

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

This summer has been quite different without work teams coming and going. It is a little quieter, and unfortunately no opportunities to share hot dogs and S'mores on the beach! Everything is just a little different in this age of the Coronavirus.



Patty Burchell

This summer has not been without its challenges. Our AM Translator project in Elim had to be postponed until next

summer due to travel restrictions to the villages.

We have also had multiple equipment failures in the past month. By the end of August, we will have installed a new 1000 watt FM transmitter and repaired a portion of the AM phasor that burned up most likely due to a lightning strike. Lightning is unusual but not unheard of in this part of the world. As of this writing the parts and equipment have been shipped and should be here in a few weeks. I am grateful to donors who have provided the funds for this necessary equipment, as well as the willingness of engineer and former volunteer Steve Smit to travel to Nome to make the needed repairs and installation later this month.

Praise God for His provision of personnel and finances. Thank you for your continued prayers. ■

Meet Cody & Joy Foret



We are so grateful for all the prayers you have said for us. By the grace and power of God, prayers have been answered and we are in Nome!

It's crazy to remember that it was over a year ago that Cody, my boyfriend at the time, and I met Patty and Nora at the Urbana Conference and almost instantly knew God was calling us to join KICY, which meant moving from Florida to Alaska. Many milestones followed that decision we made in January 2019. We got married in August, and I graduated from college with my Bachelor's Degree in Special Education in December. With the start of 2020, we began to raise support and prepare for our move to Nome. Time flew, and soon, we flew too. God provided so graciously in making a way for us to get to Nome in May as planned even after the Coronavirus pandemic hit.

Our voyage to our new home in Alaska was eventful at times, as most moves are. But God was with us at every moment, and He provided what

we needed, when we needed it. Our flights to Nome were reasonably smooth and within 28 hours we were on the other end of the continent experiencing our first case of jet lag as a couple. After getting to the house, we spent roughly 15 hours asleep!

Since the moment we got to Nome, everyone has been so welcoming to us. We have been blessed to have time to experience some of the most breathtaking sights Nome has to offer. We have already learned so much. Cody recently went on his first fishing trip with Ron Horner and learned how to catch and process salmon. He has also learned much about radio and looks forward to taking on more responsibility at the station. I look forward to honing the radio skills I have learned and beginning my first teaching job as the Middle School Special Education Teacher. We are so thankful to be here in Nome and at KICY! ~Joy Foret ■

A Look Back... Action Branch

The Action Branch Program was one of the more creative ways to serve at KICY. What follows is excerpted from the Spring 1981 Call Letter.

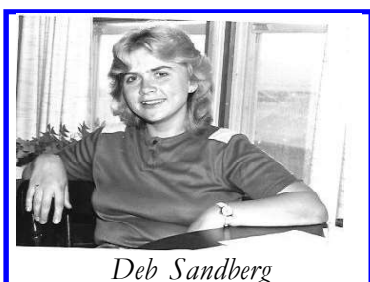
The Action Branch of KICY is an exciting new approach to reaching people in Nome and Northwest Alaska for Christ. The Action Branch consists of volunteers doing the Lord's work in their own field of profession with their salaries going to support the radio ministry of KICY.



Karen Fagerstrom

...The Action Branch has a dual ministry; working for the Lord in the community, and at the same time working to keep KICY on the air.

...volunteers are encouraged to serve in the fields of education and medicine. ...Many other jobs are also possible, however, the salary must be high enough to make the venture worthwhile in



Deb Sandberg

view of the tremendously high cost of living in Nome. (Ed. note: ~half the Action Brancher's salary went to support the ministry of KICY.)

...Action Branch volunteers are mainly involved with their employer; however, they are also an integral part of the staff at KICY and considered co-workers in this venture for Christ. Action Branch volunteers are invited and encouraged to be a part of all KICY staff meetings, parties, and activities.



Kris Bladel

And in the words of Kris Bladel, Action Branch nurse in 1981, also in the Spring 1981 Call Letter:

"The hospital and Nome, as well as the villages, are teaching me the creativity and flexibility needed for working in a cross-cultural setting. In a very real sense, when people are hurting, physically or mentally, I am given a chance to share the 'cross-cultural' love of Christ through my care for them. ... Outside of the hospital, I've found enjoyment in everything from working with KICY activities and Gospel team trips to visiting in the community, skiing, snowmachining, or just plain walking."

