

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

Well, summer arrived at full speed. One day it was cool and rainy, flights were constantly delayed or cancelled due to fog and we had the wettest May in 98 years. The next day it was summer with temperatures over 75 degrees. Now understand it almost *never* gets over 75 degrees! But we've made the most of it.

The Arctic Broadcasting Association held their semiannual meeting here in Nome on June 4 and 5. We wrapped it up with a hot dog roast on the beach. Even the California



*Dennis Weidler*

contingent thought it was plenty warm. Last year we ate our hot dogs and

munched on chips as we shivered in sweaters and parkas.

There are many exciting developments as we see our 50,000 watt AM signal reaching new listeners in villages well outside our past signal area. This is a tremendous blessing. We all knew that the additional power would most significantly help our nighttime signal. But the new listeners are calling in during the daytime hours. Pastor Fred Savok is now enjoying CareForce all the way down in Bethel on a regular basis. We ask you to join with us in lifting a prayer of thanksgiving for God's intervention.

Candace and I thank each of you for your support of KICY. ■



*Neil Peterson at the controls of the Bobcat while Jamie runs the shovel.*

## Sink Hole Threatened to Swallow Transmitter Building.

Just last fall, right before freeze-up, we re-leveled the transmitter building, added gravel and raised the concrete pads. We also pulled the building together with turn-buckles. I was optimistic we had seen the last of the building making extreme movements. We also added flex conduit so any movement wouldn't pull the electrical supply boxes off the wall.

During the winter, all seemed stable. Then, spring came. The snow melted. The gravel had sunk away from the building by nearly four feet! A lake had formed in the new hole. Two of the concrete pads had fallen away again...one beyond saving.

This was calling for even more drastic action. The remaining ground rods were moved to a tundra water hole far from the transmitter building and copper cables were run to the new grounds. We rented a

Bobcat front end loader from a local builder supply company and Neil and Jamie set to work. Loads of gravel were moved into place, the one concrete pad was brought up to its original position and the building was stable again.

If you would, stop right now and say a prayer for our transmitter building. Thank you.

We'll keep our eye on the melting permafrost but the ultimate solution may be to build a new transmitter building out of the RF field. ■

### *A Prayer Request.*

Our application for the FM signal improvement project is now before the Federal Communications Commission. Please pray that we will be able to move forward soon on this key project. Thank you for your support.

# KICY Presents First JROTC Award.



*Nome-Beltz JROTC First Sgt., Ahne Schield receives her award.*

It's been an extremely busy end-of-school year. It seems there were Sports Awards Programs, Proms, Baccalaureate, College Graduation, a Military Ball and High School Graduation going on around the clock.

For the first time in Nome-Beltz High School history, the community gathered to honor all the students in the JROTC Program. Nearly 50% of the entire student body is involved in this much appreciated organization.

Major Gary Grennon, the head of the program, brought students in to co-host the Coffee Crew each Thursday morning. If they were late or failed to show up, they

received demerits. According to Major Grennon, "The kids had a wonderful time at KICY. They all looked forward to being part of the broadcast."

Major Grennon wished to recognize one young student who spent more time on the air than most. A special award was conceived to honor the JROTC Broadcast Associate of the year. It was my pleasure to present that award to First Sergeant, Ahne Schield.

Also during the evening's festivities, Major Grennon presented KICY with a Community Service Award.

We enjoy a strong relationship with the school system and the JROTC program, in particular. ■

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

**Greg 'Bo' Bowman**

**Matthew Lundgren**

**Mitchell Nash**

**Neil Peterson**

**April A.J. Pugh**

**Greg Pugh**

**Jamie Saghafi**

**Andrei Sarazov**

**Ellen Sarazov**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

**Julie Yoder**

## Looking to Organize a Summer Work Team in Nome and KICY?

Check our website at [www.kicy.org/vollist](http://www.kicy.org/vollist)  
for a current listing of volunteer teams and projects.

