

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic


As you read this, I will be returning from an eight city Salmon Fundraising Dinner tour. This year, I asked the Norton Sound Seafood Processors to save me at least 500 pounds of Silver Salmon at the beginning of the season. It turns out that may not be enough. From



Dennis Weidler

Lincoln, Nebraska to Willow Street, Pennsylvania, I cooked and served wild Alaska salmon in a series of

fundraising events. For 12 years, we have worked really hard to rebuild KICY. The studios. The transmitter site. Staff housing. It all needed...and in many cases still needs major remodeling. But, today the need to travel more often, to host more fundraising events and to firmly secure the financial future of KICY is paramount. Heating oil is up to \$5.50 a gallon. Our electric rates are over 35 cents a kilowatt. And even with the new green technology, we use a lot of kilowatts.

If you have ever considered making a donation to KICY, this would be the time. October, with 100% Sunday, and November and December with year-end giving, make this a critical time for us. Please help us foresee a healthy fiscal year in 2012. We thank you in advance for your support. 



Jacob Foote closes up the transmitter.

## Harris Tech Installs Energy Saving Device.

With diesel fuel topping out at \$5.50 a gallon in Nome, the prospects appeared to be very bleak for the upcoming winter. No, we're not all that concerned with filling our vehicle tanks as there are few places to go. But those increases are applied directly to our home heating oil and to the fuel used to produce electricity at the power plant.


A few months ago, we petitioned the FCC for an experimental license to allow the installation of technology which is new and not currently approved by the FCC. It was granted in one week.

On September 20, Jacob Foote, a technician from the Harris Corporation, the manufacturer of our 50,000 watt transmitter, landed in Nome.

The circuitry had arrived about a week before so everything was awaiting his arrival. It's called an

acc+ and the device allows the carrier to actually be reduced during times of silence. All the other stations in Alaska are looking at Nome and your KICY as the testing gets under way. We are praying for a successful completion of the test, minimal reduction of a listenable signal and great, great savings on our monthly utility bills.

One of the questions I had before installation was, 'Can we easily switch the circuitry out of the system if listeners notice a degraded signal?' The answer was a resounding yes. A simple toggle switch is provided to turn the system on and off.

Again, let me stress that this is a piece of make it or break it technology. Please pray for great success. 



*Tim Tuggy wraps up the generator installation.*

## Stand-by Power is Standing By.

Yes, Arctic Broadcasting Board member, Fred Tuggy made yet another return trip to Nome this year. This time he brought along his brother, Tim, two neices, Bekah and Hannah and a friend, Rick Fodey from Wycliffe Associates in Tucson.

ABA Vice President, Terry Reynolds helped to coordinate the acquisition of needed supplies from his home in Eagle River so by the time the team arrived, all the items were on hand.

Diesel engine exhaust parts, fuel and oil filters, power cables, connectors, and ground wire were quickly put to work.

We used direct bury cables. In fact they were designed to lay right on the tundra. But we felt with snowmachines, musk oxen, moose and reindeer herds, we would reduce our risks as much as possible and bury the three cables connecting the transmitter and generator building.

Fuel was run from the recently painted, 550 gallon tank to the V8 turbo diesel engine. It is reported to use 17 gallons an hour. Pray we will not need to use it very much.

The moment of truth came when we started the diesel engine for the very first time. A quick touch of the start button and the engine sprang to life. Now, understand that this was an e-Bay purchase, shipped from Portland. It had not run since it left the Lower 48. But run, it did. Within a few minutes, it was powering the transmitter building, but not the transmitter as we were in the process of installing the new power reducing system.

By the next day, power had been successfully applied to the modified transmitter and all went very well. Oh sure, there were the little setbacks one might encounter, especially without an installation manual for either the engine or the generator itself. But, using that famous Tuggy creativity and ingenuity, all came together to complete the project. By 4:00 o'clock on Friday afternoon, the generator had finished the final test sequence powering the transmitter at a full 50,000 watts.

Now when the fall and winter storms thrash the Alaskan coastline, we will pray for everyone's safety and thank God for this gift of standby power. Thanks to all of you! ■

## *A Prayer Request.* *For each of our volunteer staff members.*

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Luda Kinok**

**Lena Mathlaw**

**Louis Murphy**

**Penny Olanna**

**Stephen Palmatier**

**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

This is a wonderful time to be serving at KICY. We are fully staffed with hard-working and extremely dedicated volunteers.

