

KICY Call Letter

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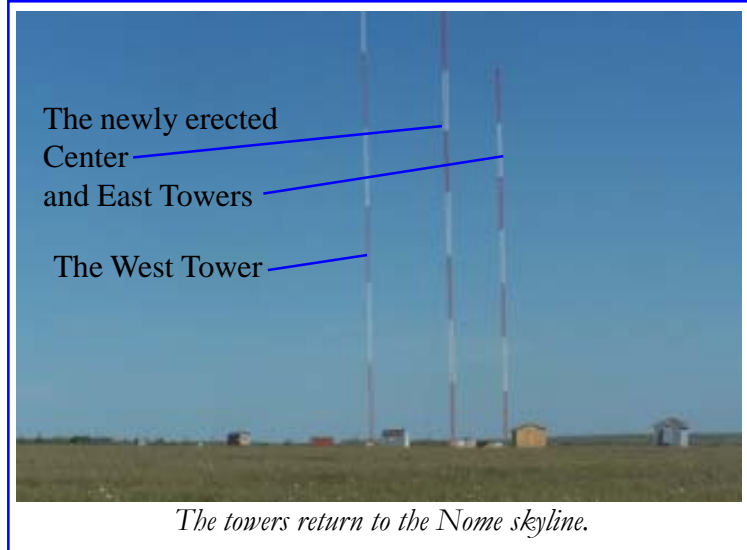
What a time we've had this summer! And what wonders have been done in the Lord's name! Operation Solid Foundation is nearly complete, and while we did incur a little debt to make sure it happened this summer, it does not seem overwhelming. I do want to thank each of you who contributed to our Capital Campaign. As Bill Hartman liked to say, "Some give by going and some go by giving". It takes both for KICY to operate. You may want to consider hosting a Salmon Fundraising Dinner at your church in



Dennis Weidler

the next year. We are booked through the first two weeks of October, but next spring and summer are certainly possibilities. Scheduling these dinners is not without challenges. It is not practical to fly to the Lower 48 for a single dinner, so we must schedule at least two, and preferably three or more in the same week, and in the same nearby geography. You may want to check our website as it contains the most up-to-date information on scheduling Fundraising Dinners. Type in www.kicy.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page for the Fundraising Dinner schedule.

I'd love to bring some of our Norton Sound Silver Salmon to your church and bake it up for everyone! It's a wonderful opportunity to share KICY over a tasty meal. ■



The towers return to the Nome skyline.

Up They Go!

The final piece of the third tower was lowered into place on Friday, July 13th at 3:43 pm. By August 1, we were broadcasting at an amazing 50,000 watts, yet still in a non-directional pattern. By the time you read this newsletter, we should be able to direct our signal deep into the Russian Far East from 11 pm to 4 am.

When the two towers were taken down last year with no chance of their being rebuilt until this summer, it felt like we had lost a family member; like we had let down our listeners in Russia. Luda Kinok reminded us that many in the Russian churches, especially in neighboring Provideniya, were praying for the safe return of KICY every day.

Today, thanks to the concerted effort of nearly 50 work team members, the three towers are standing tall, freshly painted and newly relamped. They are also sitting happily on their new piling bases. At every turn of this rebuilding project, we worked and

planned to eliminate or significantly reduce the problems we encountered over the past 7 years. With God's grace, I think we were successful.

A special thanks to Terry Reynolds who oversaw this entire project and actually took the whole summer off from his engineering work in Anchorage. Please offer up a prayer of praise for his work for KICY and our listeners on both sides of the Bering Strait.

Alan and Irene Anway will be here for nearly six weeks to help with the final engineering work and Lew Entz, who tuned the original system, and whose numbers we used to design the new system, will be here for two weeks to retune the directional pattern.

At one volunteer gathering, Luda translated for her friend, Clava, "Thank you. Our people need to hear of Jesus." ■



Return of The Gray House.

--By *Patty Burchell*

God is good. And though we don't always see how He is putting the pieces of the puzzle of our lives together in order to bless, we smile in hindsight to see God's hand at work.

In the summer of 1999 I stepped off the plane in Nome wide eyed and eager to learn radio and experience life in Western Alaska. Two years later, as I returned to California, Nome, the people of Western Alaska, and the ministry of KICY had become very dear to me.

As I arrived in Nome those eight years ago, KICY had just finished selling off three houses as part of the process of bringing the ministry back to financial stability and independence. Mark Hill, a volunteer at the station at the time, had purchased the Gray House. When he and his wife moved to Soldotna to work with ACC, they put the house up for sale. I think I even told someone at that time that if I had the money I'd buy it, just to

keep it in the KICY "family".