Or, call toll-free 1-800-478-5429

Please add Albert Swanson and Josh and Lydia Rogers to your staff prayers. They will all be joining KICY in the near future and are relying on the financial & prayer support of family and friends.

# Farewell to the Sarazovs.



*Ellen, Taisia and Andrei say Goodbye to Pastor Harvey Flskeaux.*

Where did the past two years go? That's what we asked ourselves as The Sarazovs departed Nome on June 1 to return to Kansas and Ellen's parents.

In that two years, Andrei has developed a large, loyal audience in the Russian Far East through his daily program, Christianity in the

World. He established critical relationships with pastors and church leaders in Russia. And, he organized the first-ever Russian CareForce Program with weekly recorded devotions and prayer from Provideniya, Nome's Sister City in Chukotka.

But before he left, Andrei did one more extremely important thing. He found his replacement.

Very soon, Luda Kinok will be arriving from Provideniya to continue the Russian Language Programming on KICY.

Please pray for her as she makes plans to travel to Nome and serve God through broadcasts to her people. ■

**Another Salmon Fundraising Dinner added in Arvada, Colorado on August 4.**

## Memorials

In May we received memorials in the name of:

**Sherman Erickson**

**Roger Lee**

**Elsie W. Anderson**

**Helen Three Star**

**Jessiebelle Herbertson**

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

### PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-  
**\$21,472.20**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*

-May Budget-  
**\$21,915.00**

**Thank you for your prayer  
and financial support.**



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## Capital Campaign Update.

Operation *Blanket Nome* is under way! The FCC has accepted our application for a 'minor change' and the fundraising has begun.

An exciting new development is the arrival of a check from our insurance company for last summer's transmission line fire. It amounted to just under \$20,000! We will place that back into the Capital Campaign Account and use it for our FM station signal improvements. Praise God as he continues to bless KICY.

**\$60,000**

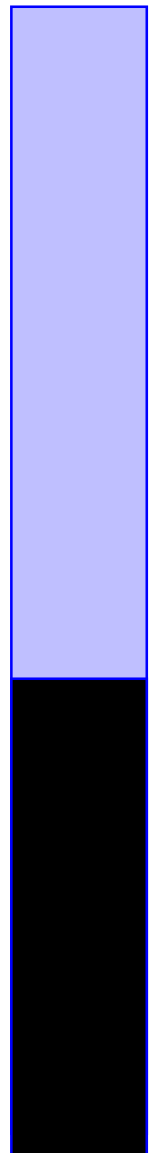
**\$50,000**

**\$40,000**

**\$30,000**

**\$20,000**

**\$10,000**



# OUCH!

The expression used to be that when General Motors sneezed, the nation came down with the flu.

Now, we see the world oil prices dominating life in Arctic Alaska. In one hour on a Wednesday afternoon, the price of a gallon of gasoline went from \$2.49 to \$3.49. And if history is consistent, that price will remain for up to five years regardless of what happens elsewhere.

The same increases will be seen in home heating oil, on which we all depend, in the cost of jet fuel and even diesel fuel to run our electric generators. Now at 50,000 watts, those power costs can be quite staggering. Is it worth it? There is no doubt.

I had just finished a CareForce Prayer request program recently and



*Up from \$2.49 an hour before.*

the phone rang. It was a listener from Hooper Bay who heard my devotional that morning and it really touched his heart...enough to call and express his thanks and joy for our broadcasts. We spent over 25 minutes discussing his daily challenges in his relationship

with Christ.

On Mother's Day, we held our Talking Mother's Day Card where listeners called in to give thanks to their mothers. We had calls from villages we had never heard from before including Tooksook Bay and Chefnak.

We also recently promoted the Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet and received many calls asking for a camp application. One was from a village north of Kotzebue where we had never had a usable signal before.

These are just a few of the daily affirmations we receive that we are touching so many lives on a daily basis. If you can find it in your heart, we would appreciate your continued prayer support and financial support of our daily work. ■

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