

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

What a wonderful summer this has been! I certainly don't mean the weather which has been borderline miserable. But I do mean how productive everyone has been with the projects we needed to accomplish.

The FM Project is complete. The AM towers have been dismantled and are awaiting paint and rebuilding very early next summer. The KICY Studio Building has been spruced up.

July brought several hard working teams to Nome including Patty Burchell and Chris Smith from Cali-



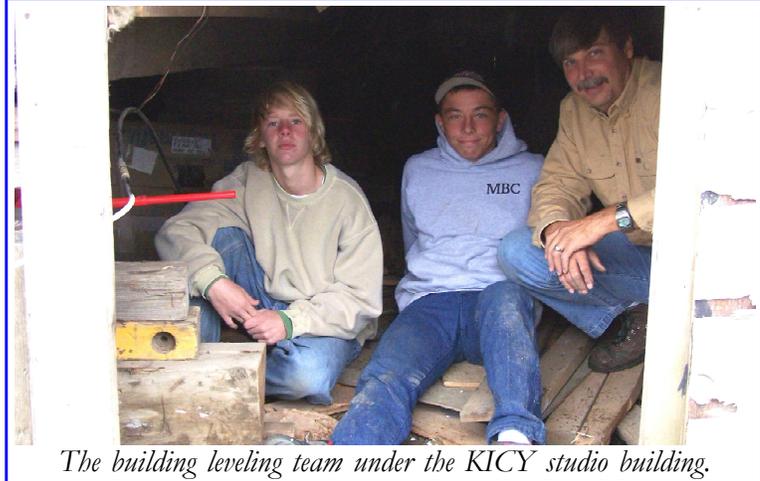
Dennis Weidler

fornia, Ron Kovacs and Mitchell Ehrhart from Tucson and Wade Remer

and his daughter, also from Tucson. In addition, former KICY volunteer, Julie Yoder came back for a visit. We also hosted several bush pastors and their families as they traveled through Nome as well as the team from SOAR on their way to Russia.

Nome is definitely at the crossroads as weary travelers make their way to far off destinations. It's a privilege to serve in that capacity.

Now, we are heavily into scheduling fundraising salmon dinners for the fall and into next spring. This is our primary funding source to rebuild the AM directional signal and renew our mission into Russia. If you or your church would like to have a salmon dinner...let us know. 



The building leveling team under the KICY studio building.

The Studio Building Gets a Double Lift.

I had begun to notice that walking into the back part of the studio building felt like walking down hill. It was time again to level, or plumb, the KICY studio building. Winters are especially hard on buildings in the arctic, even when built on thawed ground. The KICY studio building was showing signs of frost heave stress.

Last winter, a snow drift had formed in the hallway. That's not really unusual except that this time, the drift was right outside the apartment door on the bottom floor. Normally, any snow drifts would form upstairs in the apartment hallway. These drifts occur where the two buildings, the basement recording studio and the main studio building, are joined together. The main building is constructed on piers and the basement studio is poured concrete. As the seasons ebb and flow, the buildings pull apart and reconnect so there must be 'moving space' left between the two buildings.

Within days of the arrival of Ron

Kovacs, Mitchell Ehrhart and Chris Smith, jacks were procured (ours were lost in last year's fire) and the building slowly raised a few inches on the north end. Now, the doors open and close and stay open when you want them to. As is common, through the leveling process, cracks appeared in the walls of the lobby, in the hallways and in the break area of the studio. Enter Wade Remer and his daughter from Tucson. Wade is a painter. Yes, God delivers exactly what we need, when we need it. The two Remers set out fixing the cracks, painting the walls and even found time to scrape and paint the exterior of the studio building and repair the KICY sign out front.

We feel like we're all dressed up for Sunday services! The building got a lift (literally) and we all feel like we got a 'lift' ourselves.

Thanks for all the hard work and perfect timing! 



The Remers neatly hand-paint the KICY sign.

Sprucing Up The Place.

It's not all towers and transmitters for the KICY Summer Work Teams. For some reason, even high quality paint, properly applied doesn't last nearly as long in the arctic as it does in the Lower 48.

