

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

This is the month when everything starts to happen. We have work teams arriving from Tucson, Arizona, as early as May 24th. Then in June, other teams begin arriving from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Eagle River, Alaska and Plymouth, Indiana. The new tuning house will be built, the towers will go back up and the first barge of the season should be here around June 10th. We have been waiting since last year for this month to get here.

When the summer is over, your KICY AM-850 should be broadcast-



Dennis Weidler

ing at 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day. From 11 pm to 4 am, we will be beaming

directly into the heart of the Russian Far East with a massive, new signal.

We ask for your prayers that the rebuilding process will allow us to eliminate all of the old problems which plagued the transmitter site. Pray that the days of melting permafrost are gone. Pray that we have planned and built a strong, safe, reliable, new directional broadcast system. Pray that this will all be done with safety for all volunteer workers.

We thank all of you who "give by going" and those who "go by giving". It takes both and both allow our work here to continue.

Again, please pray for our very busy summer work schedule. ■



A village group prepares to perform.

Live From Shishmaref.

Every year, the Lutheran Spring Conference is held in western Alaska. On alternate years, the conference is held in Nome at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, just down the street from the KICY studios. Every other year, the conference is moved from village to village on the Seward Peninsula. This year, it was Shishmaref's turn to host the event. That meant transporting staff from Nome to Shishmaref to send a live feed each evening as well as record the many hours of singing.

George Bard flew the 30 minutes from Nome to Shishmaref and operated as KICY technician for Wednesday and Thursday nights. Dr. Phil and Lisa Schobert volunteered for Friday and Saturday nights. Neither Dr. Phil nor Lisa had been to a western Alaska village though they have lived in Nome for nearly three years.

Each brought back hours of re-

corded Native singing which we have begun to edit and load into our music scheduling system. This will allow us to play individual selections from the conference during our SingSpiration Times as well as the weekend Get-Togethers.

This year, we invested in a new digital recorder which includes its own stereo microphones, a headphone output and line output which we can plug directly into our remote broadcast unit. The music files can be quickly downloaded as MP3 files, into our music editing computers. The first three evening's music has already been edited and George has been busy adding the new music into our daily playlists.

This is the fifth Spring event we were able to record this year using the new technology. What a blessing! ■



Rob Hall in the KICY studio after the recent ABA board meeting.

Meet Rob Hall.

In October 1984, Rob Hall accepted Christ as his savior in his freshman dorm room at North Park College (now University). This “adoption” into the family of God also marked Rob’s adoption into the Evangelical Covenant Church. Rob is a graduate of North Park College (’84) and DePaul University Law School (’95). He lives in Chicago with his wife Jill and their sons Jimmie and Nathan. They attend Winnetka Covenant Church in Wilmette, IL, where Rob serves on the board of trustees.

Currently Rob serves as the Associate Director of Technical and Legal Services for the Evangelical Covenant Church, assisting churches in the Eastern half of the United States and Alaska with land, facility and finance issues. Beginning June 1, he will move to National Covenant Properties serving as the Vice President of Real Estate Services, doing the same tasks as his previous position.

Prior to working with the Evangelical Covenant Church, Rob worked with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build affordable housing

for low income individuals and families.

In the spring of 1985, not long after his conversion, Rob was in Little Falls, MN with Don Nelson, the person who had led him to Christ. While there Don and Rob were guests in the home of Rev. Maynard Londberg who shared slides of his time in Alaska. At the time, Rob thought it would be great if he could visit Alaska just once in his life. Little did he know that God would lead him to a position that would allow him to serve the churches of ECCAK and Radio Station KICY. As of the date of this writing Rob has made 21 trips to Alaska and is planning to bring his family to Alaska in August so they can enjoy the beauty and fun of Alaska.

In 2003 Rob had the pleasure of working with Greg Asimakoupoulos on the writing of Ptarmigan Telegraph, the Story of Radio Station KICY. It was exciting to hear all the ways that God has led and sustained the station through the years. It was also very fulfilling to be able to capture the history of the station directly from people like Ralph Hanson, Ralph Fondell and Bill Hartman. Both Rob and Greg felt the book was a labor of love that they hope will inspire people in their own faith.

Since his conversion, Rob has sought to serve God and even attended a year at North Park Seminary before realizing his call was not to pastoral ministry. He has enjoyed using his gifts and talents in parachurch work over the past 20 years since graduating from North Park. He hopes that his contributions to the work of ECCAK and KICY help in some small way to see others lead to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. ■

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Chris Vandergraph

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are still looking for a full-time volunteer staff member to help answer phones, check e-mails, clear faxes and type Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and Public Service Announcements.

Luda returned from Sereniki for what was to be a short trip to visit with family and friends. As it turned out, the mission plane was delayed for several weeks! Thanks to George Bard for helping with the daily Russian updates.



