

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

This is a milestone month for Candace and me. Five years ago, we sold our home and two cars, closed a recording studio and advertising agency, gave two weeks notice to an employer and said good-bye to our family and friends. We were going to Nome.

The truth is, we gave ourselves five years because any less wouldn't be fair to KICY and the listeners of western Alaska and the Russian Far East. Time's up. But God's not done with us yet. People who figure out these things tell us that you are only

truly accepted into a community after five years. You forge long-lasting bonds



Dennis Weidler

of friendship during those first five years. Now, we can be *really* effective!

Both Candace and I love Nome, the people of western Alaska and our Russian neighbors. When we first traveled here in May of 1999, we quickly realized that it was the people who made living here a joy.

Now, we look forward to the next five years and beyond. God has given us so many unique opportunities to grow in faith and to share that faith with those around us.

Thanks to you who have made our time here so productive through your prayer, sacrifice, labor, financial gifts and emotional support. You make it all possible. ■



The Fish Camp group gathers for a photo opportunity.

## The First Annual Fish Camp Retreat.

We were intrigued with the invitation we received at KICY in mid June. Tom and Bee Jay Gray from White Mountain were opening their fishcamp to anyone who could be there...and for an entire week. They would provide everything.

We began broadcasting to western Alaska to attend the First Annual Fish Camp Retreat. Albert Swanson interviewed Tom and Bee Jay on the Breakfast Club.

On Friday, July 16, Candace, Albert, Anna Larson, her daughter Lisa and I loaded up the van for the 2 hour drive to the village of Council, then a 30 minute boat ride down the Niukluk River to the Gray's Lodge. This is no ordinary Fish Camp. There was hot and cold running water and a flush toilet! There were cabins with bunk beds, and enough food for a small army.

Besides a river literally filled bank-to-bank with Pink Salmon, the real excitement came from our speaker, Rev. Jonathan Maraj, a converted Hindu who is definitely on fire for the Lord.

It is written in the Bible that some are called to be apostles, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers. Jonathan is a teacher. He shared life-specific skills with us and challenged each of us to share our joy in knowing Christ with the

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### A Prayer Request.

This will be a month of challenges as many new long and short-term volunteers descend on Nome and KICY.

We want to share our joy that so many are called to give so much of themselves to KICY and our listeners.



All eleven gather in front of the studio.

## Massachusetts Work Team Arrives.

The Alaska Airlines 737 descended through the clouds and eleven eager volunteers looked out at their first glimpse of Nome and what would be their home for the next week. They had left from Community Covenant Church in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts at 4:30 that morning. Now, it was 8:00 PM Nome time and that's Midnight in Massachusetts. This marked the arrival of the first summer work team to KICY.

Leader Donna Wright had assembled a focused and talented team to begin the remodeling process for the KICY lobby, the final room for updating on the main floor of the studio.

Since the team was large, another group set about painting the generator building at the transmitter site. The weather was a little

reluctant to cooperate, but they had a coat of primer on by lunch the first day.

We were also able to expedite our building permit and had that posted in the window hours before construction began.

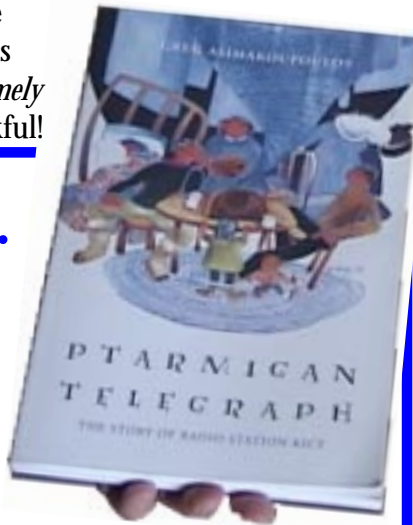
Their are several reasons for the remodeling project. The first is to replace the electrical wiring and bring it to code and to double the thickness of the exterior walls and double insulate. With fuel oil at about \$2.00 a gallon, we need to conserve every heating dollar.

