

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

The year was 1998 and I was a 6th grade teacher in California. I had felt the call of God early in my life toward missions, but aside from a couple of short summer experiences, had not yet begun to discover what that call meant for me. I had thought dedi-

cating myself to a life of missions meant going to some far away place to do great things for God. But in fact, I was



*Patty Burchell*

slowly coming to see that missions is a way of life, not a location. God had placed me in the public schools in California, which was definitely a mission field, even though it was in my home state.

As often happens, once that lesson was somewhat mastered, God began to lay the groundwork for something different. It was almost as if He was saying, "Okay, now that you understand My call is for life, regardless of location, you are ready to take that understanding to another place."

God placed a restlessness within me, and the need to take a break from teaching. I had been receiving an earlier version of this Call Letter in which was always a small note stating that if a person could give a year, they could learn radio. What

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## Tower Repairs Begin



*Tower Team replacing braces*

A tower team from Nolan Brothers arrived May 27th to begin the arduous task of replacing over 900 braces on two of our towers. The weather was questionable, but with the promise of sunny days ahead the team began the rigging process. The skies cleared and steady progress has been made with two teams of two on each tower and a runner on the ground. The team will spend about three weeks, working long hours each day, bolting each one in place. Weather is always a factor, and we are trusting it will remain calm and rain-free for the duration of the project.

Thanks to all who have made the financial portion of this project possible. What a blessing to have so

many donors giving, allowing us to reap the benefit of the matching grant from the Murdock Foundation. As reported in the last Call Letter, we are fully funded because of your generosity.

We are praising God that we can make these repairs without having to take down the towers. This means that we can still be on the air evenings and overnight, at least at low power.

If all goes well, we will be back on the air 24 hours a day, at full power, by the end of June. Pray with us for continued good weather and safety for the tower team as they complete this project so critical to KICY. ■

# Farewell, Weidlers

It was a month of celebration as many bade a fond farewell to Dennis and Candace Weidler. After eighteen years of service as General Manager of KICY, Dennis officially retired on May 10th. Celebrating his many accomplishments began at the Annual

many years of service at the City of Nome the previous day.

And finally, a celebration was held at the Nome Covenant Church on May 7th. Staff shared memories, the Weidlers were sent forth with prayers of blessing, and of course, there was cake!

Dennis and Candace impacted



*Dennis and Candace Weidler, thanks for your service to KICY*

Meeting of the Alaska Conference. This year's meeting was held at Community Covenant Church in Eagle River, April 26-28. During the general meeting, Dennis' tenure as general manager of KICY was honored. And in the evening, there was cake!

The celebration continued as the ABA Board blessed the Weidlers with a dinner after their Saturday meeting. Candace was able to attend as well, having just retired from

KICY, the community of Nome, and all of Western Alaska in so many ways. Their integrity, generosity, and humble service in the name of Christ are a shining example to all.

They have moved to Homer, Alaska, and will no doubt find many ways to be involved in their new community, continuing to impact those around them with the Good News of the Gospel. We send them with God's richest blessings to their next adventure. ■

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

**George Bard**

**Patty Burchell**

**Ian Coglan**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Luda Kinok**

**Lon Swanson**

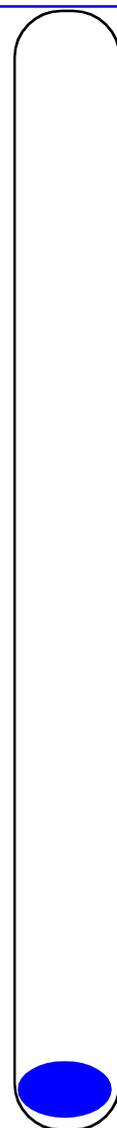
## *Volunteer at KICY!*

Do you have a heart for service? Would you like to be part of a vital ministry spreading the Gospel to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East? Would you like to be part of a vibrant Christian Community? Can you commit to a year in Alaska? Do you have a sense of adventure? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have a place for you as a volunteer at KICY. Volunteers have the opportunity to be part of various aspects of the ministry, including on air work, recording spots, entering music, and office duties. No radio experience is necessary, just a heart for service and a willingness to learn. If you are interested in pursuing this unique opportunity, visit our website, [kicy.org](http://kicy.org) for more information, or email Patty Burchell at [generalmanager@kicy.org](mailto:generalmanager@kicy.org). I excitedly look forward to hearing from you! ■

# AM Translator

**K**ICY has been approved for an AM translator through the AM Revitalization Project. We have chosen the village of Elim as the site for this translator. Currently, our signal is difficult to pick up in that town, and this translator will vastly improve reception in the region. This project, however, does not come without cost. We will need \$15,000 to purchase the necessary equipment, including a tower and transmission lines. Thank you for considering a donation toward this capital project.

