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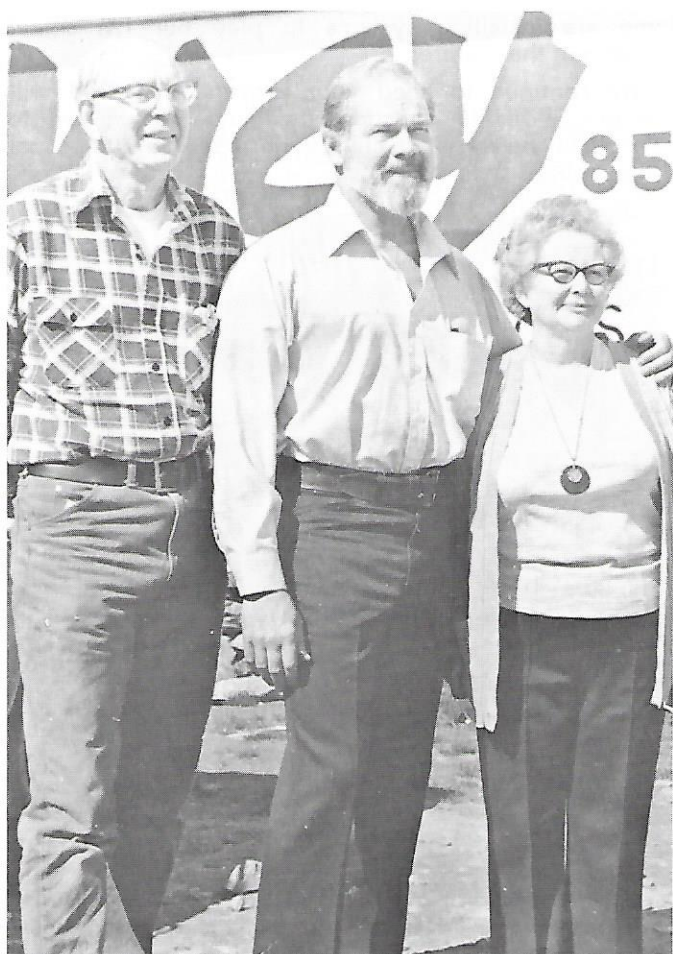
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Siberia Hears KICY

KICY's programs are being heard in Siberia. In February a Chukchi author and leader, who is vice-president of the Soviet Writers' Union, told us in a broadcast interview that he could hear KICY. Yuri Sergeevitch Ryetkheu, who now lives in Leningrad, is a native of Siberia and was born at East Cape on the mainland near the Diomed Islands. He said when he visits his summer home in Provideniya, the capital city of Chukotka, twenty miles from Gambell on American-owned St. Lawrence Island . . . using his words. . . "Sometime I hear you, maybe your voice". This is the only first-hand confirmation that we have been heard in Siberia.



A Russian visitor, Yuri Ryetkheu (photo courtesy of Bering Straights newspaper)



Al and Pearl Zellmer (summer volunteers) and Alaska Governor Jay Hammond, center.

We have heard of hunters meeting on the ice and saying that they listen to the stations in Nome but nothing as graphic as this.

There are 13,000 Chukchis and 1,200 Eskimos, some of whom speak the Siberian Yupik language, living in Chukotka. We also do some broadcasting in Siberian Yupik.

Although he didn't say how many Russians live there, he said everyone speaks and understands Russian as it is taught in the schools. English is taught as a third language.

Although we've known that we have listeners in Alaska to our 45 minutes of Russian Christian programs in the late evening hours, this comes as really exciting information.

Programming Has Begun To Stabilize Since Schedule Change

Programming at KICY has begun to stabilize following the major schedule change last fall. As with any change, people continue to comment both for and against the new schedule.

We have received many good comments that are being considered in any future changes that will be made. Several possible changes in some of the evening religious programs aired are being considered but at this writing not enough details are available to pass along. More in future issues.

As Spring gets closer, the big event in western Alaska is the 1049 mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome. KICY gave this extensive coverage this year and with thirty-nine teams registered for this year's race, it proved to be exciting. The race took two to three weeks for the majority of the mushers to cover the trail.

A new concentrated effort to get more participation from the village churches in the Eskimo Hour broadcast has taken place this winter and we are hoping to be able to broaden the base of those helping to record the program and that more will be encouraged through the program as a result.

KICY-FM continues to provide good listening music throughout the day to the city of Nome, along with inspiration and information. With the end of the football season, the weekends have calmed down to a relaxed pace till the baseball season picks up later in the Spring. We are learning that people in Nome are leaving their FM radios on during the day as a companion more than in the past as well as businesses in Nome are installing systems to play our FM signal throughout their stores.

We continue to need your prayers, that God will give our staff the direction and guidance needed to program in the most effective way to spread His gospel to the people of our area.



Koyuk Pastor Fred Weston and Ralph Fondell hold ancient mastodon tusk found near Koyuk. Peter Summers stands underneath.



