

KICY *Call Letter*

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Manager's Mic

This is the year when we celebrate 50 years of serving the Lord and our listeners in western Alaska and the Russian Far East. The guest list for the dinner includes Covenant Church President, Gary Walter, Executive Minister of Church Growth & Evangelism, Dave Olson, our U.S. Senators Murkowski and Begich, Congressman Don Young, Alaska Governor Sean Parnell and our State Senator, Donald Olson and State Representative, Neal Foster.

If you or your church would like to



Dennis Weidler

place a greeting or announcement of encouragement in the Memory

Book, let me know. We have simple listings from \$50 up to a full page ad for \$500. The proceeds will be used to offset the considerable investment to stage a dinner for 400 in Nome. If you are planning to be part of the celebration, we need your reservation today.

Also, we are scheduling salmon fundraising dinners for this spring, summer and fall. I would love to bring wild Alaska salmon to your church. Please call me toll-free at 1-800-478-5429 or send an e-mail right to my desk at dennisw@kicy.org. The salmon dinners are the single most important link between you, your church and KICY. ■



Bill Gartung (l) and Jon Wehde (r) at the broadcast table.

Basketball Kicks Into High Gear.

The season seems to begin earlier every year. This December 11th saw the start of the 2009-2010 basketball season for the Nome-Beltz Nanooks. By the end of the year, both teams had competed in 5 games.

New to the play-by-play commentary are Jon Wehde, Superintendent of Nome Public Schools, his son, Brendan Wehde and Nazarene Pastor and school personnel director, Bill Gartung. They will be covering the girl's home action this season while Don Stiles will coordinate the boys coverage.

With the cost of travel (and we all have to fly) ever increasing, we are also seeing more and more single site tournaments. That usually means a minimum of three days of basketball with three or four teams meeting in a single site. It's as efficient as we can be when your nearest school competitor is 600 miles away.

The first home games of the season

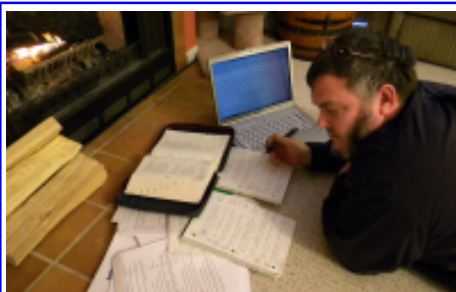
weren't without incident. Half-way through the girl's game against Kotzebue on Saturday afternoon, our local telephone utility began repair work on a 300 pair cable near the high school. Snip...and we lost our audio feed from the Den of the Mighty Nanooks. So it goes.

Hopefully, the rest of the season will be without serious technical challenges.

The challenges of travel will be underscored when the District Tournament begins in March in Unalaska. That's out in the Aleutians and a far distance from Nome. All teams from Alaska Class 2A schools will have to fly to Unalaska (that's right across the inlet from Dutch Harbor where the Deadliest Catch ships restock). They could use your prayers. ■

Gone...But Still Involved With Bible Trivia.

Even though Dr. Phil and Lisa are temporarily residing in Anchorage, the Bible Trivia Contest must go on! Yes, one of the nation's few remaining Bible Trivia contest programs is



Dr. Phil on his floor by the fireplace in Anchorage.

scheduled for this month. Dr. Phil has been busy developing, testing and revising his special Bible trivia questions to assure a smooth and, he hopes, unchallenged trivia broadcast.

Dr. Phil is planning to return to Nome and KICY just for this Bible Trivia weekend in February.

If you would like to form a team, please let us know. Many play on-

line at www.kicy.org and use our toll-free number or skype or other VOIP protocol.

We need a team name, leader, phone number and address to get your team registered.

This is our third Bible Trivia Contest and each year it just gets better and better.

A special thanks to Dr. Phil for his painstaking research into the questions he provides for the programs.

If you can't play along, you might just tune in on-line from anywhere in the world and share KICY's Bible Trivia Contest this year. ■

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

George Bard

Luella Dennis

Adam Lust

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Louis Murphy

Penny Olanna

Lon Swanson

Jon Wehde

Candace Weidler

Frances Whitmore

You Can Be An Arctic Ambassador of the Gospel.