Kintronics designer, Rob Elder with Terry Reynolds in front of part of the new KICY directional system.

The Equipment is on the Barge.

“When I first walked into

Kintronics and saw the phaser, all I could say was, Oh my.”

Terry Reynolds, our newest Arctic Broadcasting Board member and project coordinator for the rebuilding project this summer, recently returned from a trip to Tennessee where he saw firsthand the phasers and antenna tuning units as they were being prepared for shipping by barge to Nome.

The phaser, consisting of five cabinets, is over 25 feet long. There are also four very large ATU's or Antenna Tuning Units which will be placed on concrete piers at the base of each of the three towers. In all, there is enough material to fill two 20 foot long shipping containers.

These left Kintronics on Friday, April 20th on their way to Seattle and Northland Barge Service to Nome.

Also in the containers were large spools of transmission line, sample loop lines and control wiring.

Terry visited the plant, met with designer, Rob Elder and helped to pretune the system so it will be a close match to our system when it arrives in Nome.

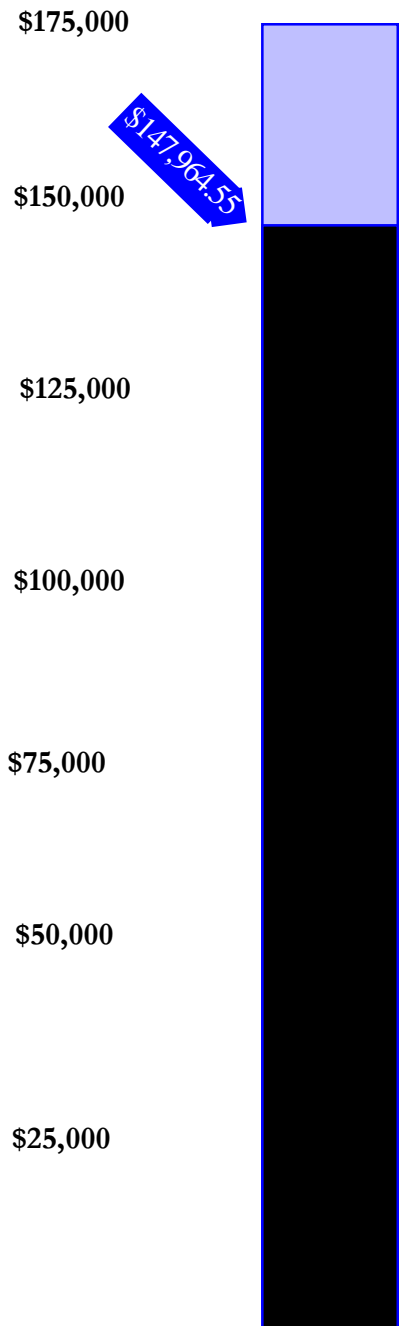
Terry also took lots of pictures and documented how items were placed as he will be in charge of putting things all back together at the KICY transmitter site.

“I'm excited to be part of the rebuilding team this summer”, said Terry. ■

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

We are getting close to the \$148,000 mark with \$811.31 received in April. Thank you! The equipment has been shipped and is on its way to Nome.

But, we have only until **June 1, 2007** to raise the remaining funds. Please help keep KICY debt-free.



Memorials

In April, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Charles "Bud" Palmquist

Robert W. Hanson

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Della M. Katchatag

Jake Linblad Perkins

Esther Nieglene

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-April Income-

\$30,099.49

-April Budget-

\$32,085.00

-April Expenses-

\$30,232.18

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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The New AM License Change Granted.

A recent e-mail from our Washington F.C.C. Attorney got all of us talking about the miracles we see every day. Three years ago, KICY AM-850 had applied to change our license to allow us to broadcast at 50,000 watts for 24-hours-a-day.

The original license had required us to lower our power at sunset to 10,000 watts and increase it to 50,000 watts for our directional signal into Russia. Then, we had to return to 10,000 watts until local sunrise when we could again return to 50,000 watts. This was all designed to protect a

station at 840 khz in the Anchorage area.

Three years ago, that station was purchased and turned off to allow for a station on the same frequency to be built in the San

Francisco Bay area. As soon as Arctic Broadcasting heard about the station in Anchorage 'going dark', we applied for the unrestricted 50,000 watt license. It sat in Washington for nearly three years. Then, the e-mail arrived from our Attorney with the new license attached.

KICY AM-850 is now officially licensed by the F.C.C. for 50,000 watts, 'round the clock. At 11 pm all we will do is change the pattern and then change it back at 4:00 am.

God has blessed the Covenant Church and Arctic Broadcasting with a powerful ministry tool! ■



*Frances Whitmore holds the new license.
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AM stations in the nation.*

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