

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Summer has come. Praise God for the changing of the seasons. This is also our time of working outdoors and taking care of all the things which need taking care of. Our chimney leaks exhaust into our home. That's a summer project. Our roof leaks and that's a summer

project. Our siding makes a racket like there's a family of ground squirrels living in our walls.

That's a summer



Dennis Weidler

project. Yes, we'll keep these 50 summer volunteers busy.

Several months ago we received a call from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation based in Bethel. They were launching a Diabetes Prevention call-in program and asked if we could carry the program with a feed from the public station in Bethel. Their research had shown that KICY was the only station that covered their entire service area. We were happy to serve. We have known for a long time that our signal covered villages as far south as Dillingham on Bristol Bay. It was a tribute to our efforts that the health corporation had come to the conclusion that KICY was an important part of reaching the people of their region.

KICY is honored and blessed to provide that service. ■



The Community Chorus performs at the Easter service.

Community Easter Service Hosts Over 425.

Easter Sunday is such an important day, the Nome Covenant Church wants to share it with everyone! As has become the tradition, we move out of our church building and rent the Nome Recreation Center for the day. Actually, we start setting up the night before by installing a stage, moving our sound system from the church to the expanded venue, and setting up tables and chairs. There are decorations, books, tracts and flowers for the big event. KICY donates our advertising space in the Nome Nugget to promote the Community-wide service and teams head out to put up posters inviting everyone to the Easter celebration.

This year, we also partnered with both the Nome Church of the Nazarene and the River of Life Assembly of God.

The morning begins early as we

serve coffee, juice and pastries at 9:30 before the service gets started.

New this year was a community choir represented largely by the three churches who joined together. There was also a 'home school' choir and Tom Mute, son of village pastor, Wassilie and Jean Mute, blessed us with a song he wrote.

All three pastors shared their Easter message and by noon, we served lunch for everyone who attended. There were turkeys and hams, green bean casseroles and candied yams. There were pies and cakes and lots of coffee and punch.

What a privilege to share the story of our risen Lord with so many in our community. ■

First Impressions



Summer intern, Jonathan Bruce.

As the plane skimmed over the landscape, I gawked at mountains that had shapes and sizes that captivated my foreign eye. As I stepped off the airplane, a cool, clean, and refreshing breeze welcomed me, and I easily breathed in the crisp air of Nome. For someone who has lived in Nome I would understand that this would not be too significant...a simple whiff of the air. I come from Sacramento, California, though. The air is hot, incredibly polluted, and lacks any sort of crisp breeze. The air of Nome is majestic to me, as I recall the brown air of downtown Sacramento.

As people walk the downtown streets of Sacramento, eye contact is a rare commodity. Last Wednesday I did my first stroll down Front Street; people not only give

sincere eye contact but also give greetings and smiles. Understandably then, I was a bit awkward with the first people I passed by because I am not used to such open friendliness.

On my second day here a man walked up to me, as I was staring upon the ocean. He offered to give me a tour of the town, so I accepted. We walked up and down Front Street; he told me about the history and meaning of every building and statue. After about an hour I thanked him and we parted. I realized then, as I watched him walk away, there is a pride in Nome that I have never seen before in my life. I have lived in many towns, but none that had people like those in Nome, for it is the pride and joy of the Nome residents that truly sets this town apart.

I will greatly enjoy these next three months here.

--Jonathan Bruce

Ida Leah Murray succumbs to cancer.

We received word on Friday, May 27th that long-time Arctic Broadcasting Board member, Ida Murray of Elim, Alaska had gone home to be with the Lord. This is a tremen-

dous loss to her family, her community, the church and to KICY.

She will be missed by all. It was a real privilege to work side by side with her. Peace to her memory. ■

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

George Bard

Jonathon Bruce

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Louis Murphy

Penny Olanna

Lon Swanson

Rolland Trowbridge

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

The ice has gone out. The tundra turned green almost overnight. The wild flowers shouted their colors even before all the snow had melted. Summer arrives abruptly in the Arctic. You'd better be ready!

All the major pieces of the summer work team puzzle are scheduled to arrive just a few days before the first teams from Tucson and Canada.

The new generator, the new double doors, the air handling system, the oil tank...are all in a row ready for installation.

Over 60 volunteers have begun descending on Nome and KICY. That means we're working on logistics to keep everyone housed, fed and productive. Please pray for another great summer of progress and safety. ■

Is There A Salmon Fundraising Dinner In Your Future?

Mmmm...can you taste that Alaskan Silver Salmon? Now, you can enjoy a delicious salmon dinner and help KICY at the same time. We'll provide the wild salmon, flown in from Nome. We'll provide trivia prizes. We'll even help you do the dishes. A KICY Salmon Fundraising Dinner is a great way to spark your church's interest in a Covenant Mission with a 50 year tradition. Give us a call. Check out the current salmon dinner schedule below. If there's a fit for your church, let us know.

I do want to thank the many churches over the past 12 years who have invited us into their fellowship. Only this kind of face-to-face sharing can bring the scope of our work to light.



Can You Help?

In our last issue of the Call Letter, we mentioned that Luda had back surgery. Praise God, it was successful. Now, KICY has been receiving bills for the portions of her surgery not covered by insurance. These costs, plus her immigration attorney's legal fees to allow her to stay in Nome, now amount to over \$7,700. This is a significant, unexpected expense. Can you help? Any donation you can prayerfully make to this effort would be greatly appreciated.

The Fall 2011 Tour

Wednesday, October 5 - First Covenant, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Friday, October 7 - Harris Covenant Church, Harris, Minnesota
 Saturday, October 8 - Mission Covenant Church, Foster City, Michigan
 Tuesday, October 11 - Hope Covenant, Indianapolis, Indiana
 Wednesday, October 12 - Covenant Church, South Bend, Indiana

January 21st through January 29th, 2012 (Midwinter Conference)

Thursday, January 26 - Ravenswood Covenant Church
 Sunday, January 29 - Hinsdale Covenant Church

Memorials

In April & May we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
 Edward Lattimore, Jr.
 Dorothy Harman
 Willard Pearson
 Agnes Komatchuk
 Morse Hjelm
 Rae Hjelm
 Lloyd Johanson
 M & M Balsen
 Margaret Swanson
 Patty Denelsbeck
 William Lindberg

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

Individual Donations Have Declined Dramatically

-May Actual Income-

\$19,899.84

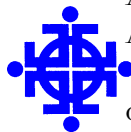
-May Budget Income-

\$33,360.00

-May Expenses-

\$22,150.20

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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Guys Read Program Comes To Nome.

For the second year, I was invited to be part of the Guys Read Program. This is a state-wide reading encouragement and mentoring program and involves all levels of participation from the Governor in Juneau to us here in Bush Alaska.

Last year, I was asked to read a book about the Iditarod to a group of 6th graders. Honestly, that was a tough sell here in Nome. In fact, one student said his grandfather was *in* the Iditarod. So the fascination for the event you might find in the Lower 48 was decidedly lacking here in Nome.

This year was a different story. I partnered with Mike Sloan who works at Nome Eskimo Community. (His wife, Marsha and I just served on jury duty together.)

The readings take place over the student's lunch hour and last only about a half hour. But with sixth graders, that's probably enough. Mike and I read from a very 'punny'

book called *Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School* and this year, we struck pay dirt. The boys voted this book as their favorite of the series. Kids seem to really resonate with funny twists to the language.

It was so much fun, I hope we will be invited to participate in next year's program, as well. Candace also read for the Girls Read Program. ■



Guys Read...and I can prove it.