

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

The days are getting shorter and colder and it is just about time to head out to the transmitter site to button things up for the winter. Though Fall seems to have ended abruptly, winter is not quite here. It seems like everything has been put on hold this year!



*Patty Burchell*

Speaking of being put on hold, the Fall Salmon Dinner Tour is one of the many Coronavirus casualties this year. Several of the churches who had planned to host a dinner this month have rescheduled for April. We pray those dinners are able to happen in person, as that will signal a return to a bit of “normalcy,” even though we all know it will look different than the pre-Covid normal.

Although much is different as we head into the final months of 2020, some things remain the same. God is still on His throne, His mercy, grace, and compassion are new every morning, and we can rely on His provision and care for us all. Our signal is strong, and we at KICY remain steadfast in our mission to encourage our listeners on both sides of the Bering Strait through solid Biblical teaching, uplifting music, and relevant local news and events. As the days darken, KICY is a light in the region. Praise be to God! 

## Tower Repairs




*Nate Hobbs, Steve Smit, & Cody Foret make tower repairs.*

In early July our AM transmitter began behaving erratically. After a few days of troubleshooting the transmitter and transmission lines, we were still no closer to an answer. At the end of that week, Nate was out at the tower site to begin some work on the roof of the phasor building. When he opened the door, he saw a haze and the smell was acrid. I joined him at the site and while thoroughly inspecting the phasor, we found the problem. One of the tuning rods had burned up leaving it as slag on the floor of one of the cabinets.

The cause was unknown until closer inspection of the ground straps. When I got to the base of the West Tower, I found one of the spark gap balls on the ground, rather than bolted to the base of the tower. The copper “pig tail” connecting the tuning unit to the tower had become disconnected as well. Apparently, that disconnect caused the tuning rod

to melt.

A new tuning coil, rod and knob were ordered and shipped to Steve Smit, a former volunteer at KICY and current broadcast engineer in Minnesota, who volunteered to come make the repair. As an essential worker, Steve was able to come in, follow health and safety protocols, and get right to work. Steve also gladly shared his expertise with Cody and Nate, who learned much about our towers and tuning system under Steve’s tutelage.

Between the time the issue was discovered and its repair we were not able to go into our directional mode overnight, but were able to stay on the air at reduced power. Fortunately, once the repair was made it was determined nothing else had been harmed. The transmitter is happy once again and our signal into Russia overnight is strong. 

# A Look Back...

## Broadcast to Russia

*Outreach to Russia has always been part of the vision at KICY. Below are excerpts from the past indicating the growth of KICY's Russian Ministry.*

*Memories from Winfield Dean, summer volunteer in 1964:*

In early July, the Rev. Peter Dyneka, Director of the Slavic Gospel Mission, paid a visit. Ralph (Fondell) arranged for him to speak on one of the evening programs in Russian. This was the first time KICY broadcast in Russian, and it became a dream to develop broadcasts that would reach to

the Russian people. Ralph did hear back later that the broadcast was heard in Russia and that they desired more programs.

*From the Spring 1968 Call Letter:*

KICY received its first letter from across the Iron Curtain in March. The listener, who wrote from north of Moscow, had heard our programs in October of 1966, while he was living near Vladivostok in Siberia. We have been waiting for such a report of reception for several years. We hope that this is just the beginning of future reports from our friends across the Bering Straits.

*From the Spring 1972 Call Letter:*

Russian programming will soon become a reality on KICY. From 11-11:45 each evening Gospel programs in the Russian language will be aired reaching not only those Alaskans of Russian

background, but reaching Siberians as well with the good news of Jesus Christ. Approval was received from the FCC with our license renewal this spring.



*Moscow Listener ~2012*

*From the Winter 1974-1975 Call Letter:*

In past issues you have heard reports of oral testimonies of Siberian Eskimos and Russian sailors listening regularly to KICY. One of our Russian language program producers, the

Russian Gospel Temple of San Francisco, has now notified us of at least two actual letters they have received from Russian language listeners who have heard their program on KICY.

*From the Spring 1978 Call Letter:*

KICY's programs are being heard in Siberia. In February a Chukchi author and leader...told us in a broadcast interview that he could hear KICY. ...He said when he visits his summer home in Provideniya, the capital city of Chukotka, ...using his words... "Sometime I hear you, maybe your voice." ... Although we've known that we have listeners in Alaska to our 45 minutes of Russian Christian programs in the late evening hours, this comes as really exciting information.

*Today, KICY's signal is turned directional West every day at 11 p.m. and broadcasts in the Russian language from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., sending the message of the Gospel into the heart of Eastern Russia and beyond. ■*

# A Prayer Request

## For each of our staff members

**George Bard**

**Patty Burchell**

**Cody Foret**

**Joy Foret**

**Nate Hobbs**

**Kathy Horner**

**Ron Horner**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Luda Kinok**

**Lena Mathlaw**

**Lon Swanson**

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## Praise God...

...for the minimal impact of the Coronavirus in Alaska.

