

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

As we approach our 60th Anniversary year, I am reminded that we have, sadly, already lost most of the men who worked tirelessly to get this ministry started. So many people independently had the vision, and God brought them

together in His perfect timing.

As amazingly laudable as their construction work was in this harsh Arctic environment, these humble



Patty Burchell

men would all be quick to say the work was not about them, but all about proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. They would be (and these many years later we still are) quick to give God all the glory for the ministry of KICY.

These pioneers in radio ministry have left quite a legacy. Be assured that we will honor that legacy by continuing to bring solid biblical teaching, relevant Christian music, and locally appropriate programming to this region. Community connections are key in the communication business. As was the case when this station started, many villages don't have a full time pastor, and KICY continues to be an active participant and strong voice of Gospel encouragement, hope, and joy in the communities of Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. ■

"The Voice of the Arctic"



Ralph and Gert Fondell

It is with great sadness, but with joy and hope in the resurrection, that we share with the KICY family that Ralph Fondell passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on June 10, 2019, at the age of 95.

In 1958 Ralph and his wife Gert were commissioned as missionaries by the Evangelical Covenant Church to Nome, Alaska, to be part of the beginning and building of KICY. Ralph spent much of 1958 in Nome, building the station and tower along with fellow missionaries. In the summer of 1959 Ralph and Gert moved their young family to Nome, where Ralph served first as Engineer, then Program Manager, and finally General Manager until 1984. Ralph's clear, distinctive voice was well known throughout Western Alaska. As a sign off every night, Ralph referred to KICY as the "Voice of the Arctic," and until his death, his children claimed that as his nick-

name. That moniker for the station has also remained.

After leaving KICY, Ralph and Gert stayed in Alaska, making Eagle River their home. In the words of Curtis Ivanoff, superintendent of the ECC Alaska Conference, "He was a person who overflowed with the joy of Christ. Ralph has left an indelible mark on the ministry and life of the Alaska Covenant Church and ministries, especially KICY. I am sure his voice echoes in the minds and hearts of many as we thank God for his life."

Ralph was preceded in death by Gert, his wife of 70 years, who passed on February 14, 2019.

A memorial service for both Ralph and Gert will be held at Dawson Covenant Church, in their original home community of Dawson, Minnesota, August 31, 2019. ■

Summer Work Teams Work Hard, Play Hard



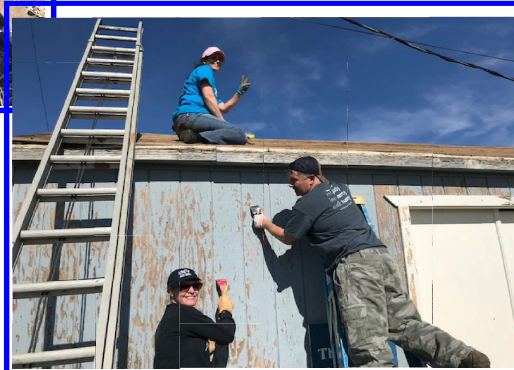
Coast to Coast, marching in the Midnight Sun Parade

We are blessed to have so many teams willing to make the long trek to Nome to help get those needed summer maintenance projects done. This year, we anticipate four groups total, with three coming this month. Below, and on the following page, is a bit of a photo journal of the work completed so far. We are grateful to our June team, Coast to Coast, a group of family and friends from across the country (PA, VA, IL, and CA represented) for getting so much of the construction work done. The weather was glorious, and they worked hard, but played hard as well, enjoying all that Nome had to offer. A group from Vista Covenant in Minnesota will be here in early August to get more of the painting done, and groups from Community Covenant Church in Eagle River, AK, and Grace Community Covenant Church in Tucson, AZ, will round out our summer. These folks give sacrificially of their time and talent to further the ministry of KICY, and we are grateful.



Leveling the Phasor Building at the Tower site

Painting and re-roofing the generator building at the tower site



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

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Lon Swanson

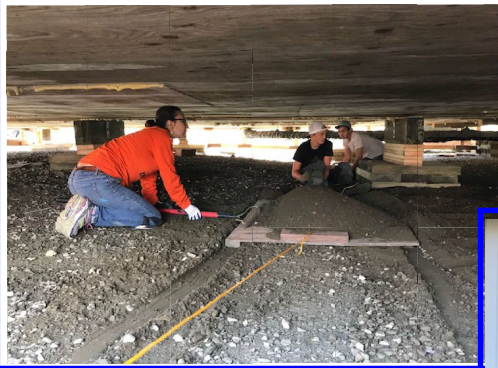
Other Requests

* Summer work teams as they make preparations to travel to Nome, and the appropriate weather here to complete the needed projects.

* Volunteers who are securing funding in anticipation of serving with KICY.

Praise God for His faithfulness in supplying all our needs!

Willing Workers



Many hands make light work. An amazing amount of work has already gotten done, all with smiles and no complaints, no matter the task. We look forward to the remaining groups finishing up the summer projects.



Memorials

In June and July we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Elizabeth Kirby
Ralph Fondell
Gert Fondell
Donald Lindblad
Dave Peterson
Amiel Severson
Jon Diller
Ted Haney

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-
\$51,924.01
 -July Budget-
\$39,815.48
 -July Expenses-
\$45,238.35

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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From top left:
 Fixing drainage issues at the Triplex
 New roof, generator building
(Photo credit: Matt McGrain)
 The cooks who kept the team well fed *(Photo credit: Lisa Burns)*
 Washing windows and sprucing up the Lutheran Church Camp at Salmon Lake
 Installing laminate flooring in the Yellow House
 Repainting a Triplex apartment.
 Center: Constructing an overhang at the Triplex to keep ice and snow from building up in front of the entrance. ■



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Meet Ron Horner

KICY is pleased to welcome Ron Horner to a larger volunteer role. For the past year, Ron has been our Saturday afternoon announcer on ICY 100.3 FM, splitting the Saturday duties with his wife Kathy, who has been a full-time volunteer for the past two years. Ron now feels called to spend more of his days volunteering at KICY.

Ron spent his working career as an elementary and high school music teacher. There is most likely not a single student in Nome who hasn't come in contact with Mr. Horner in some way.



A little known fact about Ron is that he was in Southern California as a young adult during the Jesus Movement, and knows the players in those early days of Contemporary Christian music.

Ron will be responsible for maintaining our FM music library, as well as developing a classical music hour for use during Advent on AM-850. Eventually, he may also take on our Retro Gold program on ICY 100.3 FM. The possibilities are exciting and endless.

We appreciate Ron's heart for service and radio ministry and are glad God has led him to us.