Chip Swanson makes one last climb up studio tower before year's work as village pastor at White Mountain - Golovin.

1977 KICY Income Statement

INCOME:

Net Broadcast Sales -----	\$ 74,910
Non-Restricted Gifts* -----	7,477
Contributions-Other Missions** -----	2,327
Other Income -----	3,795
	<u>\$ 88,509</u>

EXPENSE:

Engineering -----	\$ 29,026
Programming -----	25,861
Public Relations & Development -----	7,180
Personnel -----	60,907
Administration -----	9,157
Business -----	5,811
Buildings and Grounds -----	36,078
Vehicles -----	5,927
	<u>\$179,947</u>

EXPENSE OVER INCOME \$(91,438)

* In addition, \$33,898 in gifts were received in 1977 for special projects; \$30,000 of this was a gift from the American Lutheran Church for FM construction.

**KICY's parent organization, The Evangelical Covenant Church of America, contributed \$99,000 in 1977 to make up the difference between income and expense.

From Our Listeners . . .

From Koyuk, Alaska . . .

"Bless all of you KICY people richly in His loving ways. You know you all have our support by our prayers. You do the same for us lots. And pray for (my husband) that he will continue to grow strong in the Lord."

From Kotlik, Alaska . . .

"Thanking you for the gospel music, devotions, and religious stories. Even the country music is more inviting when it is gospel related. Thanks for your messages and telegrams. That is a great service to us all in the lower Yukon area."

Photo Finish For Iditarod

In the wee hours of Sunday morning, March 19th, two exhausted dog mushers, Dick Mackey and Rick Swenson (formerly of Willmar, Minn.) crossed the finish line in Nome one second apart. Their 1049 mile adventure across Alaska was covered by KICY from start to finish. KICY's race reports were broadcast over an eleven station statewide network for several hours. PRAISE GOD for this opportunity.

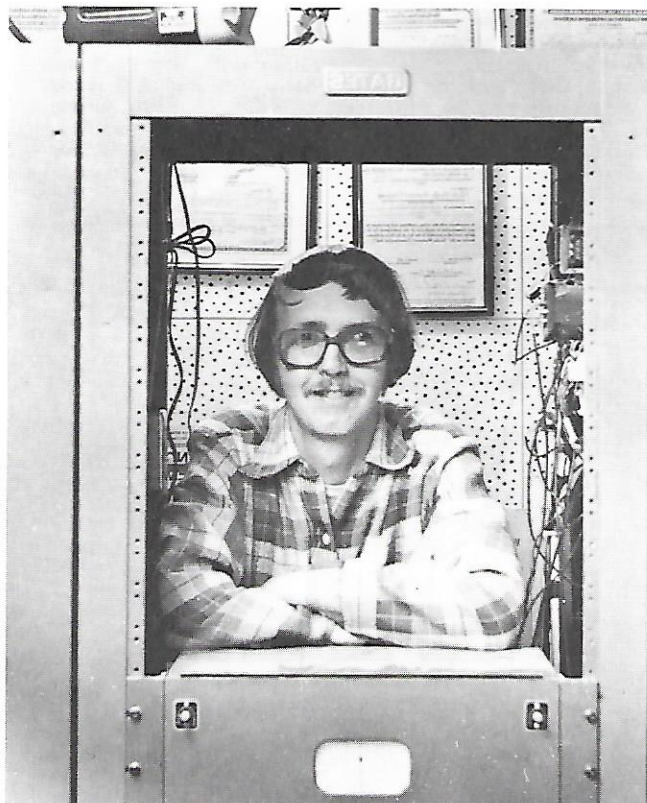
PAUSE FOR PRAYER . . .

PRAISE . . .

- . . . That our prayers have been answered for several volunteers for this summer. Announcers, carpenters, and a cook. Also a secretary for this fall and an announcer for next winter.
- . . . For good health for our staff this winter when there has been so much sickness all around.
- . . . For the new Chevrolet carryall that has been ordered and should arrive on the barge in June.
- . . . For the increase in sales income in 1977.

PETITION . . .

- . . . For the continuing need for volunteers in the future.
- . . . That funds will continue to come in for the extra-budgetary need to pay rent for additional staff housing.
- . . . That materials ordered to construct additional housing may arrive on time and in good condition for this summer's building season.
- . . . For the Dave DeVries and Stan Summers families as they vacation in the lower 48 this summer.



Engineer Terry Reynolds getting to the heart of the matter in studio A.



Iditarod finish line festivities.

A Volunteer Speaks

"KICY??? Nome, Alaska??? Are you sure that's what you want?"

Yes, that's what I wanted, and even more important . . . that's what God wanted. After two long months of holding it in, I was finally breaking the news to my parents that in just a couple weeks I would be leaving for Nome, Alaska to spend a year as volunteer secretary at KICY. The look on their faces changed, with time, from shock, to hesitation, to acceptance, and finally to joy, which my heart held from the start. I had known for some time that I would be going to Alaska to be a short term volunteer missionary, but refrained from sharing it with my family to first sort out my own feelings. It wasn't a matter of if I was going . . . but when . . . I know God wanted me there (for my heart dreamt of being there) but it was just up to HIM to provide the right time.

