

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

I love fall and the whole time of back-to-school. This year we have launched a concerted effort to share school news each week with reports from the Bering Strait School District, the Lower Yukon School District and our own Nome-Beltz Jr.-Sr. High School. This requires a great deal of coordination with the three districts, individual teachers and some dedicated students. We'll be able to take the reports live over the phone or as programs provided as e-mail attachments. We know that honoring the sports and academic



Dennis Weidler

achievements of students also involves the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles

and cousins.

We are having a big turnover in volunteers as Lon Swanson has arrived from Rockford, Illinois, Luda Kinok is serving from Provideniya, Chukotka and Josh and Lydia Rogers will arrive by the time you receive this newsletter.

On the other hand, we are losing long-time volunteers, Jamie Saghafi and Bo Bowman. Jamie was our technical expert and hosted THE EDGE and Bo was the first-ever host of The Coffee Crew morning show on ICY 100.3 FM. We will miss them both, yet we'll see them often as they both decided to stay on in Nome. God provides just who we need, when we need them. ■



Taking time out to admire a job well done.

Minnesota Team Finishes Lobby Remodeling Project!

Praise God and thank you Mission Team from Vista Covenant in New Richland, Minnesota.

Just a few weeks ago, we had exposed 2 X 4's, new wiring and lots of prayers. We weren't sure our lobby would be finished this year and that meant living out of boxes through the winter.



Very, very busy.

Not to worry. The team of ten from Minnesota worked with amazing speed and efficiency and finished the insulation, vapor barrier installation, dry wall, painting,

cabinet installation, ceiling installation and lighting. They still had time to catch a few Silver Salmon here and there and enjoy a trip to family camp at Salmon Lake.

Thanks to Ron and Tyler Beckman, Ginny and Dennis Roesler and their niece Jessica Hendrickson, Greg Moe, Ken Jackson, and Jonathan, Jared and Jim Knutson for finding it in their hearts to travel to Nome and serve with such great generosity.

Thank you so much. ■

A Prayer Request.

Winter looms ahead. So do heating bills. Please pray for our financial resources as the cold winds begin driving snow.

Fall is already past in Arctic Alaska. Heating oil has jumped to \$3.00 a gallon...up 50% since last year.



Luda at work in the studio.

Luda Kinok Begins as Russian Programmer.

Within a day of her arrival, Luidmilla (Luda) Kinok was on the air producing her own hour-long Russian language Christian program. I would have been happy with just a half-hour, but Luda had a lot to say!

Now, just a few weeks later and Luda has taken over all of the Russian Language Programming elements. She has her own daily program, prepares the 4-hour discs we receive from CRFR in Moscow, loads Russian weekend programs and has begun recording her former colleague, Larissa Pokhilko in Provideniya for playback on Thursday evening (Friday in Chukotka).

Among her job responsibilities are locating new Russian Christian music for addition to our current

music library and finding new Russian CareForce participants.

She knows she has listeners. Her mother and sister still live in the Chukotkan village of Sereniki where Luda grew up and learned English. She phoned home recently and the entire village was listening to her during the daily broadcasts. That's one way to grow an audience.

Luda came to our attention when Pastor Larissa Pokhilko knew we were looking for a replacement for Andrei and Ellen Sarazov. Luda was working for her in the church in Provideniya. The rest is history.

Join us in praying for Luda and her ability to reach so many with God's Word in Russia.

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

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

April Pugh

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

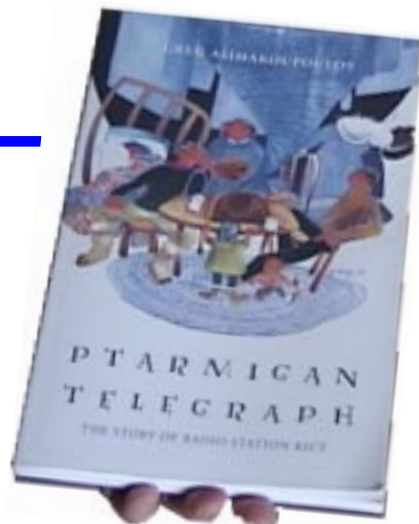
Julie Yoder

Please add Josh and Lydia Rogers to your staff prayers. They will be joining KICY this month after serving during the summer at Cascades Camp the Covenant Camp in Washington. They are relying on the financial & prayer support of family and friends.

Great Gift Idea.

\$16.95

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



100% Sunday Slated For October 24th.

It's time for that great annual event, KICY's 100% Sunday on October 24th. This is one day we set aside each year and ask 100% of the Covenant Churches in the U.S. and Canada to partner with us. Our goal is to ask that every person, 100%, attending on that Sunday contribute a single dollar to KICY through a special offering.

Even more important than the \$1.00 is that everyone is made

aware of KICY and our work in western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

There are many new Covenanters. There are new church plants every year. There are many in your congregation who have never heard of KICY.

This is your mission radio station in Nome. You are our prayer and financial stockholders. We encourage you to lead your church's promotion of 100% Sunday.

If your church isn't able to participate financially, please use 100% Sunday to set aside a time to pray for KICY and our volunteer staff.

Every year for the past 5 years, we have seen church participation grow for the 100% Sunday event. Our goal is to have 100% of the 750+ churches involved in some way.

We'll be e-mailing and letter writing to your church. A bulletin insert can be downloaded at www.kicy.org/mission or we'd be happy to mail you one.

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 \$388. Can you help us reach our goal?

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

A Salmon Dinner Fundraising Event.

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

Memorials

In August we received memorials in the name of

Tom Dotomain

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

PLEASE NOTE!

-August Income-
\$24,692.19

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

-August Budget-
\$25,150.00

Thank you for your prayer and financial support.



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Family Camp A Welcome Diversion.

Nearly the entire KICY Volunteer staff traveled the 38 miles from Nome to the Lutheran Camp at Salmon Lake for the Covenant Church's annual Family Camp. Bo graciously stayed back to keep the station running smoothly. We were delighted that Patty Burchell could join us at camp.

This is the first year the Weidler's, including Tater, camped overnight in their new 3-man (2 people and a dog) tent.

The downside of the weekend was the dense smoke which had drifted the 550 miles from the tundra fires



Lon Swanson, Patty Burchell, Jamie Saghafi, Dennis Weidler and Neil Peterson gather on Sunday afternoon for a photo-op. Photo by Candace

near Fairbanks and settled on western Alaska for several days.

The Salmon Lake valley is usually strikingly clear with the surrounding mountains reflected in

the pristine lake. So far over 2.5 millions acres have burned in Alaska.

In spite of the smoke, we all had a wonderful, worshipful weekend with our church family, canoeing, hiking, berry picking, singing and, of course, eating.

A Grizzly bear was sighted down by the lake's edge very close to camp. He was enjoying the last of the Sockeye Salmon still finding

their way up stream to spawn. Most looked a little worse for wear.

All in all it was a wonderful weekend and a great time of renewal for everyone. ■

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