

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



We are grateful for God's provision and sustaining energy during March.



Patty Burchell

Things in Western Alaska are pretty much back to normal, which means the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and high school basketball regional and

state tournaments all at the same time.

It was such a blessing that Lon Swanson returned for two weeks to help out with the Western Alaska version of March Madness. He jumped right back in to hosting the Breakfast Club and assisted with both basketball and the Iditarod. We didn't work him too hard, though. He still had plenty of time to visit friends and participate in the events of Iditarod Week.

These events are just one more way KICY interfaces with our community and brings the Gospel to places that may not be open to hearing otherwise. Thank you for your continued prayer for this ministry.

The 50th Iditarod



Aaron Brown & Aaron Cooper await the winner

March 2020. The entire nation began to shut down due to the threat of the Novel Coronavirus. Events were cancelled, schools closed, and people were encouraged to "shelter in place." In the midst of this, the Iditarod was coming to town. It was determined the race should finish - how else were all those dogs going to get to Nome - but Front Street was eerily empty as the City of Nome urged people to stay away, all race week events were cancelled and mushers and dogs were ushered out of town almost as quickly as they arrived.

Last year, out of concern for the small villages along the route, the course was changed to an out and back trail, a full 250 miles shorter than the traditional trail.

So it was indeed a celebration of massive proportions this year as the Iditarod finished in Nome. For this 50th running of the race the calendar of community events was full and people enjoyed the varied activities in and around Nome. Villages around Norton Sound opened their communities and their hearts to the mushers once again.

KICY covered the first Iditarod in 1973 and we were there to cover the 50th. Weather was once again a factor in this race, with warm temperatures in the interior of Alaska, deep snow along the Yukon River and a ground blizzard between White Mountain and Nome challenging even the most hardened competitors. Aaron Brown and Aaron Cooper provided outstanding commentary and analysis from the scaffold erected outside the Covenant Church, right at the Burled Arch, welcoming the top 20+ finishers to Nome. They also arranged an interview with Race Champion Brent Sass of Eureka, Alaska. Congratulations to all finishers!

Russian Ministry Update

For the past 62 years, KICY has used its unique location as an intentional means for ministry to Russia. In the early days, Russian language programming was aired each evening for a half hour before sign-off. For the past 20 years we have broadcast the Good News of the Gospel in the Russian language between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. daily. Many of our listeners across the Bering Strait are indigenous reindeer herders and others living a subsistence lifestyle similar to the Native Alaskans on this side of the strait.



Ramifications of the Cold War were felt here perhaps more strongly than elsewhere. Nome and Unalakleet were host to radar installations that monitored the coast. Western Alaskan and Eastern Russian Natives were directly impacted with travel restricted for family members on either side of the Bering Strait. Tensions eased in the 1980s, but those who have lived here a long time are always just a bit wary

when it comes to our neighbors to the west.

World events have once again impacted our region, and you may be wondering if or how the situation in Ukraine has affected or changed our broadcasts. To this point, nothing has changed. As independent broadcasters are shut down in Russia, Luda, our Russian language programmer, is not mentioning Ukraine in her programs. This is not out of denial, but out of a desire to not attract attention to herself, her family and friends still in Russia, or KICY. The English broadcasts contain nationally syndicated news from SRN, which includes brief updates on the war. We have also included prayer for world leaders and for peace on our CareForce prayer list at the request of listeners.

Our purpose has been, and will always be, to share the good news of Jesus Christ with anyone within earshot of the station. We exist to bring light into the darkness of this world and the hope only Jesus can give. Our mission has not changed. We will continue to broadcast the Good News as long as we are able...and then some.



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

Jared White

Praise God...

...for the strength and resources to provide quality Christ-centered programming.

...for the many pastors who participate in our CareForce prayer program on a monthly basis.

Pray...

...that God would call people to serve as full time volunteers at KICY, and those sensing the call would respond.

Golovin Get-Together

One of our recent prayer requests was from an elder in a village needing encouragement and support in dealing with the loneliness and isolation that Covid restrictions have placed on village life. This isolation has been extremely difficult, especially in our smaller villages where there is literally no place to go unless you are willing to fly out and that is very costly.



With that as a back drop to life in our region, you can imagine the excitement and joy that was felt when it was announced there would be a multi-village gathering, a “Get-Together”, held in the village of Golovin, in late February. These gatherings are filled with great food, music, testimonies, and preaching of the Word of God. They are a lifeline of fellowship and encouragement for all those attending, in person and over-the-air, through KICY AM-850.

So here it was, Friday night. The church was gathered together and waiting quietly with a hush of anticipation. The pastor was standing at the little pulpit, waiting for my cue that we were LIVE, on-the-air. Sitting at the front of

the church with a studio headset on, a mic mixer connected to multiple mics and then into my cell phone, I wirelessly dialed into KICY. Patty was sitting at the controls back at the station. She cued the event and I was able to announce that we were live, broadcasting from Golovin, as I turned it over to Pastor Vince. With a nod of the head, he strummed his guitar and led those gathered, and everyone tuned in, into a joyful song.

This is the reality of radio in western Alaska where we do more than broadcast a stream of music and pre-recorded programming. We are able to physically be present in the lives of our audience and assist them in ministering to their family and friends through live broadcasting. It's just another way that KICY gets to partner with the local church to share hope in times of loneliness and darkness, both physical and spiritual.



Your gifts of prayer and donations of money go much further than you can imagine in supporting the message and mission of Christ and hope to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. I want you to know how grateful the villages are for your faithful support and how blessed we are to partner with you as a bridge of your loving kindness to this region. THANK YOU for partnering with us and encouraging us to carry out the multifaceted ministries of KICY.

In His Service,
Nathaniel Hobbs

Memorials

In February and March, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Ken & Donna Kroeker
Carol Nelson
JoAnne Smit
James E. Persson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

\$34,105.15

-March Budget-

\$32,056.56

-March Expenses-

\$31,211.77

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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Fall Salmon Dinner Tour

The Salmon Dinner Tour is back! We have begun scheduling these fun, entertaining, delicious evenings for the coming fall.

Hosting a dinner is easy, and a lot of fun. We provide the wild caught Alaskan salmon and an up-to-date presentation on what God is doing at KICY. You provide the venue and side dishes. It is as simple as that. More information can be found on our website, kicy.org.

It's not too soon to begin planning for a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and of course, fish. Keep an eye on our website to see dates that are already booked. There may be one near you. If your church would like to host a Salmon Dinner in early October, 2022, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org.

