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Nora and Joshua Ahwinona, retired pastors

OUR LISTENERS . . .

From Gambell . . .

"... I would like to take this opportunity to commend KICY for clear and complete election coverage made available to the Bering Straits Region."

From Savoonga . . .

"We have learned a lot by just listening to your special messages to the various people in the villages. . . . We are so thankful that we have you as a radio station in our listening area."

From Nome . . .

"Communications is a vital part of the Iditarod and KICY played a large part in the race's success. . . . thank you for helping keep this official state function active. Your help was indeed in keeping with the traditional Alaskan spirit."

From Mekoryuk . . .

"I always listen KICY from morning till about 11 o'clock. And we like to hear the 4 o'clock story and Sailor Sam. . . ."

From Nome . . .

"I like going to Sunshine Club. I like to sing songs. And listen to the story's."

From Mountain Village . . .

"Thanks for all people that pray for us during our lost in Bering Sea. Radio KICY is very valuable because we tune in during windy and foggy nite and weather report."

From Shishmaref . . .

"Enjoy listening to your station. Mostly like to listen to stories on Sunday afternoons, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m."

From Kotlik . . .

"Your station does a beautiful job programming and more importantly of presenting Christ's message to the people of Western Alaska."

From Unalakleet . . .

"Thanks for everything as you continue sharing God's love at home and abroad, for Eskimo Hour, for Music of the Northland, for Ptarmigan Telegraph Messages and for all your programming."



Part of Covenant Tour Group outside KICY Studio

COVENANT GROUP TOURS ALASKA

When **two** Covenant tour groups meet in a town the size of Nome what do you do? Perhaps start with a visit to a gold mine and let the tourists pan for gold; then see the world's largest operating gold dredge just outside the city. Also on the agenda was visiting various places of historical interest to the Covenant. The staff at KICY hosted the tour groups through the studio building; then everyone enjoyed having dinner with the Nome Covenant Church Congregation. The dinner was held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church due to the fact that the remodeling of the Covenant Church was well under way at that time. The dinner featured Eskimo food: barbequed reindeer, salmon, shik-shik (squirrel), dry fish, agutuk (Eskimo ice cream) and cirra (greens).

The tour groups also visited Kotzebue above the Arctic Circle, the state capital of Juneau, Fairbanks on the Trans-Alaska pipeline route and Anchorage. At Unalakleet the fishing was great. One tourist landed more than a dozen salmon. Seeing Musk Ox for the first time was also a highlight at Unalakleet. Most of the group took a side trip by bush plane to the small Covenant Village of Shaktolik. Serving as guides for this early July tour were Dr. Robert Larson of Covenant Home Missions and Don Erickson, Alaska field Chairman.

The staff at KICY enjoyed meeting folks on the tour from many parts of the U.S.; and were privileged to have them in their homes for coffee. The friendship and spiritual uplift was felt by all.



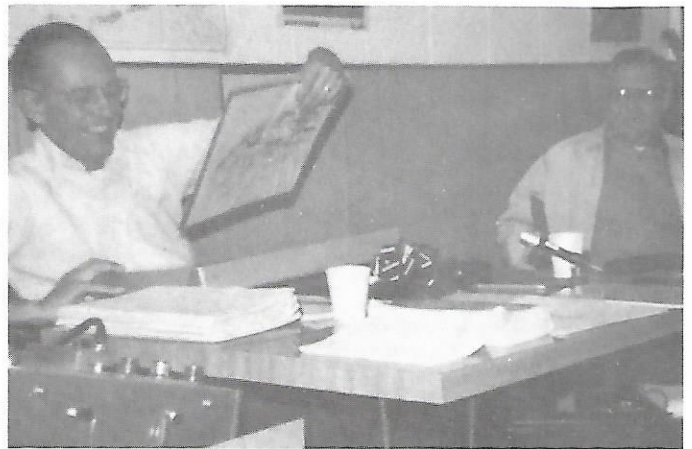
KICY Program Director Stan Summers shows coverage area to Covenant Tour members.

MANAGER'S MIKE . . .

