

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

The countdown is on. Fewer than 10 months remain before our 50th Anniversary Celebration here in Nome. This is an open invitation to anyone who has ever been involved with KICY to visit with us here in Nome the weekend of April 17th, 2010. That is 50 years to the date when KICY signed on.

We have already reserved the Nome Recreation Center as the venue for our celebration dinner. Let us know if you are coming. We need a head count for the dinner so let us know of your plans.



Dennis Weidler

In the meantime, editing the 50th Anniversary

DVD is complete. Each disc will contain a full 25 minute video as well as a 3 minute video for presentation in your church on Sunday morning.

Summer work teams are already on the ground in Nome. Between the Tuggys and the Kirbys from Tucson, KICY has a full complement of volunteer workers in place. In July, the Towers For Jesus Team will be here to install the LED tower lights.

Remember, KICY is Salmon Powered....salmon dinners that is. Salmon Fundraising Dinners help keep the lights on and the transmitter broadcasting. Can you and your church help? Let me know. 



The new Hooper Bay Church building and Youth Center/Coffee Shop.

## Covenant Statewide Conference Held In Hooper Bay.

April 16th through the 19th marked the Annual Statewide Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska. This year, Hooper Bay was the host church and they really rolled out the welcome mat.

Since you can't "get there from here", Missionary Aviation Repair Center and Arctic Barnabas shuttled folks in to Hooper Bay from the other regional villages. It still took the better part of a day, hopping from Nome to White Mountain to Elim to Unalakleet and finally into Hooper Bay where the temperatures had dropped and the winds had picked up. A quick ride in a sled behind a snowmachine and we were at our destination, the new church building and youth center built last year by Samaritan's Purse.

It was great fun to see many familiar faces I've come to know over the past 10 years. Delegates, pastors and community members packed the

church for the evening worship services and we were able to broadcast each of those services and record the songs to expand our music library. It was fun getting a "shoutout" from friends in the villages of the region saying how much they were enjoying the broadcasts each evening.

This is not to say there weren't challenges. Hooper Bay is a village of about 1,200 and there still isn't running water or sewer to all homes...including the new church building. We relied on three honey buckets and water trucked in to a holding tank to meet our needs. We were also creative with our sleeping accommodations. I duct taped six chairs together and put my sleeping bag into the "nest". It was quite comfortable.

A big thanks to Pastor Grant Funk and everyone in Hooper Bay for making us feel at home. 

## Covering the Lutheran Conference.

Early in April I had the privilege of traveling to the village of Brevig Mission for the Seward Peninsula Lutheran Church annual conference. Located on the coast of the Bering Sea, eighty miles northwest of Nome, the village is windswept and cold in the early April spring. It is named for the pioneering Norwegian Lutheran pastor, Tollef L. Brevig. Representing KICY, I was



*A Brevig Mission team out for a run.*

up there to record music and run the equipment to broadcast the worship services over KICY. It is through the fellowship and listening to people's stories that I can learn how we can serve the KICY audience better.

As cold as it was, I managed to hike around the village some. I

walked over to the cemetery and found the head stones of T. L. Brevig's wife and daughter. He and his family paid a high price to bring the good news of God's in-breaking kingdom to this part of the world. I couldn't help but think that as a member of today's Church, I stand

on the shoulders of those who were obedient to their calling. Upon whose shoulders will the next generation stand?

A few people raise sled dogs in the

village. Pastor Brian Crockett is one of those dog owners. It was fun to watch them get a dog team together to give the dogs some exercise. I was reminded of the tremendous task a village pastor has being the pastor to a whole village. Please keep all village pastors in your prayers.

-- Lon Swanson ■

## A Prayer Request.

*For each of our volunteer staff members.*

**George Bard**  
**Luella Dennis**  
**Adam Lust**  
**Luda Kinok**  
**Anna Moore**  
**Penny Olanna**  
**Dr. Phil Schobert**  
**Lon Swanson**  
**Chris Vandergraph**  
**Jon Wehde**  
**Candace Weidler**  
**Frances Whitmore**

## You Can Be An Arctic Ambassador of the Gospel.

KICY AM-850 offers a unique opportunity for you to sponsor one hour of broadcasting each month. For only \$42 a month, your name and your hometown will be broadcast as the sponsor of that hour.