As I reflect on the year that has passed since I came to Nome, I must praise God for a great time of growing, maturing and feasting with HIM. Each day brings new challenges not faced the day before, and to help conquer those challenges, is God's strength. The reward He gives is beyond measure in the joy, peace and contentment He bestows.

Probably the richest times were those days when I realized how far away I was from everyone and everything and even if I wanted to go home I would have to wait for the next plane. It was then, in turning to God, that I'd find the peace and endurance needed to face the loneliness.

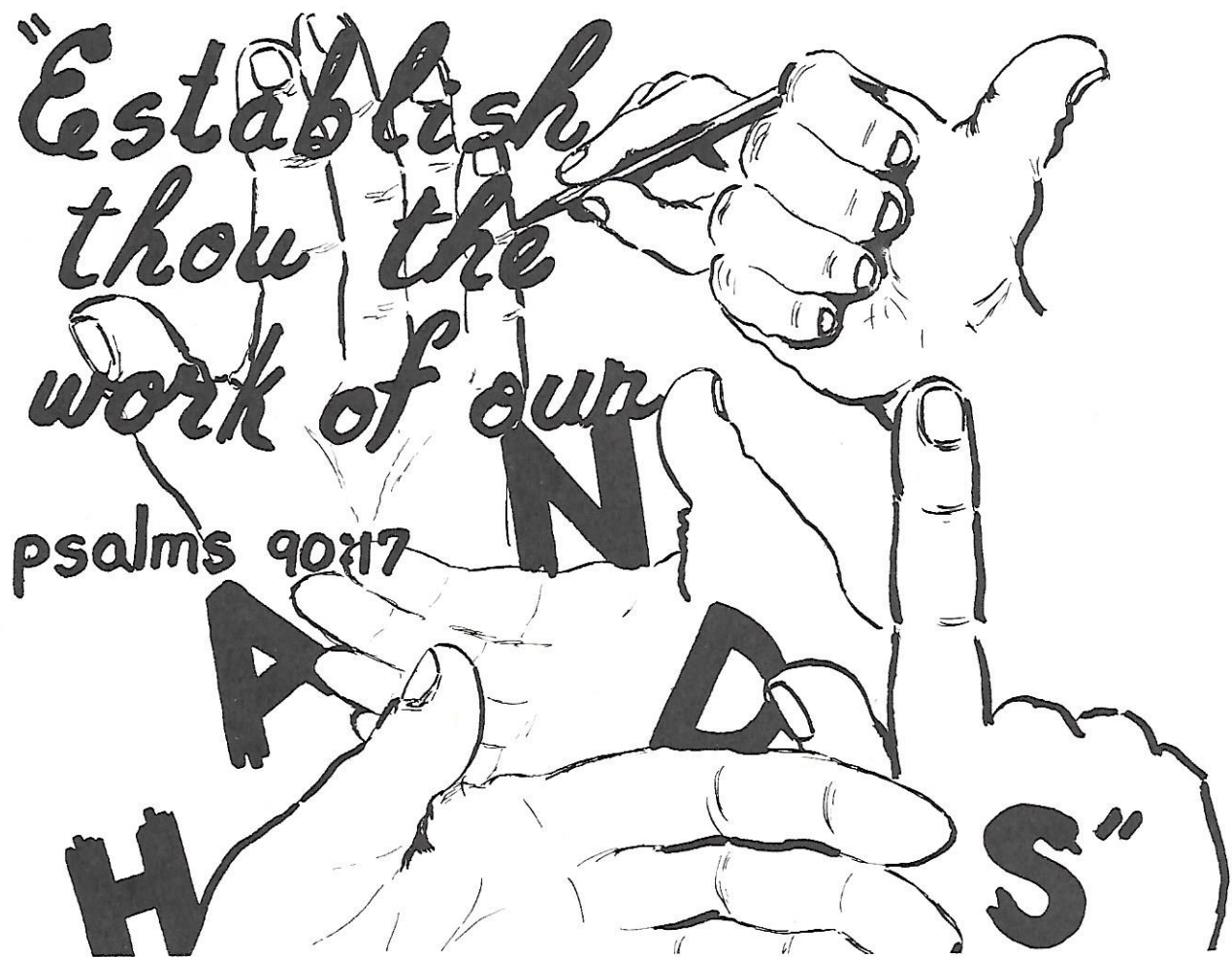
I cannot share in detail all that this year contains — for in verbalizing it, some of the beauty is lost. But the people, experiences, and time of growing in CHRIST has so enriched my life, that it is with gratitude to HIM that I face another year saying . . . "Yes God. . . take this one also. . ."

"SATISFY US IN OUR EARLIEST YOUTH WITH YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS, GIVING US CONSTANT JOY TO THE END OF OUR LIVES."

Psalms 90:14 Living Bible



Secretary Brenda Hviding.



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