

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Among the miraculous beginnings of this radio station, a few men stand out as those who had the vision and the skill to get KICY on the air. Bill Hartman was one of those men.

I remember meeting Bill for the first time in 1999. I had just arrived



Patty Burchell

to begin a year of voluntary service at KICY and Bill was in Nome to supervise the erection of two new towers that would allow our

signal to be sent far into the Russian mainland. I quickly learned I was in the presence of a KICY legend. If I remember correctly, the crews had to work pretty hard to keep the spry 80-year-old from climbing the towers! He was incredibly encouraging to this radio newbie, and I appreciated his ready smile and quick wit.

God used Bill as the catalyst to get me to Nome in a surprising way. In the mid-1990s, I had been receiving the Call Letter, but didn't know how I got on the mailing list for an obscure radio station in Nome. I learned later that Bill had put every member of the Pacific Northwest Conference on the list. God used those newsletters to get me here.

So much more could be said. Suffice it to say, Bill was a champion for God's work through KICY. ■

Well Done, Good And Faithful Servant

The following is a portion of the tribute penned by Gail Withuhn, Bill Hartman's daughter. It is excerpted here, with permission.

Bill Hartman passed away on December 16, 2018, at the ripe age of 102 years. His faith in his Creator was strong; he knew where he was going.

Daddy was a man of many parts. But all who knew him not only admired his intelligence, his honesty, his integrity, his far ranging interests, his probing questions, but also admired his humor, his stories, his grace, and his ability to get along with anyone.

...Daddy served in the Texas Forest Service primarily in fire control from 1939-1950 - interrupted only by naval service in 1944-45, where he refused an officer's slot in order to get electronics training. After the war, Daddy used his electronics training to bring short wave radio communications to the Forest Service.

...After getting his MA in 1951, Daddy joined East Bay Municipal Utility District (in California) as its land superintendent until he retired in 1979.

...Any account, however brief, must include Daddy's volunteer work in Alaska for the Covenant Church.



Bill Hartman at 100 years young

Since Daddy always was involved in outside projects (most of which did not make money), Mother suggested that he try his hand at doing something "for the Lord." As it happened, in the early 1950's he became fast friends with missionary bush pilot Roald Amundsen, based in

Nome, Alaska, who let it be known that there were no communications among villages in western Alaska, short of dog sleds and airplanes. Daddy got donations, bought government-surplus short-wave radio equipment, and led men as they modified the equipment to meet western Alaska's needs. The radio equipment installed, Roald, the visionary preacher-bush pilot, then kept talking about a radio station, as no public radio station existed in western Alaska. The result: Daddy wrote a successful application to the FCC, and KICY went on the air in 1960.

(Editor's note: Bill worked tirelessly with others to build the towers and other necessary equipment to get KICY on the air in 1960, and again with the power upgrade in 2000. He also spent many years on the ABA Board.) ■

Urbana 2018



Nora Nagaruk hosts the KICY booth at Urbana 2018

Urbana was amazing! This was InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's 25th Urbana Missions Conference. The college campus ministry hosts the event every three years, and their website expresses their purpose succinctly. They state: "God uses Urbana to reveal his glory and call generations to surrender to Christ's lordship. Urbana is a sacred space where students find calling and joining the Lord's global mission whether across campus, zip codes, or the world. During this five-day conference, participants engage in a kaleidoscope of experiences including 16,000-person worship sessions, Bible exposition, messages and seminars, manuscript Bible studies, testimonies from the global church, and prayer ministry."

In addition to all of this, there is an exhibit hall where ministries present a multitude of opportunities. Think of it as a Missions Trade Show. About 200 vendors filled the exhibit hall with booths as diverse as Graduate Bible Colleges, ministries in the Na-

tional Parks, medical ministries, and of course, KICY. We anticipated meeting young adults who might be called to volunteer service at KICY. What we experienced was so much more than that.

We did indeed meet many students and other young (and young-at-heart) adults who are now considering service at KICY, but we were also able to network with other colleges and ministries that we may be able to partner with in the future.

The Exhibit Hall was open from 1:00-6:30 each afternoon, allowing Nora and I to attend the morning and evening sessions. The speakers were wonderfully challenging and the international worship, with songs from many different cultures sung in as many languages, rich.