If you would like, we'll also send you a CD of a live recording of one of your hours and a certificate of appreciation for your support of Christian radio in western Alaska.

Only  
**\$42**  
*a month*

We are now able to offer sponsorships of one hour of Russian

Programming each month. For \$42 a month, Luda Kinok will air your sponsorship in Russian and I'll announce it in English. Just be sure to specify if you would like to sponsor

an hour of Russian Programming and we'll make the arrangements.

We have a record number of Arctic Ambassadors and the membership keeps growing! ■

The summer work teams are filling in this year's schedule. So far, we have teams in place from June 4th through July 15th. If you'd like to be part of a volunteer work team in Nome next summer, let us know soon so we can make plans for your arrival.

There are a variety of projects such as painting and light carpentry. We'll provide the materials and 24 hours of daylight.

So far, there is a team from Tucson again this year, a team from Eagle River and the Towers for Jesus crew. ■

# Farewell To The Major & JROTC

After six years, we are forced to say goodbye to Major Grennon. He has been a big supporter of KICY through his volunteer service. He drove the students in to the studios to



*"The Major" in the studio.*

help out during the morning broadcasts of the Coffee Crew. He organized the basketball play-by-play team. He hosted an air shift on Saturday. He co-produced Garden Talk, Dad's Kitchen and What's Up at Nome Public Schools with Jon Wehde.

Now, the school district budget is no longer able to fund JROTC, as well as several other teachers and programs. Cutbacks are never a favorite topic, especially when

they involve the loss of so many who have given so much to our community.

The Nome-Beltz JROTC was a highly visible and widely motivating organization for hundreds of students over its six

year history. When the school system first sought a JROTC program, we were 814th on the list, nationwide. Our Senator, Ted Stevens, put us into the number one slot. That will not happen again.

All of us at KICY will feel the loss when The Major, as he is known, boards his flight back to his family in Anchorage. Thank you, Major, for all you did for Nome and KICY. ■

## Operation Ready Power.

With the successful completion of Phase One last summer, we are gearing up for Phase Two next summer. That requires the purchase of a new 150 kw diesel generator for the AM transmitter site. We will need to order the generator in the spring for arrival by barge in the summer.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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## Memorials

In April & May, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Lloyd Johanson  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Don L. Brorson  
Dorothy Harman  
Helen Anderson  
Ken Kilheffer  
Connie Crosby  
James Nelson  
Marlys Nelson  
David P. White  
Curtis Gustafson  
Harris Ronning  
Mildred Huxley

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-April Income-

**\$25,436.29**

-April Budget-

**\$33,660.00**

-April Expenses-

**\$35,066.92**

-May Income-

**\$36,617.91**

-May Budget-

**\$33,460.00**

-May Expenses-

**\$31,640.37**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

# Four Receive Broadcasting Awards.

During an awards night ceremony held May 15th in the Nome-Beltz cafeteria, KICY had the honor of presenting four broadcaster awards. Three went to JROTC cadets and one was awarded to Brendan Wehde, son of our new superintendent and KICY volunteer, Jon Wehde.

The annual awards ceremony followed an amazing prime rib dinner complete with asparagus, broccoli, roasted potatoes and a beautiful cake for dessert. In Nome, a prime rib dinner is reason to celebrate and this was as good a dinner as we've had

anywhere. Thanks to the Nome-Beltz Cafeteria coordinator, Tim Stettinger, our new superintendent, Jon Wehde and the 5th and 6th grade students who helped

serve and bus tables for our JROTC cadets. The students who KICY had the opportunity to honor were all part of the basketball play-by-play team which Major Grennon put

together. Fortunately, two of the award recipients will be returning next year to help out again. It was a real pleasure working with these young people who gave much of their time to make sure we had excellent coverage of our Nanook basketball action.

Congratulations to all the award winners that evening. ■



*Brendan Wehde, Abree Verdin, Dennis Weidler, Landis Bjorgen and Sharon Verdin at the awards ceremony.*



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