One of the greatest weeks in the 16-year history of KICY was experienced in late May when William E. Haney, Research Director for Far East Broadcasting Co., met with the staff in formulating decisions concerning the future programming and music format of the station. Based upon extensive research conducted over a two-year period, the staff decided to implement by September 1, 1976 a country music format geared primarily to the native audience of Western Alaska with a heavy emphasis on reaching the 20-50 age bracket. Plans were made to use limited length programs from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M., with few exceptions, and longer religious programs focused on spiritual growth and maturity from 9:00 to 11:00 P.M. and closing out the day with religious Russian programming.

With the soon advent of KICY-FM, plans are to program it for Nome with a beautiful music format and limited programs geared specifically to the Caucasian Nome audience. Short presentations of spiritual impact will be interspersed between music segments throughout the day on both stations. With all the exciting possibilities that lie ahead for an even greater and more effective service for Christ to the people of Western Alaska, we wait with anticipation for God's continued guidance.

Ralph V. Fondell



William Haney, KICY research consultant, and Manager Ralph Fondell

What KICY Means To Me . .

"KICY means a lot to us, especially to those who live in small villages, where communication is not so great.

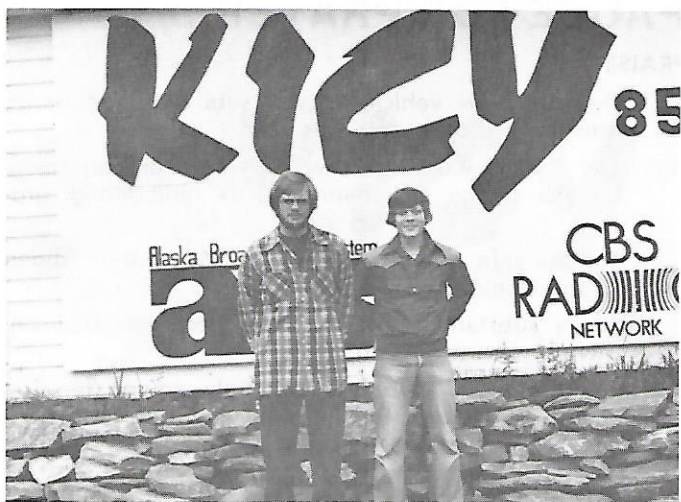
The programs I especially like are Gert's Corner, Unshackled and Music of the Northland.

The programs touch our lives.

During basketball season, we all love to listen to the games. We love to hear what the announcer has to say about each player. I thank KICY for that."

Glenda Paniptchuk
Unalakleet, AK
1976 Graduate of
Covenant High School





Mike Lundeen (1 yr.) and Steve Nelson (summer)
radio volunteers

OUR STAFF . . .

It was a busy summer right in Nome for most of our staff, however some did find time to take vacations. The DeVries family spent June and July at a lake cottage near Willmar, MN. On July 17th they were privileged to host 53 people at a gathering of "former Nomeites". Guests came as far as 500 miles for the occasion. Most of the visitors were former volunteer staff members at KICY.

Because of the major program changes which have recently taken place on KICY (see **MANAGER'S MIKE** article), program director Stan Summers and his family put off their vacation trip to Indiana and Illinois until this fall. They now plan to spend from mid-September to mid-November with their families in the "lower 48."

The Fondells spent the week of August 29-September 5 hunting and fishing in the area accessible by road from Nome. Chip Swanson took a week off in June to help in the Nome Covenant Church remodeling program. All of the KICY staff assisted other church members in various ways in the remodeling during "spare time" throughout the summer. Fifteen construction volunteers from California, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri spent from three weeks to two months working at the church.

All of the regular full time staff men with the exception of Stan Summers attended the annual meeting of the Alaska Broadcasters Association in Anchorage May 28 and 29. This was possible because of the early arrival of summer volunteer Mike Lundeen of Minneapolis, MN and the carry over of winter volunteer Lowell Mattson also of Minneapolis. We are glad to have both men staying on through the coming winter as well. Lowell and his wife Nancy (who serves as cook for our volunteers and also helps "on-the-air") and their 5 children will begin their second year as short term volunteers this fall. Our third volunteer radio man this summer has been Steve Nelson of Seattle, WA who left Nome in mid-September to attend the University of Washington. We continue to praise God for people such as these who are willing to give so freely of their time and energy to serve Him in our short term volunteer program. The value of their ministry to us and through the station is immeasurable.

