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# RUSSIAN RESPONSE

If you understand and speak English and three Eskimo languages, and tuned your radio to KICY-AM from 11 - 12 p.m. every evening, would you understand what was being broadcast? Yes - if you spoke Russian.

A question always foremost in the minds of our staff is how KICY is best able to broadcast effectively the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. For the past 11 years we have broadcast the gospel in five languages. Generally our listeners write to us with requests and suggestions, and we wondered if Soviet listeners would be able to send letters to us in the U.S. It was decided to rent a Post Office box in a neutral country and the Swedish Covenant Church rented a box for us in Stockholm. A few letters were smuggled out of Russia. While in Siberia, Russian visitors would report that they listened to KICY. Relatives from Siberia, while meeting on the frozen Bering Sea, would share that they too listened to KICY, and understood both the Siberian Yupik Eskimo and Russian programs.

In October, local amateur radio operators made radio contact with amateur radio operators in the Soviet Arctic, and learned that KICY could be heard quite well in Eastern Siberia.

In January, we received this letter:

Dear Sirs:

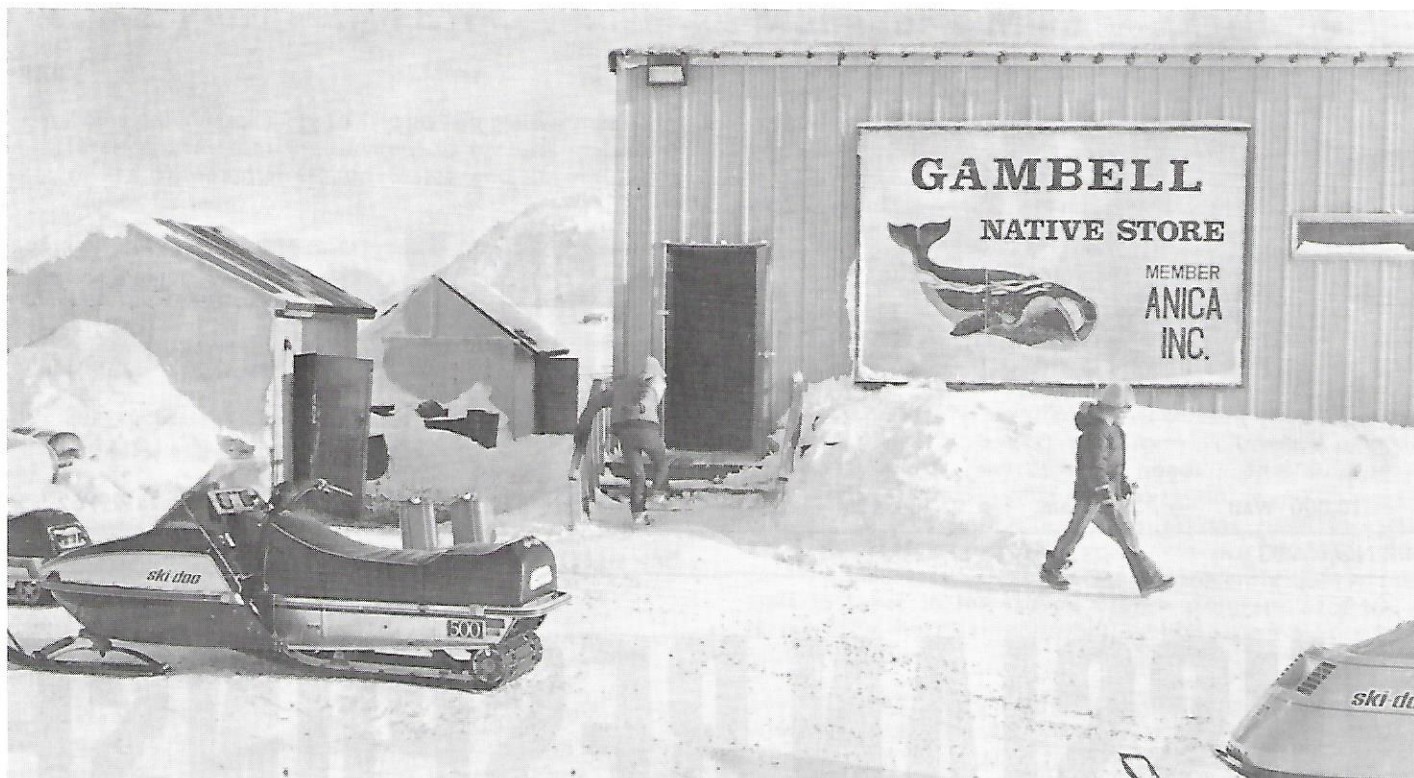
It was a nice surprise to hear your Radio Station here in Finland. This was the first time . . . Now, let me introduce myself. I am 23 years old and I am studying agriculture. DX-ing has been as my hobby already ten years. I have quite many other interests, too, for example sports. But especially in the winter time, DX-ing is number one.

