

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

We just returned from a walk with Tater...in spite of the fact that it's -26. It has been quite cold for an extended period of time.

The other day, the indoor temperature rose to 85 in the studio building and the next day it dropped to 58. Hmmm. That's not promising. It seems that a tiny relay failed in our boiler and the nearest one was 4,000 miles away in Illinois. We managed to swap another relay with the defective one which kept the building warm but deprived Lon, Luda and



*Dennis Weidler*

Irene of any hot water for over 10 days. The extended cold spell also froze the shower drain

in The Yellow House and froze the drain in the break area of the radio station. Then, we lost hot water to the studio building restroom sinks. Then, Luda lost hot water in her kitchen sink. We were chasing freeze-ups all over KICY buildings.

Vehicles are kept plugged in with block heaters and battery blankets, but when it's near -30, they all have a little difficulty keeping a charge. That's why there's a battery charger strategically placed by the front door of the studio.

Yes, there is good news, and lots of it. There is no wind, not even a breeze, when it's this cold. And, there's lots of basketball to keep us all busy! ■



*KICY's Irene Houdek, Dennis Weidler and "The Major".*

## It's Basketball Time!

Every year, the first weekend in January marks the official kickoff of the much anticipated basketball season. From that time on, there is basketball and a lot of it. The great news is that we have the staffing to provide wonderful coverage.

This year, Irene Houdek went well outside of her 'comfort zone' by traveling to the village of Point Hope on the shores of the Chukchi Sea to provide play-by-play action of her first tournament. That was followed the next week with a three-day tournament known locally as the Nome Nanook Subway Showdown consisting of three days of basketball with both boys and girls teams from Unalaska, Chevak, Point Hope and Nome...eight teams in all. Irene, 'The Major' and Dr. Phil all took their turns in providing coverage while Lon Swanson was the designated board operator back in the studio.

Candace and Dennis Weidler helped out by playing their saxophones in the

community Pep Band.

In addition to our broadcasts, we provided coverage for radio stations from Unalaska to Chevak. Many were tuned in to the webcast of our audio stream. There was one community, which will remain nameless, which picked up the webcast of the game and rebroadcast it on CB and VHF radio throughout their village. Still others called KICY and simply asked to be put on hold so they could hear the game in their village. One way or the other, these folks will not be deprived of their basketball!

When Nome Nanook teams go 'on the road' (actually flying in the air), we provide coverage for the radio station in the destination village and then rebroadcast their coverage on the next evening, just to keep our coverage balanced. In Alaska, basketball is a way of life. ■



*Dina, Natasha and Luda in the studio.*

## Luda and Friends Record in Russian.

**L**uda has had more company dropping by in Nome in a year, than I've had in nearly seven years. Nome really is at a crossroads.

Recently we were introduced to Dina Ranavkay, who is from the Chukotkan capital city of Anadyr. She was in Nome to meet an old friend, Natasha Fedosova, who grew up in Chukotka and emigrated to central California, near Sacramento, 18 years ago. So, it's easy for Dina to get to Nome on a Nanuuq Commission pass and easy for Natasha to get to Nome from Sacramento. Luda was the common denominator! All three are active in promoting Christian music, especially in the Russian language.

We were extremely fortunate that

the three made it into the studio while they were here.

Luda and Dina sang a traditional Chukotkan song about the beginnings of Christianity in the Russian Far East. In true Russian epic form, it is over 7 minutes long!

Then, Dina and Natasha teamed up for three more songs in Russian. As they departed for their distant homes, we were able to replicate CD's for them to take with them. And, it didn't take Luda long to add the new Russian material to her daily broadcasts.

Thanks to Luda for blessing KICY with her jubilant, outgoing spirit. Thanks go to Dina and Natasha for bringing their love of God to share with us in Nome. ■

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

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Irene Houdek**

**Luda Kinok**

**Adam London**

**Carol Morton**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Lon Swanson**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

## From The Russian E-Mail Bag

Hello.