God is good. Five years later the ministry of KICY is still a big part of my life. In many ways, Nome is still home to me. I have returned often, alone or with work crews, seeking to help in whatever way I can, as my skills allow. Volunteer housing, especially in the summer, is often hard to come by as large teams come to serve. Last spring God blessed me financially in an unforeseen way, and the Gray House was still for sale. God has allowed me the privilege of serving with KICY once again, this time more from a distance. KICY will manage rental of the Gray House, with proceeds from rent supporting the ministry of the station. The house will also now be available for volunteer housing as needed. It blesses me to look back and see God's hand in this; the kernel of a desire planted five years ago, and God working out the details in His time. I am blessed to be allowed to partner with the ministry of KICY, and fill a need in this way. Our God is indeed a good God. ■

Check the Progress of this summer's work teams as we rebuild. Go to www.kicy.org and click on KICY Photo Album, then Album: Summer 2007 for a day-by-day pictorial description of the work.

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Cathy Lyon

Anna Moore

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

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.

If you know of a potential long-term volunteer, encourage them to get in touch with KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler. Or, they can download a volunteer application from our web site at www.kicy.org. ■



*The Japanese Research Vessel,
Oshoro Maru.*

Japanese Research Vessel Docks in Nome.

The Japanese research vessel, Oshoro Maru, entered the Port of Nome on August 3rd. The following day, at Old St. Joe's Community Hall, researchers from the ship gave a series of talks on the effects of climate change on the Bering Sea and Chukchi Sea.

Scientists aboard the boat are from Japan, Korea, and the United States. The Kawerak Native Corporation and the U.A.F. Northwest Campus jointly coordinated the science

symposium as part of the International Polar Year which began in 2007 and continues through 2009.

The last session of the day included talks from Nome community members Heidi Herter and Colleen Odden who are traveling with the ship.

Regardless of your opinion on global climate change, it was an exciting time when the ship arrived. It is one of those events which makes Nome uniquely Nome. ■

Be An Arctic Ambassador.

For a donation of \$42.00 a month, you can sponsor one hour of broadcasting on KICY AM-850.

Memorials

In July, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

David B. Krause

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-

\$22,002.03

-July Budget-

\$30,285.00

-July Expenses-

\$25,986.55

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

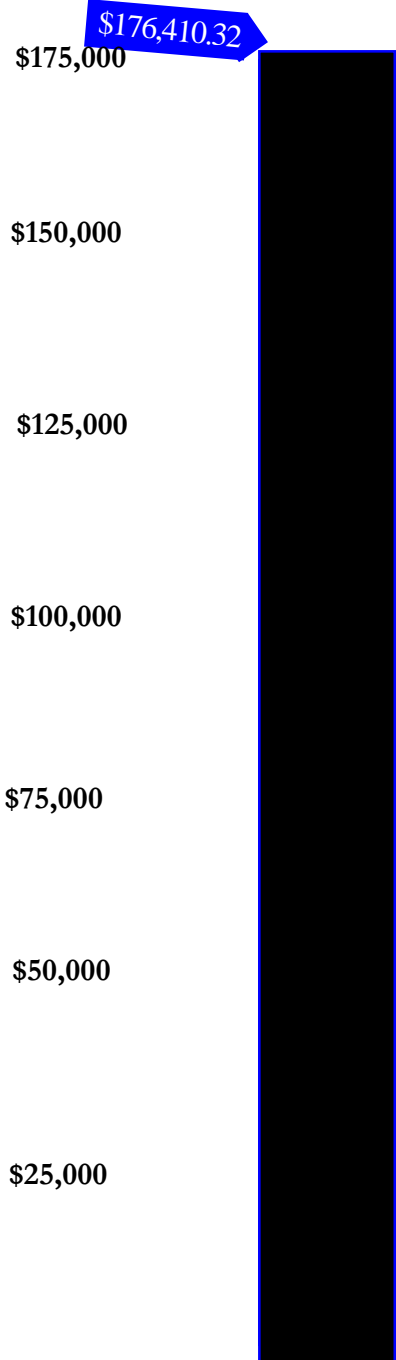


Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

We have met our goal with \$14,243.82 received in July! Thank you! We are on the air at 50,000 watts with our Russian mission due to be finished in a few weeks!

Thanks to everyone who so selflessly contributed to rebuilding KICY on "A Solid Foundation".



California Team Brings VBS to Nome.

Some of our volunteers are never able to get enough of Nome and KICY. Even this summer, there were work team volunteers who made two trips to Nome. Fred Tuggy and Ron Kovacs were here twice. The first time to help build the new Phasor Building. The second time to bring three colleagues to repair the ground system for both the east and center towers.

Another two-timer this summer was former KICY staff volunteer, Patty Burchell. On her second trip, she brought the six-member youth group from her community in Sonora, California.

They partnered with the Christian Education team at the Nome Covenant Church to provide an extremely full week of Vacation Bible School to the youngsters in Nome. On the first night, over

40 children arrived for the teaching, games and, of course, the snacks.

In addition to their VBS program each evening, the team broke into groups and helped to paint the new Phasor Building and install two decks on the Gray House.

Our thanks to Patty and the entire team from sunny (and hot) central California. For many in the team, this was their second visit to Nome, traveling here in 2005 to paint the then brand new transmitter building.

This team has had many opportunities to serve in their missions program and now they can add two trips to Nome. They are a major blessing! ■



Patty Burchell and her VBS Team from Sonora, California.

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