I noticed that you have even Russian language programs. I think it's very important. Do you know how much you have listeners in Soviet Union? I think that there is some people even here in Western part of that country (near Murmansk). Have you got letters from there? Of course, the reception is much better in Eastern Soviet Union. However, I believe that your radio work as God's messengers is absolutely necessary. It's important that also Soviet people know that there is only one God and that Jesus Christ is our Lord. I am praying that your signal reaches its destination . . .

Jouko Mustalahti

It is exciting to hear that our signal reaches not only the eastern coast of Siberia, but also into the interior of the U.S.S.R.





Siberian Yupik is the Eskimo language understood and spoken both by U.S. and Soviet Eskimos. Gambell, one of two villages on St. Lawrence Island, is approximately 50 miles from the Eastern Siberian coastland. Before the late 1940's the people of both countries would visit freely back and forth. Now there are only chance meetings between hunters. Eight members of our staff were privileged to have a weekend visit to the village of Gambell. Thanks to Jeff Hoglund for these pictures.





# Stewardship . . . In Time and Talent

We have enjoyed a good year with a fine staff. Nine volunteers have given one year of their life to serve God at KICY. Not only have they offered their time and talents, but they have had to raise their own support from their home church or the student missionary project of North Park College. Our 1982-83 volunteers have been:

**Jeff Hoglund** - Denver, Colorado, supported by First Covenant of Denver. Jeff will be staying at least through the summer.

**Millie Larsen** - Nome, Alaska, supported by gifts from Western Alaska. Millie is planning to go back to Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka.

**Deb Larson** - Princeton, Illinois, supported by the Evangelical Covenant Church of Princeton. Deb and Karl (who met at KICY) will be married on August 13.

**Tina Meeker** - originally from New Preston, CT, now from Chicago, supported by Ravenswood Covenant Church, family and friends. Tina will be returning to Chicago in June.

**June Polo** - Siren, WI, partially supported by Calvary Covenant Church of Grantsburg, WI. June is a retired business person returning to her home in Wisconsin.

**Karl Swenson** - New Richland, Minn., supported by Vista Covenant. He will continue his studies at the University of Minnesota.

**Tim Tattan** - from Ohio, supported by the Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, Glen Ellyn, IL. Tim was our audience research specialist and is a graduate student at Wheaton College.

