

KICY Call Letter

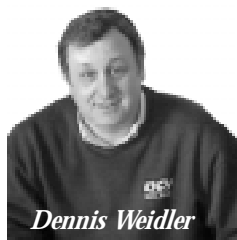
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Manager's Mic

All of us who serve at KICY wish to thank you for your prayers and financial support over the past year. With our debt behind us, 2004 is bright with promises of new ways we can reach out and touch our



Dennis Weidler

listeners for the Lord in western Alaska and the Russian Far East. Andrei has been working on developing a

contact in Anadyr, the capital of Chukotka, who would be willing to host a CareForce style prayer request program in the Russian Language. We were really looking for someone who lived and worked in our Russian coverage area. We both believe we are very close and we'll let you know more next month.

We are fully staffed and are using this opportunity to present even more local and regional athletic events. High School sports really unite villages and bonds our listeners to us. Also coming up in fewer than 60 days is the 2004 Iditarod. Over 100 mushers have signed up to compete. The pickup truck we were able to purchase locally came with an Amateur radio installed. That will help greatly with communications.

Also, only one western Alaska village remains without a pastor, something ECCAK Field Director Rodney Sawyer is focused on. Thank God for him and his commitment to village pastors. ■



Dennis Weidler, Ted Haney, Sister Olson, Ralph Fondell, James Engwall and Dave Oseland burn the mortgage.

The Debt Has Been Paid.

Christ paid the debt for all our sins. That is the daily message at KICY. Now, we can add to that one more debt which has been paid in full.

A little over 4 years ago, Arctic Broadcasting had accumulated a total indebtedness of over \$600,000. Since KYKD in Bethel and KCFA in Anchorage had both been sold, that left the burden of repayment squarely on the shoulders of KICY.

In September of this year, the final payment was made to Church Growth & Evangelism allowing KICY to finish 2003 with no debt.

In that same four year period, we raised \$400,000 to build the 50,000 watt directional system, and raised another \$150,000 to rebuild all the broadcast studios and extensively remodel the living quarters for our volunteer staff.

God continues to bless our unique, international, multi cultural radio broadcasting service.

Our prayer supporters continue to petition for our spiritual safety and well being.

Our financial supporters have allowed KICY to regain the influence it had years ago.

Freedom from debt gives us opportunities to dream of what lies ahead for 2004. ■

A Prayer of Praise.

We are within a few thousand dollars of meeting our goal to send 1,000 solar powered radios to Russia.

Words cannot express our most sincere thanks. You are all a blessing through your support of Radios for Russia.



Posing in the Studio with test certificates.

KICY Staff Earn Amateur Radio Licenses.

Several of the KICY staff members have been studying for their Amateur Radio Technician FCC license for over a year. In that time many folks joined the study group and just as many departed.

Finally, the three remaining candidates replaced their book-based study time with on-line test taking. After several weeks, we discovered we were taking the sample tests from the wrong pool of questions. Another setback.

Then, on Tuesday evening,

December 2, the trio finally sat down with three local volunteer examiners and took the 35 questions of Element 2. All three passed.

Today, Jamie Saghafi, KL1OC, Neil Peterson, KL1OD and Dennis Weidler, KL1OE are fully licensed Amateur Radio Technicians. There is even talk of studying for the Morse Code portion and continuing on to take the General Exam.

We all hope it doesn't take a year to get to the next level, but we are determined! ■

Salmon Fundraising Dinners Planned in 2004.

If you would like a KICY staff member to travel to your church and bake a Salmon dinner...just let us know. We'll even fly in the Norton Sound Silver Salmon and bake it Nome style.

So far in 2004, three Salmon Dinners have been scheduled. The first will be held at Excelsior Covenant Church in Excelsior, Minnesota on Friday evening,

January 30th.

The second dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th at Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

And dinner number three will be held in Tucson, Arizona on April 23rd.