Some think it's the extremes between the heat and cold, but I'm told it's the intense sunlight...especially in winter...which causes the premature failure. The KICY studio building needed a new coat of paint and the Remers from Tucson

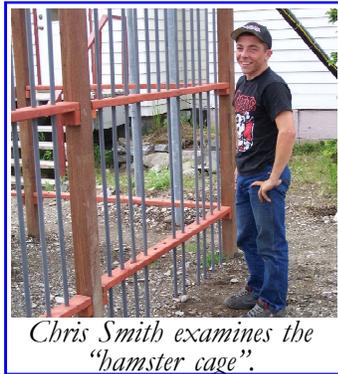
arrived to make quick work of the painting projects. As is often the case, they had to juggle between interior and exterior painting because there were showers of one degree or another on most days. Another project on our endless list

of work team chores was to finish the fencing around the new FM tower. George Bard had cut, bored and nailed in the 2 X 4's, but the PVC we use for the fencing wasn't available in the quantities we needed so it had to be

shipped in from Anchorage. Those 53 pieces of PVC arrived and the same team who leveled the building took on another new project. Today, it looks a little like a giant hamster cage was left in front of the KICY studio building. But the desired effect of keeping

curious folks from injuring themselves is now in place.

So you see, even if you don't know the first thing about radio, there are many ways to serve at KICY. Next summer, we'll need many more helping hands! ■



Chris Smith examines the "hamster cage".

Alaska Fun Fact:

This was another banner year for salmon, especially in Northwest Alaska. Like last year, Fish and Game was busy counting Pinks and Silvers in the millions of fish per river!

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Anna Larsen

Cathy Lyon

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

The community of Nome has really come forward to help out with our work here!

Anna Larsen and Cathy Lyon will be sharing weeks hosting THE EDGE.

We feel so blessed by this outpouring of much needed help.

Have You Reserved Your Fundraising Salmon Dinner?

NEW DATE! August 23 - Salmon Fundraising Dinner, Mt. Miguel Covenant Village, Spring Valley, California.

August 27 - Salmon Fundraising Dinner at Hillside Covenant, Walnut Creek, California.

September 30 - Reindeer Fundraising Dinner at Community Covenant, Eagle River, Alaska

October 4 - Salmon Fundraising

Dinner, Kalamazoo Covenant, Kalamazoo, Michigan

October 7 - Salmon Fundraising Dinner, Bethany Covenant Church, Lyndhurst, Ohio.

October 15 - Speaking at Trinity Covenant in Manchester, Connecticut.

Yes, we are seeking host churches in the northeast from October 8th through the 14th. ■

Operation 'Solid Foundation'

Hooray! We have passed the \$50,000 mark with \$4,555 received this month. Thank you! That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

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

\$175,000

\$150,000

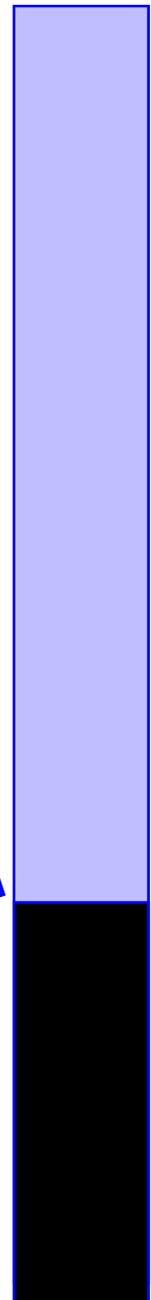
\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000



A Critical Need: 87 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 87 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 43 Arctic Ambassadors at \$42 a month and 43 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?

Memorials

In July, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Robert E. Carlson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-

\$29,732.72

-July Budget-

\$21,280.00

-July Expenses-

\$29,132.16

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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Patty Burchell Steps Up to Serve.

“One week just isn’t enough”, explained Patty Burchell. “I feel like I just got here and it’s time to leave already.”

Patty Burchell and Chris Smith arrived in Nome from sunny and hot central California. As it turns out, Chris is quite the fisherman, restocking the KICY freezers with pink salmon caught at the mouth of the Nome River.

When they weren’t luring fish, both tackled a wide variety of work projects. Patty helped move all of the Praise and Worship songs from one FM music category to another. That’s a two step process with lots of data to enter. She also hosted THE EDGE and got the

sales files in good order.

Chris, as seen on page one, helped level the studio building, helped build the fence around the



Patty Burchell back in the FM Programming office.

new FM tower, and helped dig out the ground system at the base of the center and east towers in preparation for removing the old concrete piers.

The exciting part is that he’s already talking about returning to help next year.

Many thanks to Patty and Chris and all the others who traveled to Nome to invest themselves in KICY.

“This is the shortest time I’ve spent in Nome in the past 7 years. I really can’t get enough,” added Patty.

Come back to see us next summer, Patty and we’ll have plenty to do. We’ll begin as early as June 1 as we rebuild the AM Directional System. Only through the summer work teams can we continue our work. Thank you so much. ■

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