\$15,000



## Manager's Mic continued...

could provide a more different experience from teaching in California than Christian radio in Nome, Alaska?

And so it was that I ended up in Nome in the summer of 1999 to begin a year of volunteer service at KICY. That year became two, and those two became a lingering connection with the ministry as my heart never truly left Nome. I continued to be involved, visiting and volunteering short term, bringing youth groups from California to KICY for summer mission trips, serving on the ABA Board, and finally returning to Nome permanently in 2015, or at least as permanently as following Christ will allow. For the last year and a half I have been a full time volunteer as the station's Program Director.

Only God could have foreseen that this teacher from California would one day accept the call to be the next General Manager of KICY. I am approaching this new responsibility with tempered excitement, knowing the responsibility is great, but also knowing God has been preparing me for this for quite a

while. I am humbled and blessed by the trust the Arctic Broadcasting Association Board has placed in me, and am honored to join the long list of those who have served well in this capacity in the past.

Dennis has been an amazing leader and mentor. The listing of his accomplishments and benefits to the station and the community of Nome are almost endless. He has effectively led this ministry, expected a high level of professionalism from staff, and done it all with a true servant's heart. It has been my privilege to absorb as much from him as I possibly could, and an even bigger blessing to have him and Candace as friends. His are big shoes to fill, which I do not even hope to do. What I can do is step into my own shoes and walk where the Spirit leads. This is, after all, His station.

I covet your prayers in this transition time, and in to the future. Thank you for your support of this ministry. I am excitedly looking forward to the wonderful things God has in store for the ministry of KICY. ■

## Memorials

In February and March we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**

**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

**Bob Corrigan**

**Richard Lundberg**

**Jon Erickson**

**Norma Ang**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-

**\$37,020.79**

-May Budget-

**\$30,926.31**

-May Expenses-

**\$29,076.99**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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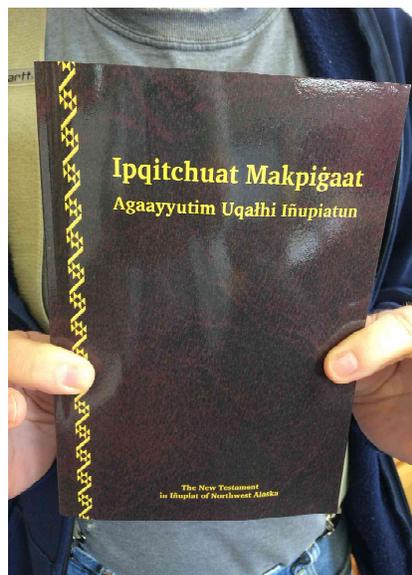
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## Inupiaq New Testaments Arrive

**I**nupiaq Bibles have arrived! Published by Wycliff and the International Bible League, these New Testaments are in one of the native languages of Northwest Alaskans. With easy-to-read text and line drawn illustrations, the words of Scripture come alive.

Native Alaskans in the region are recovering their language with many schools now offering native language classes. Over the years, songs and hymns have been both translated to, and written in, Inupiat, as well as the other native languages in the region. Many of these songs have been recorded at Village Get-Togethers over the



*Inupiaq Bibles ready for giving*

years and are played on KICY during Singspiration Time each day.

Native language readings of Scripture have been a part of the broadcast day on KICY since its beginning. We currently play sections of Scripture in Inupiaq, recorded by Wycliffe Bible Translators, during our Singspiration Time each week-end.

The Bibles are available by request, or listeners can win them when playing Bible Trivia or the Riddle Machine. We are pleased to be able to offer these New Testaments to our listeners. ■