Thanks to this hard-working team, we will have a warmer and more safe working environment this winter. I know the entire staff is *extremely* thankful!

### Hot Off The Press.

# \$16.95

*Ptarmigan Telegraph-The Story of Radio Station KICY* by Greg Asimakoupoulos



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

Greg 'Bo' Bowman

Luda Kinok

Matthew Lundgren

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

April Pugh

Jamie Saghafi

Albert Swanson

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

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

## A Salmon Dinner Fundraising Event.

Coming to  
Stephenson,  
Michigan on  
October 8th  
and  
Saranac,  
Michigan on  
October 10th.

Call 1-800-478-5429  
to find out about  
hosting a KICY Salmon  
Dinner.

## Memorials

In July we received memorials  
in the name of:

Charlotte R. Jensen

Matt Montzingo

Harry Calvert

Helen Three Stars

Evangeline Fondell

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

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rest of the world.

When we weren't thoroughly engrossed in Rev. Maraj's lessons, we enjoyed a lot of time singing together with Jack Brown on keyboards and Bee Jay on the Omnichord. We filled their lodge with a lot of praise!

There was also time for fishing, canoeing and swimming. Candace caught her first fish ever and didn't stop until she had caught her limit of 10 Pink Salmon. We cleaned them and packed them in our cooler to take back to the freezer in Nome.

Meals were fabulous with moose for dinner this first night. Breakfast featured reindeer sausage and sourdough pancakes. When we were getting ready to depart on Sunday afternoon, Bee Jay brought out the Muktuk, seal oil, dry fish, boiled dry fish, cooked tundra greens and boiled salmon eggs. It was a great Eskimo food feast.

A special thanks to Tom and Bee Jay for organizing such a special event. It seemed Bee Jay was always cooking something in the kitchen. They blessed us! ■

### PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-  
**\$20,711.52**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*

-July Budget-  
**\$23,317.74**

**Thank you for your prayer  
and financial support.**



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Covenant Church.

## Capital Campaign Update.

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 \$1,120. Can you help us reach our goal?

\$60,000

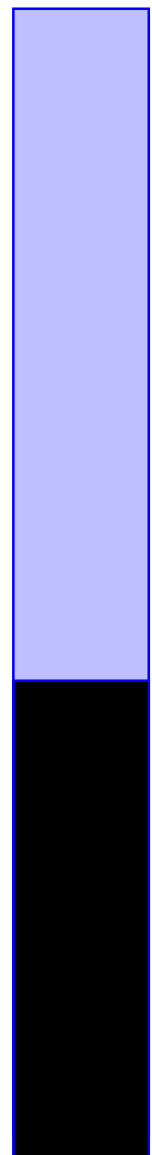
\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



# The KICY Softball Team.

It's a real thrill to see a group of happy kids playing softball in their new KICY uniforms. And, on top of that their coach is none other than KICY Volunteer, Neil Peterson. He is the most 'sports minded' of any of the KICY team and he keeps us on our toes when it comes to sports action here and in the Lower 48. Joining him as Assistant Coach is a well known member of the Nome community, Harry Karmun.

The local softball teams are operated under the direction of the Nome Recreation Center. There are enough children of a variety of ages



*All decked out in their KICY hats and shirts.*

that they are divided into three divisions with three teams in each division. Games are played on Monday and Thursday nights with three games each evening.

That's a lot of softball! The other day, we were standing on the bank of the Nome River trying to lure some Pink Salmon for the freezer and we noticed one of the children there had his KICY baseball hat and t-shirt on while he fished. I think he was pretty proud of his 'official' uniform. At the end of the season, we'll give you the team standings. In the meantime, please remember that Neil could use your prayers.

A few weeks ago I picked up the phone to hear a frazzled parent. Their son, the pitcher, had torn a ligament. So goes life in Nome and the big leagues. ■

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