local teacher's aide, off for the summer, has stepped forward to take over the Program Dubbing work of Julie Yoder who is returning to the 'Lower 48' to attend seminary. May God bless her new calling. We all wish Julie the very best ■



Patty Burchell's team from Sonora, California.

Work Teams Complete Transmitter Building.

It's finished. Now we can begin. Yes, the transmitter building is finished including paint and much of the wiring. Now we face the task of placing the 3 inch transmission line into PVC and laying it on the tundra to connect the two buildings 350 feet apart.

Our first big thank you goes to a great work team from Florida. Dave and Kit Taylor from Saint Petersburg, Randy Swenson and Bob Tenglin from Plantation, Florida labored long to complete the drywall and install the 115 volt wiring in conduit. Dave also installed the 240 volt service for the old transmitter building. That will allow continued power for the lights and the big switches which bring on the two outside towers to create our directional signal into Russia.

Patty Burchell lived her dream of

bringing a youth team to Nome and on to Unalakleet to attend the North River Covenant Bible Camp. While in Nome, they hosted a three-day VBS Program at the Nome Covenant Church and still found time to paint the exterior of the new transmitter building with both primer and final coat.

The same team touched up the trim on the main studio building. It looks great!

KICY couldn't exist without the hard work and determination of such great servants! ■

A Thanksgiving.

God grants us another electrician! Tim Tuggy volunteered his talents in moving the 480 volt electrical power service from the old transmitter building to the new one. Thanks Tim!



Josh Rogers and a new-found friend.

Big Camp Season in Unalakleet.

As I walked off the 10 foot river boat and onto the rocky beach at Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet on June 6th I wasn't quite sure what I was getting myself into. I've worked at the Covenant Camp, Cascades in the Seattle area for three summers and I've visited a few Young Life camps. Never before had I been shuttled in on a river, or seen campers flying in from sometimes hundreds of miles away on small 10 seater airplanes.

I was there at camp as a representative of KICY, to send some reports back to the radio station on how camp was going and to help others in the community understand what goes on there, and how important it was that kids are able to go each summer. I was also there to counsel. I would be given a cabin of campers and would be responsible for their safety, their spiritual development, and to make sure they had an amazing experience at camp. It had been a few years since I had been in a position like this, living with students 24 hours a day, and I knew it was going to be a stretching experience.

After two weeks, 38 camp meals, 26 chapel services, 227 digital pictures, three river baths, one sore

throat, and two cabins of teenagers later I returned back to Nome a very tired man. Because of some technical problems I was unable to report back to the radio station from this extremely remote camp, but even though I didn't fulfill my original reason for going, I knew that I had been where God wanted me.

It was amazing to see so many different types of kids coming from so many different places (both on the map, and in life situations) come together and have lives changed. Western Alaska is a place having to deal with rampant depression, physical and sexual abuse, alcoholism, and addictions of all kinds and it didn't take to long to realize that many campers were dealing with these things at home. The first week our speaker was Pastor Scott Nelson from Orange, CA who was able to pick up on these community needs and speak about them during chapel services. He told students that God would be able to heal their hurt, and said that through God would be the only way to truly forgive those who have left us wounded.

Students also got the chance to relax and just have fun. Free time was always a favorite as campers would get

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A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

Maj. Gary Grennon

Irene Houdek

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

This is a serious request for new volunteers!

We are seeking one-year staff members for KICY. If you know someone who has an interest in serving our listeners in western Alaska through the awesome power of a 50,000 watt radio station, encourage them to contact Dennis Weidler at dennisw@kicy.org.

Or, direct them to our web site where they can download a volunteer application.

Thanks for you help and prayers.

Russian Programming Remains Intact.

I am so delighted to report that we have not had to reduce any of our broadcast service to the Russian Far East! Through our recent 45th Anniversary Appeal and your generosity, we have continued to broadcast at 50,000 watts throughout the night reaching our listeners deep in the interior of Russia.

Recently, the costs for diesel fuel, heating oil and gasoline have risen slightly again. We just saw the gas pumps reflect a new price to \$3.29 a gallon. That's up from \$2.95.

We pray that we can continue our critical mission to broadcast the

Truth of the Gospel in the Russian Language to our brothers and sisters across the Bering Strait.