We praise God for all the Action Branch volunteers who were called to support KICY in this unique way. ■

A Prayer Request For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Lon Swanson

Praise God...

...for the minimal impact of the Coronavirus in Alaska.

...for providing local people to complete a few necessary summer projects in the absence of work teams.

Pray for...

...the continuing financial needs of the station.

...the timely arrival of replacement parts (shipping to Nome can be notoriously slow).

...Steve Smit as he travels to Nome this month to repair equipment.

Fall Salmon Dinner Tour Postponed

As the Coronavirus continues to negatively impact many places around the nation we have been forced to postpone the Fall Salmon Dinner Tour. Most churches who had a dinner scheduled for October have graciously agreed to host a dinner in April.

While disappointed to not be traveling this fall, I look forward to sharing wild caught salmon from the Norton Sound region this spring. Updated dates can be found on our website, kicy.org. I hope to see you in April at a dinner near you! ■



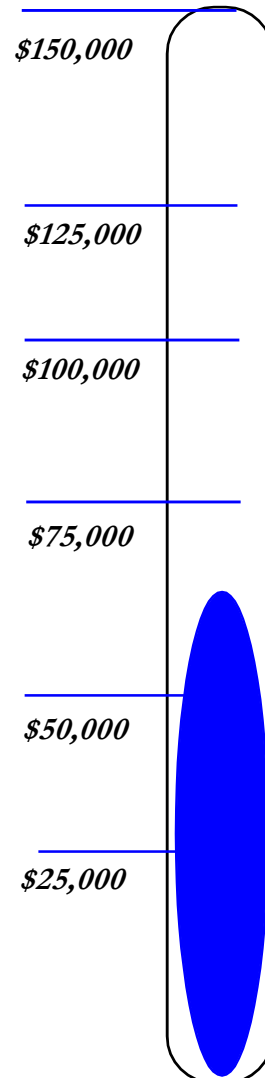
KICY Memory Book

The KICY Memory Book is available for purchase! Consisting of vintage and current photos and memories from past and present staff, volunteers, and listeners, this is a book sure to be treasured for years to come.

The book is available on line through Shutterfly, in both hard and soft covers. A link to Shutterfly and ordering instructions can be found on our website, kicy.org. We know this will be a book to peruse over and over again, celebrating the goodness and blessings of God. ■

60th Anniversary Challenge

Our 50,000 watt AM Transmitter is nearing the end of its expected lifespan. We need to start planning now for its replacement. During our 60th Anniversary year, would you consider giving an extra \$60 (or multiple of 60) toward this fund? It is a huge undertaking, but if everyone on our mailing list was able to donate \$60 toward this project, it would more than cover all associated costs. Thanks for your help in keeping our signal strong for the next 60 years!



Memorials

In June and July, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain**
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.**
- Dave Peterson**
- Paul Fondell**
- Richard Peterson**
- Ted Haney**
- Ralph Fondell**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-

\$35,311.19

-July Budget-

\$34,426.84

-July Expenses-

\$33,444.92

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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100% Sunday Set for October 25th

This annual event allows everyone in the Covenant Denomination (or any other) to stop, pray and make a \$1.00 donation on Sunday, October 25th.

The year 2020 has become much different than any of us imagined at its start. Even so, we are moving ahead with 100% Sunday, knowing that in practice it may look very different than in past years. Included in the letter and email going out to churches and pastors next month are suggestions for holding this event even if you are not yet meeting in your church building. One idea is to post our 100% Sunday video to your church's webpage and encourage individuals to pray about giving



directly to KICY. That video is found on our website, kicy.org, both on the homepage and by selecting 100% Sunday from the menu. There are other short videos and resources there as well, which you are welcome to use in any way you see fit.

Honestly, if Sunday, October 25th isn't convenient, that matters little to us at KICY. Any date of your choosing will work just as well. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any additional materials to assist in your church's efforts.

We call this 100% Sunday as we have set a goal of 100% participation by every Covenant Church in the U.S. and Canada. Of course, individuals are welcome to participate as well, and this year our online, secure giving portal may be the way you choose to participate. Just go to kicy.org and scroll down to the big blue button.

God bless you as you support the ministry of KICY. 