

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

I was really looking forward to the upcoming winter. We had finished the move of the transmitter to its new home where it seemed quite content. I was in the process of putting tools back into their boxes and even sweeping out the new building and touching up the paint on the walls and floor. We were all buttoned up for the winter. Well, not quite.

Fire has a way of rearranging your priorities in short order. Today I'm on the phone with insurance people, parts vendors, engineers, Arctic



Dennis Weidler

Broadcasting Board members, the FCC and many, many more. My 'to-do' list

has grown considerably. We heard from many Alaskan villages as well as from Russia. They were missing their KICY. I was, too.

In a few weeks, I'll be traveling to the east coast for a Salmon Fundraising Dinner at Haddam Neck Covenant Church on October 1. I'll also be speaking at the Covenant Village of Cromwell on Wednesday, September 28. The emphasis will be on rebuilding.

On October 23, it's time for 100% Sunday, when we ask every person in a Covenant Church that day to donate a single dollar to our broadcasting mission. Please pray for safe travels and successful fundraising events. ■



The transmitter was moved from here a month earlier.

Fire Destroys AM Site Building.

At about 7:40 am on August 17, Breakfast Club Host, Lon Swanson came running down to Genesis Recording in the basement of KICY and announced that the AM station was off the air.

It was an extremely foggy morning, even by Nome standards, and visibility was reduced to about 25 feet. On that day the fog was mixed with smoke from interior fires over 600 miles away.

As I made my way slowly to the transmitter site about three miles east of town, nothing seemed out of the ordinary. The transmitter had turned off, but all the lights were still on so there was still power coming to the building. I turned to walk toward the tuning house at the base of the center tower and saw flames leaping out of the roof through the dense fog. I called 911 from the phone in the transmitter building and the Nome Volunteer

Fire Department arrived in a few minutes. But by then it was too late and the building and all the circuitry, which matches the towers to the output of the transmitter and allows us to change to a directional pattern, were lost.

We moved the transmission line which had connected the west tower to the tuning house down to the new transmitter building, parts were ordered and Terry Reynolds got us back on the air.

Today we are broadcasting at 25,000 watts but still lack the ability to turn our signal into Russia each evening. This will most likely continue until next summer when we can build a new building, install new tuning circuitry and conduct field tests at 450 points on the map. Yes, we were insured. But we need your prayers and financial partnership to assure a return to our Russian service as soon as possible. ■



Josh & Lydia with their new best friend.

Farewell to Nome.

I can't believe that our time in Nome is over. It's been a whole year since Lydia and I began our Alaskan adventure. Working at KICY was such a good thing; it had always been a dream of mine to live in Alaska again, and it was even something that we talked about before we got married. God blessed us in so many ways over the twelve months we spent in this arctic wonderland, ranging from being able to raise all of our support, to the lifelong friends that we have made here. Some incredible opportunities have also come from our time at the radio station including eye opening village trips, time at Covenant Bible Camp in

Unalakleet, and the personal highlight of my year: covering the Iditarod.

God is at work through the airwaves of KICY, reaching out to His people all throughout western Alaska and the Russian Far East. Every trip out to a village would bring more and more first-hand stories of how the programming of KICY is working to encourage and touch lives for God. Just a few days before leaving the radio station we took a weekend trip to the village of Gambell, right in the midst of the station being off the air due to the previously mentioned fire. It was amazing to me how many people told us that they missed CareForce, the Singspiration Hour, or some other specific program that we broadcast. Probably my favorite though, was an old Eskimo Grandma who told me she enjoyed listening to me on "The Edge," a show with edgy contemporary Christian music, normally aimed at the youth of the area. God taught me through this woman that at any moment anyone might be listening, and we don't know how God might be using our words to encourage someone else.

We'll miss KICY and our friends in Nome but we know that even though we are gone, the Lord's work will go on. *--Josh Rogers*

100% Sunday Scheduled for October 23.

It's time for the sixth annual 100% Sunday coming up on October 23. Make sure your church joins in participating in the single, most important fundraising event for KICY AM & FM.