Thanks to all of you who responded to keep our broadcasts loud and strong.

KICY is also actively seeking alternative energy sources including wind, solar, hydrogen fuel cells, tidal forces and others.

In the meantime, we greatly appreciate your ongoing financial and prayer support of our work here. Luda continues to bless her listeners in many ways. ■

Capital Campaign Update.

Operation Blanket Nome continues to move forward!

During the past month, we have received over \$4,300.00 in donations. Praise God and thanks to all of you who have been so generous.

We have only \$16,100 remaining to be raised in the next few months. The new FM transmitter and antenna have arrived. The tower needs to be on the last barge of the summer to save storage costs.

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the option to bridge jump, canoe, work on crafts, go fishing, or just spend time playing games with their friends and other Bible Camp staff.

There were a lot of differences between Unalakleet Bible Camp and the camp that I grew up at in Washington State but God

works in the lives of students wherever it may be. Chip Swanson, retired pastor, former KICY staff member and current Bible Camp Director put it best when he told me "of course camping ministry is powerful... it was Jesus who invented it!"

--by Josh Rogers ■

Memorials

In June we received memorials in the name of:

Rev. Alfred H. Johnson

Ruth Lindgren

Elsie Anderson

Tom Dotomain

Thank you for remembering a loved with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-
\$22,831.69

-June Budget-
\$23,538.33

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

**Thanks to each of you who
helped us meet our
needs in June.**



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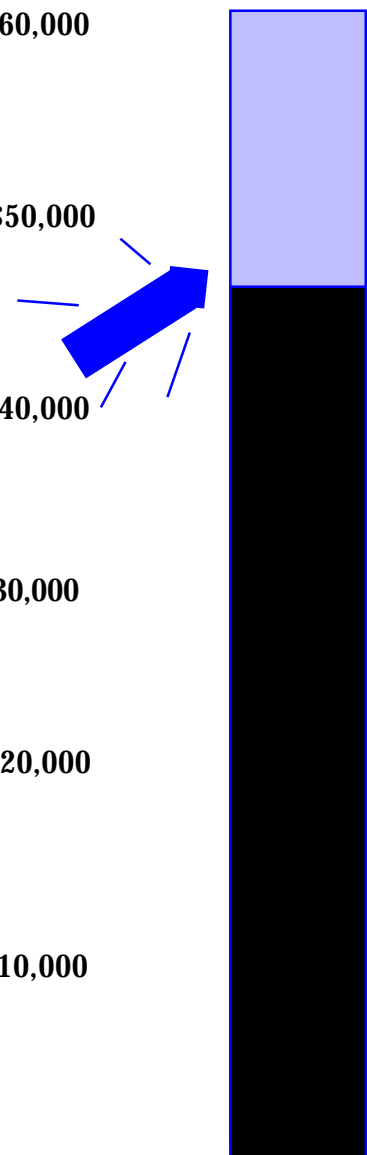
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Is A Salmon Dinner In Your Future?

We have begun scheduling Fund-raising Salmon Dinners once again, now that we will have Silver Salmon available. It seems Norton Sound Seafoods completely sold out of Silvers before the end of the year! The new season is upon us and I plan to reserve a few 50 pound boxes to feed our supporters.

Current open dates include the last week in September on the east coast or New England, the second week of February in Florida and a Spring trip on the west coast in late April or early May. We have tentative events in the planning stage but need to nail down the Fund-raising

Dinners for the next year before the Alaska Airlines PFD tickets go on sale in late September.

Perhaps your church would like to organize a fun event where I arrive with Alaska Silver Salmon caught right offshore here in

Nome. I'll bake it Alaskan style, join you in a delicious meal and then share the work of KICY in serving western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

If you would like to help organize a Salmon Dinner in your area, contact me, Dennis Weidler, and we'll set things in motion. You can call me toll-free at 1-800-478-5429. Just remember that Alaska time is four hours behind eastern time. So if it's lunch time in Florida, we're just getting up from the breakfast table in Nome. If you prefer e-mail, my direct address is dennisw@kicy.org.

I really enjoy any opportunity to tell the story of KICY through a PowerPoint presentation. It's like sharing the family photo album. ■



The Stephenson, Michigan team gathers for a post salmon dinner photo opportunity last October.

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