

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Winter has come early this year. The last week of September brought with it below freezing temperatures and snow.

The really good news is that our new volunteer staff have all settled in and are rapidly taking on new duties and responsibilities. Josh and Lydia Rogers arrived in mid-September and both began helping with the morning broadcasts and teaming-up from 8 to 10 PM for THE EDGE. It's interesting having a husband/wife team on a youth oriented program. They keep things lively and it's obvious




Dennis Weidler

they enjoy the challenges and opportunities of working in live radio and enjoy working

together.

Lon Swanson is the host of the Breakfast Club from 7 to 9 AM on KICY AM-850. He gets up at 5:00 AM to prepare for his daily broadcast. That's dedication. As he gets more comfortable with the equipment and radio in general, he is busy seeking new ways to enhance the broadcasts. We now have weekly reports from the Bering Strait School District and the Lower Yukon School District. Both are very welcome new additions.

Luda Kinok's Russian broadcasts are attracting many new listeners inside Russia. Many entire Russian villages are tuning in. Praise God and thank you, Luda! 



KICY Staff and Dorcas Bloom at the Presbyterian Church.

Savoonga Enjoys Their Listener Appreciation Dinner.

On Saturday the 25th of September, the staff of KICY boarded a twin-engine plane and flew to the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, approximately 160 miles from Nome. The trip was to be a way of showing the station's appreciation for our listeners and to bring encouragement to a village whose people have been experiencing a trying time.

We flew in supplies for a spaghetti dinner the KICY staff would prepare at the school cafeteria. We made sure we were set up in the kitchen at the school then went back to the parsonage at the Presbyterian Church where we met up with Dorcas Bloom, now a resident of Nome. She was born and raised in the village of Savoonga and still has a number of family members on the island. It was a great privilege to learn some history of the church and her family, and to take a

short walking-tour of the village and shoreline of the island. The signs of traditional native life, still being practiced, were all along the black sand of the lava rock shore. Meat was air-drying. A split walrus hide was stretched on a frame. Bones of sea mammals were bleaching out in the snowy fall weather of St. Lawrence Island.

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A Prayer Request.

We are awaiting the final determination from the FAA about our proposed tower for the FM. They thought we were about 10 feet too high for our location. KICY is located very close to the approach of the Nome International Airport. Pray for a positive final action.



Lydia and Josh on THE EDGE

Welcome to the Rogers.

After months of planning and anticipation, Josh and I finally arrived in Nome! We were greeted at the airport by the entire staff, and immediately began to feel welcome and at home. Dennis gave us a driving tour of the town on our way to the Yellow House and the station, pointing out the many churches and restaurants, the hospital, library, recreation center and high school, and of course the new movie theatre and Subway. Despite all of these amenities, the lack of fully paved roads, and the price of gas and groceries, not to mention the huge expanse of the Bering Sea wouldn't let us shake the feeling that we weren't in the lower 48 anymore. Our adventure had finally begun.

That was two weeks ago, and since then, our weekend trips to Serpentine Hot Springs and the village of Savoonga have helped establish in our mind that Nome is indeed the big city.

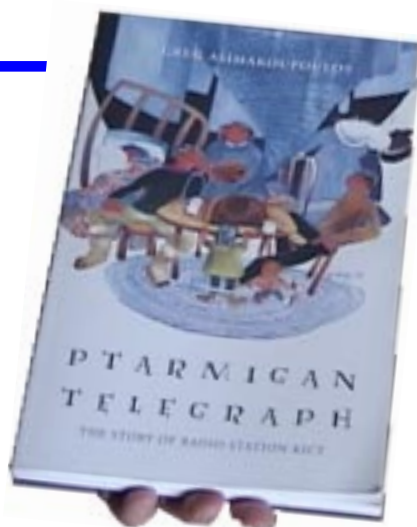
When we arrived I was very surprised and impressed with the level of technology that had been dedicated to KICY. We have state of the art equipment and resources that let the staff create really quality programming. Though we have only just started to get to know people, I can tell by the number of callers for CareForce, a live prayer show, and Ptarmagin Telegraph, that KICY makes a real impact on the Norton Sound communities. It was a personal encouragement to us also,

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Great Christmas Gift Idea.