One quick story of God's unexpected provision. On the second day, Nora spoke with a young man who is a computer programmer. As they spoke about tech-type things, she mentioned one area of need was for someone to help us make the Listen Live streaming of our stations on the website more accessible

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A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Josie Stiles

Lon Swanson

Other Requests

* Health and stamina for our staff as we continue weekly broadcasts of local High School basketball, culminating in two weeks of "March Madness" when our coverage of regional tournaments overlaps with our coverage of the Iditarod.

* The preparation of work teams who are planning to come to KICY this summer, and the finances to complete the needed projects.

Praise God for His faithfulness in supplying all our needs! ■

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(without so many “clicks”). He took up the challenge and arrived at our booth the next day with the code needed to do just that. Check out the Listen Live page on the website. It is easier than ever to stream thanks to the skill and selfless service of this young man.

Thank you for praying for us as we shared the ministry of KICY with so many. I have begun the follow-up contact and am anticipating God will meet our volunteer needs in ways we may not yet even expect. I am confident God is tracing out the paths of those He is calling to service here, and even now speaking into their lives.

In December I listed a few specific requests. God is faithful, and answered graciously. Thank you so much for continuing to pray for these young adults as they seek God’s will for their lives, and that those He calls to KICY will be quick to respond. Our God is indeed good.

Urbana Requests Answered:

* Fruitful conversations.

God was faithful in this. Conversations were rich, and produced contact information for more than 50 students who have varying degrees of interest in serving at KICY. I am in the process of following up with each of them.

* 1-2 people who will commit to a year of service beginning this summer or fall.

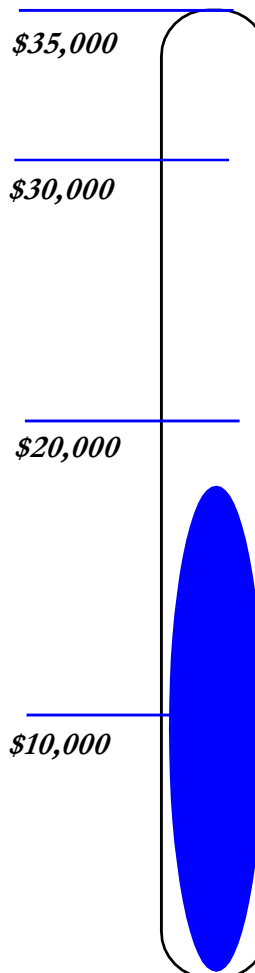
While none of the people we talked to have plans to volunteer at KICY this summer or fall we were encouraged that several were very interested, and in fact took additional information and even an application for service beginning perhaps as soon as early 2020.

* Seeds of service at KICY planted in the minds and hearts of many more for the future.

Many of the young people we spoke with are currently college freshmen or sophomores. We will continue to keep in contact with them as their schooling progresses, watering those seeds of service. ■

AM Translator for Elim

It doesn’t often happen, but the FCC was quicker in approving applications through the AM Revitalization Project than we ever imagined. And now, a translator in Elim could be a reality. Currently, our signal is difficult to pick up in that town, and this translator will vastly improve reception in the region. This project, however, does not come without cost. We will need \$35,000 to purchase the necessary equipment, including an antenna and transmission lines, and pay for skilled labor. Thank you for considering a donation toward this capital project.



Memorials

In December and January we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Arvona M. Johnson

Ernest Sagoonick

Mary A. Miller

William Hartman

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

\$51,264.52

-December Budget-

\$37,874.39

-December Expenses-

\$47,118.56

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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Updated KICY AM&FM App

If you have been frustrated recently with the performance of our Apps for KICY AM-850 and KICY FM-100.3 you are not alone. Those Apps have been undergoing revision. The good news is that a newly updated App is now fully functional and will allow you to listen to KICY wherever cell service allows.

From this re-designed App you can stream both KICY AM-850 and ICY 100.3 FM, one at a time, of course. There is updated contact information, as well as multiple ways to send us a prayer request. Through the "About KICY" page, you can learn more about our ministry in Western



Alaska and the Russian Far East, access our website, and even get information about being a volunteer at the station. And donating was never easier. From the App you can access a safe, secure giving site where you can make a one time or recurring donation to KICY using a credit or debit card.

The updated App is available for Andriod phones as well as iPhones and iPads. To download the free App, just go to the iPhone App Store, or the Google Play App Store and search KICY AM&FM. If you have one of the earlier versions, you may need to uninstall that App before installing the new.

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