You are stockholders in KICY. Our continued service to our

listeners depends on you.

Our request is simple; a donation of \$1.00 from everyone in your Sunday worship service. If the fourth Sunday in October doesn't fit in your church's schedule, any time will do.

This is an opportunity for 100% of our stockholders to invest in the radio mission of KICY.

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

Maj. Gary Grennon

Irene Houdek

Luda Kinok

Adam London

Carol Morton

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Prayers are answered as we see our volunteer staff grow as many local residents come forward to serve. It's especially gratifying when those we serve appreciate our work enough to assist in its continued growth.

Next month, I'll have some more good news as we plan to welcome another volunteer, a young man whose goal is to become a pastor in a western Alaska village.

Amid the ashes, we find many treasures.



M.J. MURDOCK
CHARITABLE TRUST

KICY-FM Awarded Murdock Grant.

Out of the darkness, there shines a light. Just two days after we suffered the loss of our AM service, a call came in for which I had been praying for several weeks.

It was the voice of Dr. John Van Zytveld at the other end, asking me if I would like some good news. I told him that I could really use some.

"Our board of trustees has approved your matching grant up to \$30,000 to finish your FM Project," he continued.

I remember thanking him and telling him briefly of our fire two days earlier.

Dr. Van Zytveld had visited KICY in early June and had taken the tour of our facilities and knew well

which building had burned and why we needed to move the AM transmitter.

This is just one instance of how God challenges us and blesses us, allows us to feel dread and joy in such a short time span. I'm always trying to get my work life to 'straighten out', to be normal. That's not life. We are challenged every day. We are blessed every day. Find the joy.

I remember distinctly Dr. Van Zytveld's parting words that day, "May God bless you in your work."

Thank you, Dr. Van Zytveld. Thank you Murdock Charitable Trust.

And thank all of you who made the matching part of the matching grant possible. ■

Capital Campaign Update.

We have met our goal! Thanks to the recently announced grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust, we have the necessary resources to finish the FM Upgrade known as "Operation Blanket Nome"!

Thank you to all who have made this possible. The Murdock Grant was a matching grant and each of you were generous enough to KICY to meet our obligations and qualify. Quyanna!



Memorials

In August we received memorials in the name of:

Patterson Chaffin
Carl L. 'Gramps' Nelson
Tom Dotomain
Lois McIver
Katya Kinok
Milo Hansen
Paul Blomgren
Harriet Peterson
Naemi Anderson
Evangeline Fondell

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-August Income-
\$21,868.03

-August Budget-
\$25,175.00

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

**Thank you for your donations
allowing us to work for you in
the Arctic.**



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Meet Nome's Own Dr. Phil.

I refer to myself all the time as Dr. Phil and encourage my patients to call me by that name. I started looking at Alaska as a place to practice chiropractic about 2 years ago. I felt strongly that I was being led by the Lord to go to Alaska. I had known 15 years ago that once my children were grown and out on their own that I was going to relocate to a small, northern town where I would be the only chiropractor.

When I arrived on October 16th with Lisa, my wife of 22 years, we both felt right at home. We have 2 grown children. Our son, Devon, is 20 and our daughter, Katie is 19. My grandfather was a Baptist

minister and I was raised in a Christian home and came to know the Lord at the early age of 8 through Vacation Bible School. I have been involved with my church in Wisconsin, Woodland



Dr. Phil Schobert at the microphone.

Church, an Evangelical Free Church, for better than 25 years. I have a heart for men's ministry and am looking forward to starting a fall study, Men's Fraternity at the Covenant Church. I am no stranger to radios as I have been on many different secular radio stations in my past. I also helped establish a working radio station during my high school years. I hold amateur radio general class license KL1US, which I achieved while here in Nome. I had been technician class, KB0CIQ for the past 16 years.

I am looking forward to a great time as a volunteer on the "Coffee Crew" and hope to be able to bring a different feel to the show.

-- Dr. Phil

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