If you would like to host a KICY Salmon Dinner Fundraising Event, give us a call, toll-free at 1-800-478-5429. ■

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

Greg 'Bo' Bowman

Tanzi Barefoot

Mitchell Nash

Matthew Lundgren

Sarah Luther

Neil Peterson

April A.J. Pugh

Greg Pugh

Brenda Ratzlaff

Greg Ratzlaff

Jamie Saghafi

Andrei Sarazov

Ellen Sarazov

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

KICY Now Licensed for 50,000 Watts, Fulltime.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 16th, we received word from our FCC Attorneys in Washington, DC that KICY had been granted authority to broadcast at 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is also on a single broadcast tower so it is not a directional signal but radiates from Nome in all directions, equally.

We can add this to our long list of God-granted miracles at KICY.

Since April of 2001, when we were authorized for 50,000 watts into Russia and 50,000 watts daytime, we still had to reduce power to 10,000 watts during 'nighttime' hours. In the winter this was every hour except from Noon to 5 PM!

We were forced into this nighttime power reduction to protect a station in Anchorage at 840 kHz. As it turns out, this station had not been

on the air for years. Recently, this frequency was purchased and closed to allow a station at 840 kHz to be built in Concord, California. As soon as the sale was consummated, Alan Anway in Clearwater, Florida, submitted our application to go to 50,000 watts all the time. On December 16th it happened.

KICY shares 850 kHz with KOA in Denver, Colorado, but there were no objections.

This is a significant improvement in coverage, especially during the nighttime hours when 'skywave' allows our signal to travel much further than during daylight hours. With our new power, we feel all of Alaska and parts of the Yukon are within our nighttime coverage area.

There has been much prayer about this. God has blessed KICY again. We are also confident that the Lord, through our supporters, will provide the resources we need to pay for the increased power costs. ■

Capital Campaign Update.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Capital Campaign. 2003 was a year of miracles. In one year we raised nearly \$100,000!

Thanks to your generosity, KICY now has a reliable, 4 wheel drive pickup truck. And, it came with an Amateur radio already installed. Today we also have three licensed Amateur operators!

The last \$7,000 in our Capital Campaign drive will be for 1,000 Radios for Russia!

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

Memorials

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

Doris Anderson
Tom Dotomain
Merton Denelsbeck
Kathy Erickson
Melvin Miller
Harold Swanberg
Angeline Oman
Leslie Baroas
Sylvia Dove
Jennie Jackson
Jeff Hoglund

Thank you for remembering a loved one through a gift to our mission.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

\$32,227.07

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

-December Budget-

\$26,860.00

This is a make or break time of year. Thank you for making 2003 financially sound.



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

FM Listeners Win Donuts.

Workers in offices around Nome are lining up to be chosen as an ICY 100.3 FM Listening Post.

We have asked listeners to tell us, on their business letterhead, if they listen at work. Then, each Monday morning, we hold a random drawing of those who have entered. If their name is drawn, ICY 100.3 FM co-host, Neil Peterson delivers a dozen, fresh Hanson's donuts, 4 KICY coffee mugs and a carafe of piping hot coffee.

The first week's winners included the entire staff of the Maintenance Department at Norton Sound Regional Health Center.

I don't think they expected a live, remote broadcast in conjunction with the awarding of the crullers and long johns. Neil managed to interview a few of the crew members before the donuts were

consumed and the workers had moved out to tackle a variety of projects.

So far we've had listening reports from many of the local establishments including City Hall, the Library,

Kawerak Native Corporation and the Regional Health Corporation. Not too bad for an 84 watt FM station playing 100% Contemporary Christian Music. The FM had been somewhat forgotten. Today, it is an active, vital radio ministry with an ever-expanding audience.

Please keep KICY-FM in your prayers. We will work to continue to touch lives for Christ. ■



Neil Peterson broadcasts from the Maintenance Department meeting room at Norton Sound Health Corporation.

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