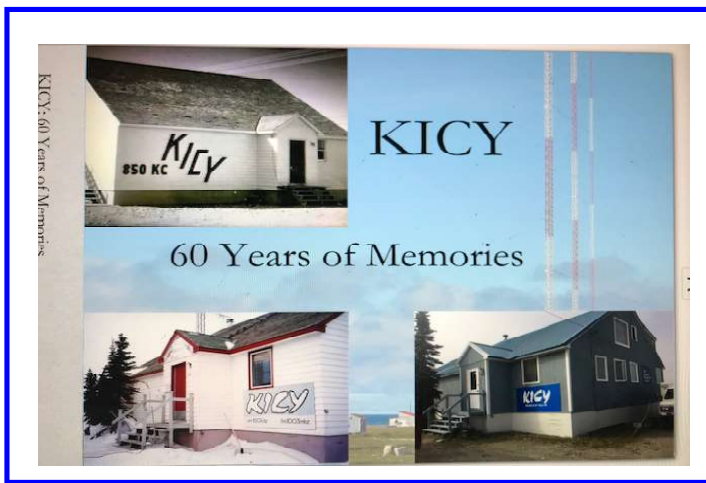
...for Steve Smit and his work to repair equipment.

...for other willing local workers who were able to complete our most critical maintenance projects this summer in the absence of summer work teams.

## Pray for...

...the continuing financial needs of the station.

...our staff as winter approaches. Even those who have been in Nome a long time can be affected by the long hours of darkness.



## KICY 60th Anniversary Memory Book

The KICY Memory Book is available for purchase! So many past and present staff and volunteers contributed thoughts and memories, humorous, serious, and just plain fun, from each of our six decades of ministry. Current listeners also contributed their thoughts and memories. Add to that vintage photos from each decade and listening region and this book will be one to be treasured for years to come.

The book is available on line through Shutterfly, in both hard and soft covers. A link to Shutterfly and ordering instructions can be found on our website, [kicy.org](http://kicy.org). We know this will be a book to peruse over and over again, celebrating the goodness and blessings of God. ■

### Memorials

In August and September, we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**

**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

**Richard Peterson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

### PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-

**\$41,775/96**

-September Budget-

**\$39,689.00**

-September Expenses-

**\$26,461.07**

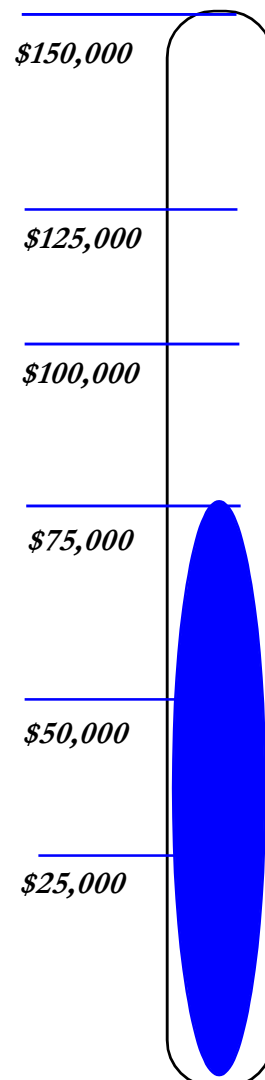
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not designated funds.*



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affiliated corporation  
of the Evangelical  
Covenant Church.

## 60th Anniversary Challenge

We are so blessed by those who have responded to our 60th Anniversary Challenge and given an extra \$60 (or multiple of \$60) toward the replacement of our aging AM Transmitter. Because of this generosity we are able to project ahead to Summer of 2022 as a possible replacement date. There is still time to help us reach our total funding goal. If you have not yet taken the challenge, would you prayerfully consider it?





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## The 44th Annual Great Bathtub Race

At high noon on Labor Day a moderate crowd gathered on Front Street under cloudy skies for the 44th running of The Great Bathtub Race. Four bathtubs on wheels, their brave captains sitting in a few inches of water, moved to the starting line. The steady drizzle stopped as the teams anxiously awaited the signal. At the word “GO” all four began the 100 yard dash to the Post Office, pushing their wheeled tubs as fast as they could.

In just about a minute, the race was over. The team from KNOM came in first, redeeming their less than stellar performance the last



*The Clean Machine: Aiden Jones, Elijah Jones, Cody Foret, Joy Foret, Wyatt Jones*

time they competed. A couple years ago, the team lost control of their tub and it pitched forward, dragging the ground. They regrouped and finished, but it was not their finest hour. This year they breezed to the

finish line first.

The Nome-Beltz Jr. Varsity Volleyball Team came in second, besting the Varsity Volleyball Team for the second year in a row. The Varsity Team earned the “Ring Around the Tub” award for coming in last.

And who came in third? It was The Clean Machine, a team of youth organized by our own Cody and Joy Foret. They also won the “Crowd Favorite”

award. This year, they borrowed the famed Crowley Tub, winner of many a race, but Cody already has plans for creating their own tub for next year.

KICY is proud to sponsor this zany event. ■