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

Send \$16.95 in check, money order or credit card information to:
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A Prayer Request. *For each of our staff members.*

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Neil Peterson

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

Please pray for our new staff members. We ask God's guidance in maintaining a strong, happy team.

As the weather conditions decline and the hours of darkness increase we are spending more time indoors.

The Listener Mailbag.

...I also want to thank you for keeping Christian radio alive in western Alaska. We very much enjoy listening to both the AM and FM stations here and the AM at camp. I especially enjoy the gospel music and the assurance that I do not have to constantly be on guard to make sure the children do not hear anything that they should not. Again, thank you for all you do.

--Respectfully, Melanie Johnson

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Back at the school, Dennis cooked up two kettles of spaghetti sauce, a huge mound of pasta, ten loaves of garlic bread, and a small pool of punch. The KICY staff began serving at 6 p.m., and within the hour we had served 125 people. It was great fun for the KICY staff to serve and interact with the people of Savoonga. I especially enjoyed the children. My mispronunciation of their native names brought forth smiles and laughter. The harder I tried the more they laughed.

After dinner, the activity moved to the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church where Tim Sergie, a Native pastor, led a sizeable crowd in a SingSpiration time, which was

broadcast live on KICY-AM. The service lasted several hours, with lots of singing and sharing by a number of people. Tim brought words of hope, encouragement, and challenge to all who attended.

Sunday after worship at the church, we packed up, boarded the plane for the flight back to Nome, less the supplies for the spaghetti dinner, but carrying in our hearts a clearer understanding of what our service at KICY means to the church in Savoonga and to all that the radio signal reaches, broadcasting the gospel of Jesus Christ, who brings forgiveness for yesterday, joy for today, and hope for tomorrow.

--by Lon Swanson

Memorials

In September we received memorials in the name of:

Alford Anderson
Wayne Balch
Mary Freeman
Clarence Johnson
Orvin H. Olson
Eleanor Shold
Helen Three Stars
Anna Ver Hage

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

PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-
\$21,357.45

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

-September Budget-
\$19,825.00

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



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical 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 \$335. Can you help us reach our goal?

\$60,000

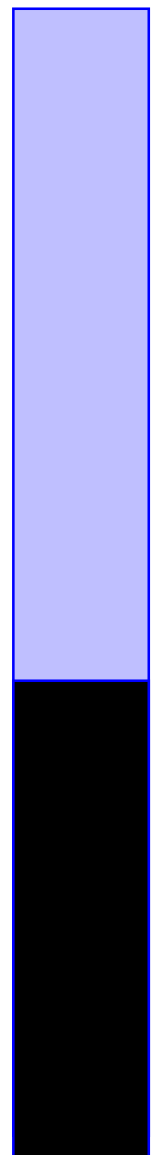
\$50,000

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\$10,000



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when we heard again the story of the unlikely way that the station was founded, and the enormous hurdles that God toppled on the way to creating the station many years ago. It is wonderful to be part of something that has a history of being so clearly ordained by God.

The burden of alcoholism, abuse and suicide in this region of Alaska was also immediately evident when we arrived. We have heard many family members tell the story of their loved ones who had died. Nearly every person has lost a close friend or family member to suicide. It is obvious that this problem of depression weighs heavily on the hearts and minds of the staff at KICY, and it is their desire to help bring light into a place where the darkness is thick and complex.



The staff gathers for a photo at the Serpentine Hot Springs Retreat.

One of the jobs delegated to me at KICY is to process support donations into the computer. It has been so awesome to see where the station support comes from. It arrives from all corners of the country, and from people of all different walks of life. It is amazing to see that the faithfulness of the donors plays such a huge part in what KICY is doing,

and it helped me and others out here at the station to feel a real connection with the rest of the church body.

Josh has learned the station computer systems and recording technology in no time and is helping with the morning shows, recording voice tracks, contacting bands and worship teams for free CD's to play on the air, and many other things. He is also the producer and co-host, with me, of The Edge, an evening youth program on the AM and FM station. We are looking forward to what God will bring our way in the next year, and giving thanks for what has already happened!

-- *Lydia and Josh Rogers*

**100% Sunday
is October 24th.**

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