

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

Iditarod. Basketball. The Annual church spring conferences. This is just about the busiest time of the year in our service to western Alaska.

We also broadcast live from the local Nome restaurant known as Airport Pizza during Iditarod week.




Dennis Weidler

This was a chance for interviews with mushers, the Teacher on the Trail, local businesses and other major and

minor celebrities. We even extended the Up & At 'Em morning show to 10 am to accommodate the extra discussion opportunities.

A special thanks to the Nome Covenant Church and Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux, for allowing us to erect our scaffolding beside the church...and for the free cinnamon rolls and hot chocolate as we "waited for the musher".

By May, we will be knee-deep into fishing reports and nearly endless sunshine. But for now, we are working with daylight saving time and the local sunset at about 10 pm...already.

This has been a rather moderate winter so far. In January of 2012, we dropped to -42 and stayed there the entire month. This year the average was just below zero. Isn't it great when zero is considered a 'warming trend'? 



Stephen Palmatier and Ian Coglan in the KICY eye-in-the sky.


## Mitch Seavey Wins Iditarod 41.

Iditarod 2012 saw the youngest musher ever to win the 1100 mile race from Anchorage to Nome. That was Dallas Seavey. This year it was the oldest musher to ever win the Iditarod. It was 53 year-old Mitch Seavey. Yes, he's Dallas' dad. Last year three generations of Seaveys competed in the same race with Grandad Dan finishing near the back of the pack. To say the Seaveys represent a dog mushing dynasty would be an understatement. Oh, yes, did we mention that Conway Seavey, Dallas' younger brother, won the Junior Iditarod? All in a day's mush, one might think.

Our coverage team included Patty Burchell, a former KICY volunteer and now an Arctic Broadcasting board member. She provided race analysis from the starting line to the finish in Nome. Lon Swanson drove Mobile One (the blue van) out past Farley's Camp on the Council Road

and tracked the mushers back into Nome. Ian Coglan and Stephen Palmatier manned the scaffolding in our 'eye in the sky' directly above the finish line. Thanks to Nome Covenant Church for letting us erect our perch on church property. And, Dr. Phil Schobert handled the man-on-the-street interviews chatting it up with out of town visitors and locals alike.

Temperatures hovered near, and often below zero as Mitch, followed 25 minutes later by number two musher, Aliy Zirkle made their way into Nome. Ms. Zirkle came in second last year as well, following the younger Seavey into town.

With Mitch safely into Nome at 10:39 pm, there was a continuous stream of finishers coming off the trail for the next 24 hours. It was a great race with few incidents. 

## KICY Installs Sound System For The City of Nome.



*Lon and Stephen hoisting speakers.*

Right after Christmas, the City of Nome contacted KICY about upgrading the sound system at the City's venue called the Mini-Convention Center. This site also goes by the name of the Iditarod Headquarters. It seems that at the last few events, no one could hear the presentation. The city wanted the Iditarod visitors to avoid that same situation.

KICY had installed the PA system on Front Street to announce the mushers arriving into Nome. We had also installed the sound system at the Lutheran Church in Nome, and at the Unalakleet Covenant Church last spring just before the statewide conference. There is also a new system at the Shaktoolik Covenant Church.

By mid-January we had ordered nearly \$10,000 worth of electronics, although a full one-third of that cost was for shipping.

A few weeks before Iditarod, all of the various parts and pieces had arrived and the KICY 'audio team' went to work with the installation. We also took time to decommission much of the old equipment still bolted to the walls. The result was a new sound system where everyone can hear...all the way back to the restrooms in the back of the hall. The hall also looked much cleaner with the removal of the old gear.

On March 24th, we had our first real trial run with a live musical performer. The fastest flat pick guitar player in the world, Dennis Agajanian, came to Nome to play at our Sunday morning service as well as a community concert on Sunday evening.

Even Dennis, who plays in a variety of venues around the world, was extremely happy with the sound. So was the crowd which had gathered for the concert! ■

## E-mail from Moscow:

I am really like to hear your radio station by my phone via internet from Moscow. Appreciate your music, it makes my work at office brighter :)

*--Alexandr Ostapchenko*

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

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Luda Kinok**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Penny Olanna**

**Stephen Palmatier**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

We are seeking prayer as our volunteers begin making plans to return to the Lower 48. Stephen Palmatier will depart by July 1st of this year. We need to be in prayer now about who will rise up and offer to serve at KICY when Stephen has gone. We also certainly pray for his work opportunities. He has gained a lot of experience from his daily show, basketball play-by-play and even working in our Traffic and Music Scheduling systems.

We all wish him well. ■

# Salmon Fundraising Dinners Being Planned Through October, 2013.

This upcoming year will be officially known henceforth as the "Year of Salmon Dinners". We have added some new target months with expanded opportunities to schedule a Free Salmon Fundraising Dinner at your church.