Our listeners are so appreciative of our efforts to bring them God's Word and Music.

If you have ever thought about a unique missions opportunity in the middle of a land of great adventure, think about giving a year or more to KICY.

When Candace and I were called to Nome, we thought five years would be a good long time. Now, after more than a dozen years, we think of Nome as home.

Consider this an invitation to serve all of western Alaska and the Russian Far East from Nome with our 'family'. ■

# Next Salmon Fundraising Dinner Tour Scheduled.

Get your Salmon Dinner Reservation in today. The week before the Covenant Midwinter Conference is filling up fast. So far, Thursday, January 26 at Ravenswood and Sunday, January 29th at Hinsdale Covenant are already booked. That leaves available dates from Saturday,



January 21st through Saturday the 28th. That's 7 open dates. Call General Manager, Dennis Weidler toll-free at 1-800-478-5429 and make your church's reservation. Enjoy wild Alaska Salmon from Norton Sound while you hear the many tales of service to our listeners. ■

## Can You Help?

In our past issues of the Call Letter, we mentioned that Luda had back surgery. Praise God, it was successful. Now, KICY has been receiving bills for the portions of her surgery not covered by insurance. These costs, plus her immigration attorney's legal fees to allow her to stay in Nome, now amount to over \$7,700. This is a significant, unexpected expense. Can you help? Any donation you can prayerfully make to this effort would be greatly appreciated.

## October 23rd is 100% Sunday.

Is your church participating? We have a newly released, 2:15 CD-ROM with a narrated PowerPoint presentation. We can get one out in today's mail.

It's not too late for you to encourage your church to be part of 100% Sunday. After all...it's not 100% without you!



## Memorials

In August & September we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain
- Dorothy Harman
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Rose Lindblad
- Bernice Seagren
- Jeremy Renaldo
- Miriam Lindberg
- Robert Olson
- James Olson
- Debora Louise Fondell
- Morse Siomonson
- Ingeborg Handeland
- Wilford Fredlund

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-August Actual Income-

**\$26,792.48**

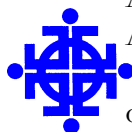
-August Budget Income-

**\$35,101.00**

-August Expenses-

**\$28,593.25**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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\$1,450



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## Second Place for KICY Bathtub Race Team.

It was a sunny but very breezy Labor Day as the Bathtub Race teams lined up in front of City Hall on Front Street in Nome. Former Mayor, Leo Rasmussen verified all teams were accounted for, threw a few water balloons at passersby and proceeded to count down to the official start. Just a few minutes after high noon, they were off.

The KICY team, comprised of newcomers, Stephen Palmatier and Ian Coglan were joined by 7 year veteran, Luda Kinok seated in the soapy water, and new recruits Angela Kim and Pete Butkevich.

As is the tradition, the Crowley Lighterage Team had the advantage with a customized, fiberglass bathtub complete with oversize bicycle tires. They won.

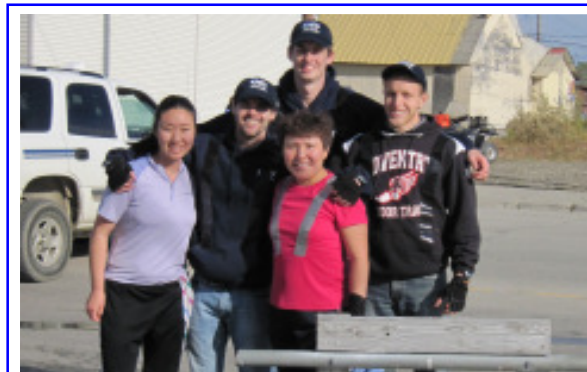
But right behind, in second place, finished the KICY Team.

Trailing in a very distant third place was the KNOM Team. And well at the back of the pack was the Rasmussen Red Bare'n Team.

"I think we could have won, if we had raced to Council", stated Coglan. Of course the Village of Council is 70 miles away and not really accessible by road.

"We honestly thought we could win this year", added Palmatier. "We trained hard for this race."

There's always next year and perhaps the Crowley Team will be predisposed. Thanks to the KICY Team for a valiant effort. ■



*The KICY Bathtub Race Team.*