

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

It has been a most eventful summer thus far. Our new FM is complete. The AM project is on track.

Now, we need to focus on the recruitment of full-time volunteers. We are extremely blessed to have so many folks from the community come forward to help out. Our last, full time, English speaking volunteer, Lon Swanson is scheduled to return home to Rockford, Illinois on September 2.

We are seeking at least one, full-time volunteer who can handle the midday on air shift and help out answering the phones, printing faxes, typing Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and responding to e-mails. We have plenty of housing as only



Dennis Weidler

one of the four apartments will have a resident, our Russian staff member, Luda Kinok.

So, consider this an invitation to have the experience of a lifetime serving the Lord by serving our listeners. Unlike radio in the Lower 48, you will have daily contact with listeners through CareForce prayer requests, personal messages as well as contests and giveaways.

As I increase travel to host Fund-raising Salmon Dinners, the need for additional staff in Nome becomes more and more important. Pray about it. Pass this message to someone you think would be a good fit as a radio missionary in Alaska. It is life changing. ■



The crane lifts the tower into position.

Bigger Tower. More Power.

After years of prayer and planning, KICY 100.3 FM is now broadcasting with a new transmitter through a new antenna on a new tower. What an exciting moment that was when we turned on the new transmitter and everything worked, just like it was supposed to.

Work began early this summer on June 2nd when the Smit team of seven arrived from Michigan and Seattle. Many of you may remember Steve Smit who was a KICY volunteer for two years in 2000 and 2001. He married another KICY volunteer, Beth Pond, then went to broadcast engineering school and today they live in Seattle where Steve is an engineer for Salem Radio.

Bright and early Monday morning the excavation began and over a ton and a half of rebar was woven into mats and support columns.

By Thursday, 23 cubic yards of concrete had been poured, fence posts installed and the site backfilled with new gravel. The tower sections and

support pole arrived by barge on Friday, with the tow plowing through sea ice in the harbor entrance. It was here just in time!

On June 13th the Towers for Jesus team arrived from Indiana and Wisconsin. They set to work assembling the tower on the ground and installing the four new elements which make up the FM antenna. On Thursday, June 15th at 4:10 PM the crane carefully lifted the tower up past the power lines and satellite dish to its new home on the concrete piers. We were all praying that the crane would be tall enough. It was. But just barely.

On Monday, Terry Reynolds, with the help of Fred Tuggy and Sam Whipple from Tucson, Arizona had made all of the connections to the new transmitter and the power was applied. It worked.

The new tower is 90 feet above the ground, nearly double the old tower and the antenna is mounted

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Two of the Towers for Jesus Team ascend the center tower.

Then, There Was One.

We always pray for the best and plan for the worst. This summer was no exception. The Towers for Jesus Team, which erected the center and east towers of our AM directional array, arrived this summer fully prepared to take down and rebuild the center tower. As we related earlier, melting permafrost had undermined the concrete pier on which it was sitting. The surprise came when we examined the base of the east tower. What looked good last summer had tilted nearly as badly as the center tower base. Yes, it had to come down too. And, there wasn't time to drive two sets of pilings and rebuild two towers. The end result is that as of this writing both the center and east towers are lying safely on the tundra.

Plans are to drive pilings, preferably when the weather turns colder to keep the permafrost frozen. Then, they will rebuild the two

towers and ground systems later this fall or first thing next summer.

We are so thankful for the Towers for Jesus Team, including Jim Hulse, Bob Meier and Tom Garrells. They travel all around the world building and maintaining towers for Christian broadcasters. They came prepared for bad weather and we didn't disappoint. Temperatures in the low 40s, rain, clouds and wind kept things lively for tower climbers. Fortunately, only half a day was lost to weather in the two weeks they were here.

Also arriving to help were Bill and Arlene Hartman. Bill is one of the founding fathers of KICY, putting together the original feasibility study for a radio station in Nome for Covenant World Missions back in the late 1950's. It was great to see Bill and Arlene here in western Alaska. They plan to return next year to rebuild.

Please pray for our rebuilding project. We still need to raise over \$100,000 to finish rebuilding. ■

From our Listeners:

“KICY is our 911 where we can always turn in times of spiritual emergency.” --*Dorcas Bloom*

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are so blessed to have Tim Sergie, Carol Morton, Dr. Phil and George Bard coming forth from the community of Nome to help out with our work here.

Keep praying. We need full-time staff this fall. And, if you can think of anyone in your church or your community who may seek an opportunity to serve in a western Alaska radio mission, have them contact me, Dennis Weidler.



The Towers for Jesus team.

on a pole at the top. The power was increased from 84 to 1,000 watts.

We received a call from a downtown office saying they were finally able to hear the station. A group drove out the Council Road to the village of Solomon. Yes, the signal was strong and clear. Even the communities of Dexter and Banner

Creek on the far side of Anvil Mountain were able to receive ICY 100.3 FM. Dr. Phil and his wife Lisa drove out the Teller Road and carried the station quite a distance. What an answer to prayer!

The FM audience has really grown over the past year and the new signal will give us the potential of many new listeners. ■

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

As you can see, we took in \$9,001 toward our Capital Campaign! Thank you! That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

Summer teams have completed the critical tower projects for this summer.

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

A Critical Need: 90 New Monthly Financial Supporters.

Thank you, thank you to each one of you who continue to financially support this essential broadcast service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

The truth is, we need more of you. KICY is seeking 90 new individuals, families, churches or Sunday School Classes to become financial shareholders at \$30 a month for one year. That could be in the form of 50 Arctic Ambassadors at \$42 a month and 50 Chukotkan Missionaries at \$21 a month, or any combination.

Fuel cost increases, certainly not unfamiliar to all of you, threaten our ability to continue broadcasting. Can you help?

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

Memorials

In June, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Steve Ruzich
- Rev. John Carlson
- Dorothy Easterling
- Eleanor I. Swenson
- Lorraine Nelson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-

\$19,170.15

-June Budget-

\$21,580.00

-June Expenses-

\$24,426.09

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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

\$47,377.20

Meet Volunteer George Bard.

KICY receives gifts every day. The most recent gift is the volunteer service of George Bard.

George is a gold miner and, most recently, a surveyor in training here in Nome and attends the Nome Covenant Church. But that still gives him some time to help out at KICY.

It's interesting to note that George grew up just a few miles from where KICY G. M. Dennis Weidler was raised in rural southern Lancaster County in Pennsylvania.

One morning after church George approached Irene

Houdek about helping out in some way. Irene seized the moment and began training George on the ins and outs of



*Volunteer George Bard
entering new FM Music.*

adding new Christian Hit music to the programming format of ICY 100.3 FM. Irene knew her time here was running down so this was a great opportunity!

In addition to working on FM programming, George assists on maintenance projects around the studio building. Most recently, he tackled the fencing around the new FM tower.

We are all delighted to have George Bard on staff at KICY. Please keep George in your prayers that he may find great success in gold dredging or in his other avocation as surveyor.

We are so blessed when folks in the community are willing to serve at KICY. ■

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