The next scheduled time to fly in the salmon would be in early August. This has traditionally been a west coast week, from Washington to Arizona.

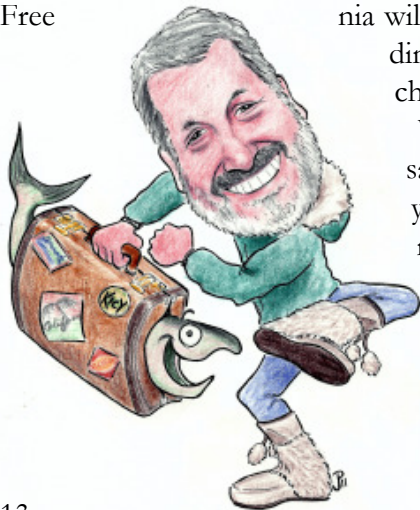
And, finally for 2013, we have several dates for the first week of October, including Bethlehem Covenant in Minneapolis, Minne-

sota on October 2nd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 3rd and Kalamazoo Covenant on October 5th. On October 7th, a group of churches in Honesdale, Pennsylvania

will host a salmon dinner and two other churches are pending.

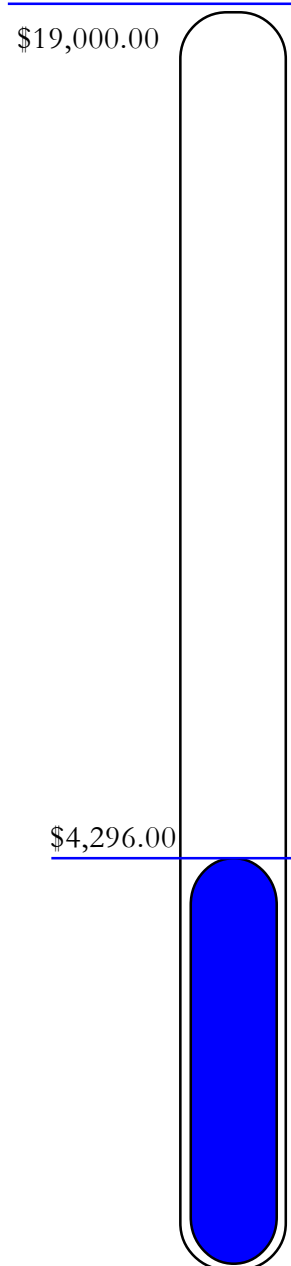
We have a goal of 20 salmon dinners per year. This is a great missions opportunity and a chance be brought up to date on our work in the arctic.

Be sure to check the main page of our website for the most up-to-date information. Simply type in [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org) and scroll to the bottom. ■



## Can You Help?

Scheduled maintenance this year includes a new AM automation computer for \$3,200, a new, non-carrier level dependent AM modulation monitor for \$2,200 and new electrolytic capacitors for the AM transmitter for \$3,500. In building maintenance, we hope to re-side the Yellow House and re-roof the Yellow and Gray houses and the Studio Building for approximately \$10,000.



### From our fax machine:

Your station 'rocks' our terminal!  
--The gang from ERA Alaska

### Memorials

In March, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Mina Bachelder
- Bob Corrigan
- Marvel Miller
- Jules & Louise Matson
- Paul & Ruth Ohlund
- Jim Ramsey
- Lloyd W. Flood
- Rune Brandt
- William Torsen
- Lucille Franklin

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

### PLEASE NOTE!

- March Income-  
**\$30,891.58**
- March Budget-  
**\$32,980.00**
- March Expenses-  
**\$26,851.17**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Nome Covenant to be gifted a new church building.

After 15 years, our pastor's and our church's steadfast prayers have been answered.

The Nome Covenant Church building holds many special memories of weddings and funerals. Of baptisms and VBS. For over 60 years the little church at the corner of Front and Bering Streets has been a bright beacon to the citizens of Nome and the entire region. But it is a church which is, like many of us, beginning to show signs of age. There are cables across the sanctuary holding the building together. There are rotting timbers below us. There are not enough pews so we place folding chairs in the aisles to

handle all the worshippers.

Enter Dennis Agajanian, who travels with Franklin Graham and performs worship music as the fastest guitar picker in the world. After a recent concert in Nome, Dennis thought the church could use a new sanctuary. The church's condition didn't escape his attention.



*South elevation of the new church.*

We were unaware at the time, but he was flying to Japan with Franklin and mentioned the Nome Covenant Church. Of course, Franklin Graham is a former Nomeite and was aware of the Covenant Church. He also has a great heart for bush Alaska and understands our challenges. He committed Samaritan's Purse to the construction of a new building, which will nearly double our seating capacity. The old building will come down in May and we hope to be in the new church by November.

We are constantly praising God for this amazing gift. The steadfast prayer of a righteous man (or church) availeth much. ■