Today I found out your broadcasting in the internet. Fifteen years ago I and could not imagine that I will be able to hear your signal.

Now I sit and listen songs on Russian. It is great!

Can I to give regard of Luda Kinok?

I also soon am going to open internet broadcasting (on demand).

Blessings to You.

Sincerely,

Yuri Vlasov.

Krasnodar city, North Caucasus

**I**t is with great joy that we can announce that Irene Houdek will be staying on a little while longer at KICY. Her plans were to return home to Colorado on April 1, but now her future includes several more months in Nome, and as she says, "leaving it in God's hands."

She also recently found out that there is a work team coming to Alaska from Arvada this summer and she thought, "maybe I'll see if I can be of help to them".

Please keep Irene in your prayers as she allows God to map her future plans.



*A Bering Air employee, Dennis and Lisa at the terminal.*

## KICY Transports Backpacks.

**T**hanks to Dennis and KICY for helping to solve an issue that came up. We had no way to transport 100 mission backpacks to the airport.

North2alaska is a missions project developed by two children, Danielle and Tessa Woolsek who live in Wisconsin. The two children heard about a family leaving for Alaska and were intrigued by the different living conditions of the Alaskan children. Together with their friends they bought backpacks and filled them with toys, games, schooling, snacks and hygiene supplies. Millie and Dan Schobert provided boxes and boxes of new Beanie Baby stuffed animals and Mount Miguel Covenant Village in California knit sweaters, scarves and

hats for the children. TLC Bible & Bookstore of Nome donated numerous Christian CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes for the children, as well.

Carol Morton and I worked diligently on organizing the backpacks as Jim Hansen volunteered to box up the backpacks, properly tagged for the right village destinations. The backpacks were overflowing with goodies and love for the village children, all of whom had at least one parent housed in Anvil Mountain Correctional Center. With this shipment to Bering Air, the organization, North2alaska was able to transport packages of love to 17 villages and 100 students.

*--Lisa Schobert*

## *Operation 'Solid Foundation'.*

**W**e are looking forward to an extremely busy summer. With your financial support, we will be able to rebuild the AM transmitter site. And, based on the inquiries we have had, there will be plenty of volunteer teams to help keep our costs down and get the job done expeditiously.

This month, we raised another \$1,001,13 in Capital Campaign support. We still have a way to go, but we trust God to meet our needs, with your prayerful support.

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

## *Memorials*

In January, we received memorials in the name of:

**Eulda Anderson**

**Carl 'Gramps' Nelson**

**Jenny N. Chase**

**Mr. Lattimore**

**Mrs. Inerson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

**\$40,657.17**

-January Budget-

**\$41,630.00**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*

**Thank you for your donations allowing us to work for you in the Arctic.**



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

# Mountain Belches. Flights Cancelled.

Yes, Iceland is known as the land of fire and ice. But, Alaska has many of the same attributes and is on the same latitude. While it has been well below zero in Nome for months, Mount Augustine decided it was time to blow off a little steam. And, a little ash. And create some weather of its own.

Plumes of steam and ash billowed over 40,000 feet above the Cook Inlet, some 600 miles south of Nome and the Seward Peninsula. In one eruption, the tiny particles of ash from Mount Augustine, caused snow to fall in the community of Homer some 75 miles to the southeast.

In one day, 28 Alaska Airlines flights we cancelled from the Ted Stevens International Airport in Anchorage. On another day, the



*Mount Augustine in a more quiet mood.*

eruptions caused the cancellation of several flights to Nome and travelers were left to fend for themselves in Anchorage. Volcanic ash can quickly clog jet engines and has even been known to completely scour the paint off a plane's exterior. Ash can also scar the front windshields until pilots are unable to see through them.

It seems Mount Augustine, the most active volcano in Alaska, has about a ten year cycle. Geologists expect there to be more activity in the near future and are monitoring it closely. Just 45 minutes prior to one eruption, geologists had landed on the volcano to place an additional web-cam.

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