THIS 'N THAT . . .

Construction of the studio **generator building** has been delayed because the new generator for the transmitter site has not yet arrived and we were unable to get a volunteer carpenter at KICY this summer. The new generator should be installed by the end of September, making it possible for us to move the old generator in to town to the studio site where we are now in the process of constructing the proposed generator building. Donations for this extra-budgetary project are still needed. \$2,975 of the \$3,500 have been received. Please mark your gift "generator".

KICY's new **1976 Chevrolet** crew cab **arrived** safely in June on the first barge of the summer. We are thankful to have sold the old crew cab at a good price.



Nome Covenant Church remodeling nears completion

Pastor and Mrs. Norman Crider of the Nome Covenant Church **retired** in August after serving four years in Nome. The Criders returned to California in July where Norm underwent surgery. He is still recuperating after some complications. Pastor and Mrs. Albin Folden came to the Nome Covenant Church in mid September from Phoenix, AZ.

God abundantly supplied the volunteer needs for the **church remodeling project** this summer. Although we were still short at least one experienced carpenter, the terrific crew of helpers were able to complete most of the work. The only major items remaining are the laying of carpet (due to shipping mistake it missed the July barge, and has just arrived), and assembling and installing of the new pews.

KICY was the **recipient** of a \$2,661.13 gift from the Dawson, MN Covenant Church to be used, if needed, for the low power FM station KICY has applied for or for any future AM power increase. This money has accumulated interest since being raised by the church in 1973 as part of an "Adventure in Faith for KICY" fund raising project. The check was delivered in person by members of the church, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Ness (sister of Gertrude Fondell) who visited the Fondells in August.



KICY Manager Ralph Fondell receives large donation from
Myron Ness representing the Dawson, MN Covenant Church



Ladies from First Covenant Church in Willmar, MN affixing mailing labels to Call Letter



Minnesota Assistants . . .

Two groups play a big part in getting the KICY CALL LETTER out to our readers. After pictures, articles, and layout have been prepared by the KICY staff, these materials are mailed to Color Press, a large commercial printing firm, in Willmar,, MN. Color Press, owned and managed by Evert Peterson, has been printing the CALL LETTER at cost since 1972. For the past two years ladies of First Covenant Church in Willmar have taken care of sorting and affixing address labels on the CALL LETTERS. At first they were under the leadership of Mrs. Curtis Goulson, now Mrs. Francis DeGrote is heading up the project. These important people in Minnesota save KICY both time and money, and also make it possible for our readers to receive the CALL LETTER much faster. Thank you First Covenant Women and Color Press for your part in our ministry.



Color Press (Willmar, MN) employees setting type (top, owner Evert Peterson rt.) and printing (bottom) an issue of the Call Letter.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER . . .

PRAISE . . .

- . . . that our new vehicle arrived safely on the barge and the old crew cab was sold.
- . . . for a hard working crew of volunteer carpenters on the Nome Covenant Church remodeling project.
- . . . for the safe arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Albin Folden to the Nome Covenant Church.
- . . . for a substantial gift received from the Dawson, MN Covenant Church.
- . . . for the F.C.C.'s waiver of high power requirements on Nome's FM frequency; we still wait for our FM application to be approved.

PETITION . . .

- . . . that work on the studio generator building would proceed on schedule and the transmitter generator will soon be installed.
- . . . for a good time of rest and relaxation for the Stan Summers family on a 2 month vacation in Illinois and Indiana and for Lola Engwall and Karna on a 2 week trip to Rockford, IL.
- . . . for effectiveness of the new KICY program format.
- . . . for a rapid return of strength after surgery for former Nome Covenant Church Pastor, Norm Crider.

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