

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

October is a big month on the KICY calendar. There's that fall trip to visit family in Pennsylvania and Michigan and, of course, bake some salmon and speak wherever and whenever possible. Then, the last part of the month includes the northern hemisphere's main fund-raising event, KICY 100% Sunday. Our on-air Share-A-Thon is always the last week of October.

All in all, October rivals the summer months in projects and events. October is also my favorite month.



*Dennis Weidler*

Fall is long over in the arctic yet the colors are just starting in PA and MI.

There's a crisp coolness which is so appreciated. Especially since we have had six weeks of rain and clouds and winds in Nome. Being housebound can be a challenge.

Already there are plans for Salmon Dinners this spring in California, Arizona and the Seattle area. Thanks to those who help organize these fun events.

And, there are already big plans forming for next summer as we rebuild the AM tuning house, take down the center tower, drive pilings and rebuild the entire system. We plan to start in Mid-May and hope to have it all completed by Mid-September. Please, keep that project in your prayers. ■



*Terry Reynolds tuning the network.*

## Up And Running!

Good news! KICY is back on the air and the listeners have responded. From Chukotka to Hooper Bay, listeners have been calling to say how glad they were to be able to hear the station and be edified and comforted by it. After the fire of August 17, we immediately began ordering the necessary parts and taking inventory of what was left on hand here in Nome to get us back on the air as soon as possible.

Our insurance company sent an advance check, based on our estimates.

We notified the FCC and asked for an STA (Special Temporary Authority) to operate at less than full power. Normally, they would only grant us 25% of our licensed power for the STA, but the FCC, citing our unique circumstances in Arctic Alaska, allowed us to broadcast at 50%. We will remain at 25,000 watts until next summer when the entire system can be rebuilt.

Terry Reynolds returned from his

vacation only to be pressed back into service at KICY, assembly the parts and tuning the big coils and capacitors. We all worked late into the evening to make sure the temporary transmission line, the ground strap and the new antenna tuning circuits were all working as they should.

On Labor Day morning at 6:30 Terry pushed the switch at the transmitter and we were back. Luda immediately called to her contacts in Russian and yes, even at low power, we were able to be heard.

Then, the calls started coming in. "It's so wonderful to have you back." "We've been praying for you." "We're calling from fish camp 16 miles from Kotzebue and it's great to hear you again".

Yes, we are so thankful to return to the air. Thanks to so many of you who sent your prayers and financial gifts to rebuild. ■



*Adam London on his first day in the studio.*

## My First Impressions.

The beginning of my adventures in Nome began even before setting foot on the ground. While watching dark clouds out the window on flight 153, I experienced the most turbulence I'd ever felt on a 737. When we landed the wind and rain were spraying against the window, welcoming me Nome. Lucky for me I really do like the rain. The child in me still loves to splash around in the puddles when nobody is looking. In the airport, waiting to continue welcoming me was my new Nome family who made me feel right at home.

Less than 12 hours and a short sleep later, I got my first taste of KICY. As I had lived in a village before, I was no stranger to listening to the station, and I was excited to see its inner workings. Within the first few minutes of arriving I was on the air, on both the AM and the FM to introduce myself. I've been doing CareForce semi-regularly for a while now, so being on the radio doesn't intimidate me too much, but there is something different to actually being present in

the station. It's a lot more fun.

Now a week later, I've been able to get into the swing of things a little bit more; I'm doing The Breakfast Club on the AM with Lon Swanson, and I'm hosting The EDGE in the evenings. It's taken me a little bit to figure out all of the right buttons and switches to hit in order to make everything work, but all in all I've really enjoyed my time here so far. It feels good to see the direct outcome of my work when I listen to the radio. I look forward to a fantastic year here at the station!

When I'm not at the station, you might see me cruising around town on the newly donated KICY four-wheeler hanging out with the youth, as I will be working with the youth group "GPS" as an intern at Nome Covenant Church. I'll also be doing recruiting trips for Alaska Christian College which means a great deal of village travel from the transportation hub of Nome. I'll be working three jobs while here...but what fun is life without challenges? It will be great to see God work as my adventures continue!

-- Adam London

## *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**

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Once again fully staffed, we look to an exciting fall, an exhausting sports season and ultimately, the Iditarod in March.

We are so blessed and thank God for delivering exactly the right person when we need them. It is such an opportunity to partner with Alaska Christian College and the Nome Covenant Church to provide an internship for a young man whose goal is to serve as an Alaskan Bush Pastor.

It's such a joy to have Adam London on our staff!

# The Tale of the Tower.

The tundra takes its toll. In this case, it's the center tower base, that multi-ton block of concrete on which the 259 foot length of steel stands, supported by guy wires. We don't know if it is a coincidence, or cause and effect, but immediately after the fire on



*The tilting tower base.*

new, more stable support. Most readers of this newsletter are familiar with the problems we have encountered over the past 5 years with trying to establish a good ground system, critical to AM propagation. The soil has been heated

to the point where, August 17, the base of the tower had developed a noticeable increase in its tilt. For four years, it had been stable. Now, it is tilting to the southeast. As the tower rests on this single point, it is designed to pivot. However, the pivot is beginning to exceed the design.

In order to rebuild the antenna tuning house which burned on this site, we will need to take down the tower, drive pilings down to bedrock and rebuild the tower on its

even in midwinter, there is a standing pool of steaming water less than 15 feet from the base of the tower.

Hopefully, driving 70 foot, steel well casings will give KICY (1) the solid foundation we need for the tower and (2) the ground system we need to eliminate the heat generated year round. We prayerfully seek your financial help and engineering suggestions you may have as we make plans to complete this project by next summer. ■

# Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

Thanks to your financial support and the Murdock matching grant, we have met the financial goal for the FM Upgrade, "Operation Blanket Nome".

But, we're not done, yet. Now comes the rebuilding of the AM site to allow for service decades into the future. That means driving pilings to bedrock. That means taking down the center tower and rebuilding it. Yes, insurance will cover most of the fire replacement costs, but I am asking you to help us rebuild on a more solid footing.

\$120,000

\$100,000

\$80,000

\$60,000

\$40,000

\$20,000

## Memorials

In September, we received memorials in the name of:

**Patterson Chaffin**  
**Carl L. 'Gramps' Nelson**  
**Clarence E. Johnson**  
**Leona Westerdahl**  
**Connie Olson**  
**Roger Lee**  
**Mr. Lattimore**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-  
**\$17,882.57**

-September Budget-  
**\$23,100.00**

*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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# Luda Gets Her Visa!

I opened my e-mail in late September and saw a note from Luda. A week earlier, she had left Nome for her second attempt to obtain a visa in Vladivostock which would allow her to stay and work in Nome. Her Nanuuq Commission pass allowed only 90 days stay in Nome and that meant repeated trips back home and returning a few weeks later. If Bering Air didn't have a flight scheduled near her mandatory return date, she would have to wait weeks to get back to her work at KICY.

Her first attempt at

obtaining a visa was unsuccessful.

This time, we had our ducks in a row. We had also sought the help of our U.S. Senator, Ted Stevens.

Our request was for a church

worker visa, which was to have been a little easier to get.

Luda met with the U.S. Consulate, presented our paperwork and in a few seconds...received her two-year visa.

God meets our needs in every way! Persistence, patience and long-distance travel (there is no longer a flight from Anadyr to Vladivostock so Luda had to take the train) proved fruitful.

Now, Luda is also able to leave Nome and travel to speak at fundraising events. I hope you will all have a chance to meet and talk with her. Plans are now forming to bring her to the Midwinter Conference in Chicago in February.



*Luda Kinok back in Nome with visa in hand.*

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