## Suggested Projects

Vehicle . . . . .	\$10,000
Small business computer . . . . .	5,000
Tape recorder . . . . .	2,000
Cart recorder (2) . . . . . @	1,300
Electric typewriter . . . . .	1,000
Marti receiver . . . . .	900
Fireproof safe . . . . .	600
Recarpet studio floors . . . . .	3,000
Rewire power building , . . . .	2,000

## 1982 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME:

Net Broadcast Sales . . . . .	\$157,682
Non Restricted Gifts . . . . .	32,589
Contributions Other Missions . . . . .	1,330
Action Branch Income . . . . .	11,468
Share-A-Day Contributions . . . . .	1,354
Miscellaneous Designated Contributions . . . . .	13,203
Other Income . . . . .	3,798
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	\$221,424

### EXPENSE:

Engineering . . . . .	\$56,044
Programming . . . . .	28,271
Public Relations . . . . .	13,805
Personnel . . . . .	98,649
Administration . . . . .	11,493
Business . . . . .	6,598
Buildings and Grounds . . . . .	45,150
Vehicles . . . . .	6,509
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	\$266,519

Expense over Income . . . . .	(\$45,095)
Appropriation from Evangelical Covenant Church . . . . .	\$65,000
Cash Gain (Loss) . . . . .	\$19,905
Capital Expenditures . . . . .	\$19,275

Contributions not included above were \$22,888 for support of volunteers and \$1,665 for special projects.

## Thank You . . .

Mid-March we received a letter which left us feeling exhilarated and humble.

"Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120 payable to KICY Radio to be used where most needed. The check is signed by . . . for whom I did some work in February. She has written the check in lieu of payment to me as a contribution to KICY on my behalf.

"I am very interested in the work and program of this missionary outreach station whenever I hear of it through our Covenant media and through our Mercer Island Covenant Church.

"I have performed services for our dentist, and have asked him to send a check payable to KICY in lieu of payment to me in the amount of \$500."

We also thank **Weyerhaeuser Foundation** and **Atlantic Richfield Corporation** for their generous contributions.

## PAUSE FOR PRAYER . . .

### PRAISE . . .

- . . . For a safe Alaska Fly-In trip to the Mid-winter Conference and from the western to eastern seaboard of the continental United States and several visits within Canada.
- . . . For Jay Lawton, supported by Modesto Covenant Church, and Sue Smelser, supported by Claremont Covenant and Community Covenant Churches of San Diego, who are excited about staying another year.
- . . . For successful completion of the Iditarod and the All-Alaska Sweepstakes Races.
- . . . For engagements announced and upcoming weddings of Karl Swenson and Deb Larson; Jim Brewer and Dorothy Shinen; and Sherwood Anderson and Wendy Killeen.
- . . . For the arrival of Deb Shold, R.N., as a member of KICY's Action Branch.
- . . . For Beckie Olsen, Karen Asp, Paul Sjöholm, and Lou and Thressa Kuiper who are coming for the summer, and for Deb Peterson, and Karin Holmberg who will be spending a year.

### PETITION . . .

- . . . Please pray for our need of key personnel:
  - A secretary-receptionist/Office Manager is badly needed in early June. This is a very important person essential for the smooth running of the station.
  - A Business Manager in the fall to do accounting.
- . . . Please pray for the safe, restful vacations of the Reynolds and Fondells.

## God's Promise . . .

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

I John 5:14, 15

## Manager's Mike . . .

A check for \$33, the amount paid for a traffic ticket. A gift of \$500 received for services performed for someone else and this as the second contribution. Money collected from salvaging aluminum beverage cans and donated by a retired pastor. Donations from church organizations, where members contributed in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other. A recent sizable gift from a church which had disbanded in 1981. These examples illustrate some unique methods used in supporting KICY.

Many gifts regularly to KICY. Retired persons are some of the most faithful contributors, but we also know of young couples who regularly give of their tithe. Several churches help to support short-term volunteers at KICY for either all or part of their needs. This support is now \$175 per month plus transportation. Many churches, Sunday Schools and other organizations have included KICY in their annual budgets. We are thankful that former volunteer, Deb Shold, has recently joined our staff to serve in the Action Branch program as a nurse at the local hospital, contributing her salary to the support of KICY.

You, too, can be part of our supporting staff. We invite you to choose a method which suits you. Contributions have dropped off in 1983 and yet our expenses are greater. Yes, we do need your prayers and support.

Ralph V. Fondell

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