

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Everyone has returned from their travels. Luda Kinok was in Provideniya, Sereniki and Anadyr in a move suggested by immigration authorities so she could continue to serve at KICY. It seems the visa she was given requires her to travel back to Russia at frequent intervals. It was even suggested that she continue her volunteer work at KICY under the original 90 day pass, granted by the Nanuq Commission. Whatever the reason, this seems to be working as this is the first time I wasn't called out

of bed in the middle of the night to keep Luda from being sent back to Russia!



Dennis Weidler

It's great to have her back. When she was visiting a church in the Chukotkan capital of Anadyr, one of her audience mentioned how proud she was of Luda's broadcasts. Then, went on to ask about Timothy. Luda was a little confused until she realized she was asking about the Breakfast Club Host, Tim Sergie! What joy to discover our Russian listeners continue to be blessed by KICY even after the Russian programming has ended for the day.

We experimented with Luda updating her program every day via MP3 files sent from Russian to KICY as e-mail attachments. It worked great! Luda sounded like she was in Nome, but was actually in Provideniya. ■



The JROTC Team at the high school studio.

Live from Iraq.

Alaska has more than its fair share of active duty military serving in Iraq and Nome residents represent a large part of that deployment. In order to show our support of the local troops and give the community a chance to hear from them, Major Grennon of the Nome-Beltz JROTC, suggested we make contact and allow a question & answer exchange on the air. The JROTC Cadets would be involved in conducting the interview. To add another element, this time it would be done from their new broadcast production studio at the high school.

Two days before the first scheduled broadcast, the Major and I set up the KICY remote system in the newly acquired studio. Last year, this was the athletic director's office. This year, it's the JROTC studio, also known as KNUK.

Bright and early one Wednesday morning, the cadets converged on the new studio at the high school, monitoring KICY-AM 850 on their headphones. Back in Nome, we received a

phone call from Iraq. It's 7:00 AM in Nome and 7:00 PM half way around the world. The students asked the questions, which were received in KICY's studio by way of an FM Remote signal, and routed back through the phone system to Iraq. The answers came over the phone connection, were broadcast over the air and monitored by the students out at the high school. It was an interesting setup...but it worked very well. The entire interview lasted about 20 minutes and there was immediate, favorable feedback. One teacher asked for a copy of the broadcast to be used in a history class. CD copies of the interview were sent on to Iraq.

The soldiers who participated felt a very strong connection with their families back in Nome and other villages in western Alaska. And the JROTC students had an opportunity to hone their broadcasting skills. ■



General Manager, Dennis Weidler presents the radios to Youth Facility Director, Bob Froehle.

Nome Youth Facility Receives Radios.

KICY was the recipient of a great gift. When we ordered the pre-tuned, solar-powered radios to give to Russian listeners, we received an extra 500 at no additional charge. Since then, many have been given away as prizes for playing The Riddle Machine or other on-air contests. They are great for summer fish camps, four-wheeling, snow machining and camping. Yet, we had so many to hand out.

I contacted the Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility and inquired if they would be able to give one to each inmate. They were very excited at the opportunity, but felt there may be a security issue.

The Nome Youth Facility took

delivery of 100 radios and use them as achievement awards.

“They are really neat,” exclaimed Facility Director, Bob Froehle. “They don’t need electricity, are compact and portable. As a bonus, when the youth are released back to their family and village, they can take the radio and use it there. It’s a reward with a long life.”

Another 100 radios were given to the Seaside Center Halfway House, also located in Nome. Again, these are used by staff as rewards for improved behavior or meeting certain goals.

“The residents really enjoy the radios,” added Director Fred Kremer. “Thanks KICY for a great gift for our residents.” There’s no greater joy than to share our gift with others. ■

Alaska Fun Fact:

Nome receives, on average, only 100 inches of snow a year. That’s the same as our home town of Kalamazoo, Michigan. However, the snow which falls in October is still on the ground in May!

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Anna Larsen

Cathy Lyon

Brian Mackey

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are still seeking one, long-term volunteer to staff the office and answer phones from 9 to 5. Keep that need in your prayers, please. We have been getting so many new prayer requests and Ptarmigan Telegraph messages that much time is spent typing them for the staff to read. (No one should be forced to read my handwriting).

Do You Have Your Copy?

The Ptarmigan Telegraph by Covenant Pastor and Author, Greg Asimakoupoulos is a well crafted historical guide to the Covenant Church's radio mission in Alaska.

It would make a great gift for the upcoming Christmas season. Or, give a copy to your church library or youth leader. Who knows where the next KICY volunteer may emerge. It will introduce you to the people who had and shared the vision of a mission radio station connecting the villages of western Alaska; Ralph Hanson, Roald Amundsen, Bill Hartman, Art Zylstra and Ralph Fondell. Order your copy today.



The Ptarmigan Telegraph.....only \$16.95

A Critical Need: 81 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 81 new individuals, families, churches or Sunday School Classes to become financial partners at \$30 a month for one year. That could be in the form of 40 Arctic Ambassadors at \$42 a month and 41 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 September, we received memorials in the name of:

- Carl Nelson
- Tom Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Lloyd Ness

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

- September Income-
\$22,685.00
- September Budget-
\$20,730.00
- September Expenses-
\$26,698.24

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

Hooray! We have passed the \$65,000 mark with \$7,495.00 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

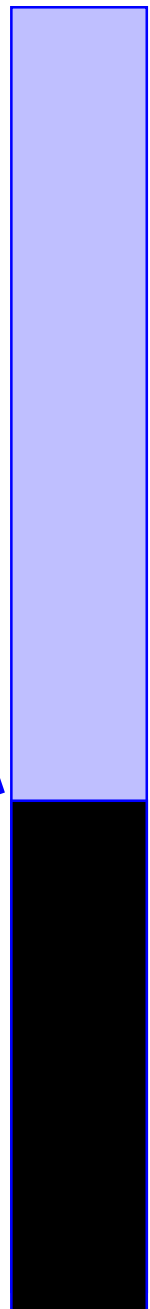
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Firmly In The Middle of the Pack.

This was the first time in eight outings that the sun was actually shining for the annual Labor Day Great Bathtub Race! It was also the first time that KICY fielded a team in which not one competitor was a full-time volunteer at the radio station.

I thought having a team in the race represented a showing of community support and Major Grennon indicated that a group of JROTC cadets was standing by, ready to begin training for this rigorous event. Yes, they took the KICY bathtub-on-wheels out to Nome-Beltz and pushed it around the parking lot as part

of their physical training or PT program. It was obvious they were taking this more seriously than any team in the recent past.

At high noon on Labor Day, five

teams converged on the starting line on Front Street in front of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Former Mayor Leo Rasmussen, race organizer, went through the team checklist:

Bathmat? check. Soap? check. Towel? check. Washcloth? check. Suds? check. We were ready. Following the traditional water balloon fight, the signal was given and five teams headed to the finish line in front of the Post Office.

The Crowley Marine team placed first and the KICY bathtub race team finished a solid third. Thanks for a hard-fought effort. ■



The JROTC Cadet 'ringers' with the KICY bathtub.

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