

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic


What a time we have had this basketball season! The schedules have really begun to change this year. In the past, there would be two games each weekend with the girls team and the boys team each providing a Friday and a Saturday night game. Not any more.



Dennis Weidler

Almost every week, there have been three-day tournaments with up to 12 games scheduled. The most recent was the

Subway Showdown here in Nome. With 12 games and communities seeking coverage of their local teams we kept Josie Stiles really, really busy. Fortunately, her voice held out but she rested the entire Sunday after the tournament. She provided feeds to Bethel and Kotzebue even when the Nome students weren't playing. While this did present a few logistical challenges, we all came through it. Now, there are tournaments scheduled for Service High in Anchorage, as well as Bethel and Kotzebue. That's a lot of basketball but it is the glue that holds these communities together in the long, dark winter months. Support for basketball is so good, we are more than sold out for this season's coverage with 11 sponsors for 10 slots.

And still, we are all gearing up for Iditarod! 



Luda Kinok prepares for another broadcast.

Luda Seeks Asylum From Religious Persecution.

After years of different visas, visa-free travel and investigations by the Russian FSB (secret police) Luda has petitioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service for asylum in the U.S. based on religious persecution.


This came to a head when the Ruble became so largely devalued in the midst of all the sanctions that Luda has been unable to continue her import/export business. She also became more and more concerned that if she were to return to Russia, she would be unable to get back to the U.S. Many other business people who had the exact same visa as Luda, were experiencing that very situation. They were confined to Russia.

In December, we petitioned a local immigration attorney in Anchorage to help put her request together. The attorney came highly recommended

and, not coincidentally, attended First Covenant in Anchorage. She was referred by our ECCAK Field Director, Curtis Ivanoff.

The paperwork has been submitted and now the waiting begins. The positive spin to this is that Luda can wait right here at KICY and continue her daily broadcasts to her listeners in Russia.

Now, we ask for your prayers that all will go smoothly and Luda's request will be granted.

Luda's broadcasts mean so much to her listeners. She shares the Gospel every day. She always seeks out new Russian Christian music. And she shares her faith at every opportunity. In fact, she just returned from a weekend Get-together in the village of Elim where she was guest speaker. 

KICY is participating in the smile.amazon.com Program.

It was too late for Christmas this year, but KICY is now a registered participant in Amazon.com's fundraising program for non-profits.

It's called smile.amazon.com and features the same products you would find on the main site. The difference is, KICY receives .05% of all purchases you make through this on-line shopping service.

If you regularly shop through Amazon.com...and we certainly do in Nome...make sure you use

the smile.amazon.com site and select Arctic Broadcasting Association as the recipient. If you are a Prime customer, you even get free shipping on many, if not all items.

As energy expenses continue to escalate (did someone say gas prices had dropped?) KICY needs to seek as many ways as possible to sustain ourselves.

Thank you in advance for using smile.amazon.com for all your on-line shopping. You are making a difference in helping KICY make ends meet. ■

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Ian Coglan

Josie Stiles

Lon Swanson

Rolland Trowbridge

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Statewide Communications Firm Leases Tower Space from KICY.



Our FM tower has room to grow.

We are delighted to be able to add another set of antennas to our FM tower in Nome. Fortunately, we built it in 2006 with enough capacity to add several other users.

GCI Communications already has a lease for one set of cellular antennas, but the battle for cell phone data plans has really begun to heat up in rural Alaska.

AT&T is building their own 120 foot tower at their satellite dish downlink site on the ocean side of Front Street.

It seems that as we finally embrace the 3G, 4G and LTE services largely taken for granted in the most of the Lower 48, additional tower space will come at a premium.

This new lease will help to offset our monthly operating costs.

The Nome Joint Utility Board just approved another rate increase for our diesel-generated electricity. As the Lower 48 enjoys record low fuel prices, our fuel costs haven't, and won't budge, until June when new fuel arrives by barge. ■

Congratulations to staff member, Rolland Trowbridge. He just competed in the Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race held in the village of Bethel, Alaska.

Rolland and his team finished in 19th place. That was ahead of veteran musher and perennial Iditarod favorite, Dee Dee Jonrowe.

Next is the Yukon Quest. That is a 1,000 mile race from White Horse, Yukon Territory to Fairbanks. The starting points swap every year, so for this race, Rolland will have to transport his team to Canada. The Quest is every bit as gruelling as the Iditarod and some say it is even more so.