50th Anniversary Goal:

50 new Arctic Ambassadors in 2010.

KICY AM-850 offers a unique opportunity for you to sponsor one hour of broadcasting. For only \$42 a month, your name and your hometown will be broadcast as the sponsor of that hour.

If you would like, we'll also send you a CD of a live recording of one of your hours and a certificate of appreciation for your support of Christian radio in western Alaska.

We are now able to offer spon-

sorships of one hour of Russian Programming each month, as well.

For \$42 a month, Luda Kinok will air your sponsorship in Russian and I'll announce it in English. Just be sure to specify if you would like to sponsor an hour of Russian

Programming and we'll make the arrangements.

We have a record number of Arctic Ambassadors and the membership keeps growing! ■

Only
\$42
a month

We have begun scheduling work teams for the summer of 2010. If you'd like to help organize a team from your church let us know. There's lots of light carpentry and painting to do, so everyone can lend a hand...regardless of their age or experience. If you know which end of a paint-brush to use, you're already well trained.

As teams sign up, we'll post their schedule on our Web Site to make it easy to stay in touch.

If you'd like more information, call 1-800-478-5429. ■

The Talking Christmas Card.

As is our custom, every Christmas Eve from 2 to 4 pm, we open up the phone lines and invite our listeners to share Christmas greetings with their families from all over western Alaska. For the past eleven Christmas Eves, this has been a very exciting time.

This year, we upgraded our technology as Luda installed Yahoo Instant Messaging on each of four computers. Candace, Luda and Konstantin were each positioned at a desk with a phone and a computer. As the calls came in, they took turns answering the phone, gathering the information and typing that into their Instant Message tablet on their computer.

In the AM Air Studio, I had three Instant Message screens open on that computer so I could

see the messages from each of the three operators as they were typed in. It went like clockwork. At 1:55, I announced the start of the program in five minutes and the phone lines began lighting up.

For two hours, I checked my screens, noting who was calling from where, and put them on the air.

We had several big surprises when we got a call from Klava, a Russian listener in Anadyr as well as Larissa, Luda's pastor from Provideniya.

What an incredible joy to have listeners from as far away as Tuntutuliak in Alaska and from across the Bering Strait. We also had calls from Oklahoma and North Dakota! Thanks to all of our listeners for a successful program.

We look forward to our next Talking Christmas Card on Christmas Eve 2010. ■

Operation Ready Power.

With the successful completion of Phase One in the summer of 2008, we are gearing up for Phase Two next summer. That will require the purchase of a new 150 kw diesel generator for the AM transmitter site. We will need to order the generator in the spring for arrival by barge in the summer.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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Memorials

In December, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Lloyd Johanson
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Raynold & Florence Peterson
Walt & Lucille Hoseck
Vernon & Selma Ness
Dorothy Harman
A. Broberg
Curtis Gustafson
Norman Lindstedt
Richard Davis
A. Larson
C. Seetomona

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-
\$58,293.59

-December Budget-
\$53,860.00

-December Expenses-
\$44,364.85

*Includes Donations, Sales & Programs
but not designated funds.*



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Thanks For Your Generosity.

It started slowly this year, but by the day before Christmas, we were deluged with box after box of nuts, yarn, coffee and cheese for George. I must confess that when the boxes failed to arrive until about December 18th, I wondered if we were forgotten here in the arctic. It often feels that we are so far away that the phrase "out of site...out of mind" takes on a whole new meaning. Yet I knew that so many of you pray for the ministry and our staff each day that we could not be forgotten.

Then, to be so overwhelmed by your generous support with literally dozens of gift boxes, we all felt connected in the spirit of

the Christmas season.

Luda was assisting a young Russian man named Konstantin who was here as translator for a group visiting from Chukotka. By the end of his visit, he was joining her on the air as a guest co-host. It was great to see a young Russian man visiting Nome get so involved with KICY's Russian mission broadcast. He also installed a new laundry dryer while he was here!

We are so abundantly blessed by our supporters and those whose paths we cross. Praise God! ■



Luda and Konstantin helped to organize the Christmas gift boxes.