And, yes, Rolland does have his sights set on the Iditarod, the Last Great Race. While he is not registered this year, both the Kuskokwim and the Yukon Quest are qualifying races for the Iditarod. ■

KICY Will Cook Wild Alaskan Salmon For You.

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner. I have just returned from the Midwinter Conference in Denver and cooking 150 pounds of Silver Salmon from Minnesota to Nebraska to Kansas.



together. If your church would like a free salmon dinner, before or after the 12th, give us a call or send an e-mail. We love to ship in Nome-caught salmon, cook it up and share the vision of KICY. ■

We are now attempting to secure dates and locations for a west coast 'salmon tour'. Our first stop...or perhaps the last...will be McMinnville Covenant in McMinnville, Oregon on April 12th. We are planning to bring Luda along to share her testimony and sing a few Russian Christian songs.

If your church is 'in the neighborhood' and that means anywhere from the Canadian border to Mexico, then let's put something

Upcoming Dinners Calendar

March 29

*St. Paul's Catholic Church
Bellevue, Florida*

April 12

*McMinnville Covenant Church
McMinnville, Oregon*

October 3

*Kalamazoo Covenant Church
Kalamazoo, Michigan*

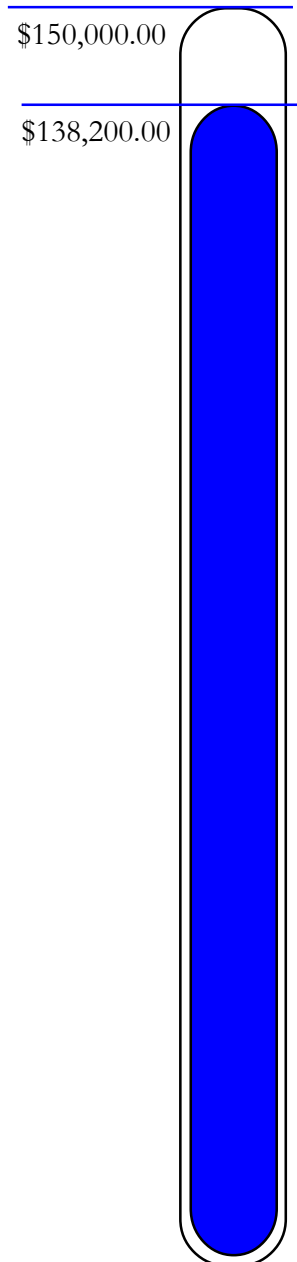
October 10

*Trinity Covenant Church
Livingston, New Jersey*

Can You Help?

We are getting closer and closer to wrapping up the Triplex Apartment project. The electric has been installed. The plumbing is in. The interior walls are all framed in. The boiler and heating system are being installed. We are ready to finish the insulation and begin the drywall installation.

We hope to order appliances to arrive on the first barge. This is where you can help. We will need three of everything, refrigerators, washers, dryers and ranges.



Memorials

In November, December and January we received memorials in the name of:

Karl Zeil

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Polly Hunter

Harold Swanberg

Rosie Nelson

George A. Larson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

\$39,207.22

-January Budget-

\$40,061.67

-January Expenses-

\$36,059.99

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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Winter Fundraising Tour Wraps Up.

Twelve Days and about 1,000 miles later, the winter salmon dinner fund-raising tour is a wrap. Even though the Covenant Mid-winter Conference was in Denver, to pull this off I had to fly to Chicago and begin my land-based trip with a 6 1/2 hour drive to Christ Community Covenant in Owatonna, Minnesota. Fortunately, the weather was good for the first 80% of my travels.

From Minnesota on Friday night to Salem Covenant in Oakland, Nebraska the very next night, this had all the markings of an intense

salmon dinner tour. I made it on time and cooked up salmon for nearly 90.

From Nebraska, I headed to the Denver Conference. We aired

our CareForce program live from Denver on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and provided a live feed from the evening worship services on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.



The Kings, Josh, Terry and Sally gather with Dennis Weidler and Salem Pastor, Steve Holden.

After the conference I headed east into Kansas and the New Gottland Covenant Church just outside of McPherson. It was after that dinner, on Sunday morning, when I met a blizzard named Linus head-on. Finally after two days of 35 m.p.h. travel on the ice covered interstates, I made it safely back to Chicago and my flight back to Nome. ■