

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic



We are on the cusp of a very busy summer that could only have been orchestrated by

God. I continue to be amazed at the way things are coming together, though I know I shouldn't be. Nothing is impossible with God!



*Patty Burchell*

The "Dream Team" of engineers and other helpers has been assembled and will arrive in Nome in early June. In July, a team of engineers from Aurora Communications will come. Between them, our 50kW AM transmitter will be replaced, a 10kW back-up transmitter and 50kW "dummy load" will be installed, the tower site (and all its components) will be connected to a remote monitoring system, the whole tower array and phasor will be tuned and serviced, and our translator in Elim will be on the air. Whew!

God has choreographed the dance that will be this summer. It is so obvious that He is blessing this ministry far beyond our wildest dreams. Please pray with us that God will continue to use this ministry for His glory.

## A Translator for Elim



*Nate and Cody ready the infrastructure in Elim*

Elim, Alaska, a small village of about 300 people, nestles against the hills on the southern edge of the Seward Peninsula about 100 air miles from Nome. While technically within the range of KICY's AM signal, because of the mountains and increased wireless interference in the atmosphere, the residents of Elim can't get KICY on radios in town. And so, three years ago, KICY was granted a construction permit through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to build a translator in Elim. The process has been long and involved, but this summer, the Elim translator will become a reality.

We have graciously been given permission by the Norton Sound Health Corporation to house our equipment in an out-of-the-way storage room in the village clinic. Former KICY engineer Terry Reynolds, former KICY volunteer and current broadcast engineer Steve Smit, and our own Nate Hobbs have spent countless hours ordering equipment, programming said equipment, and thinking through every detail of this project - on top of preparing for our 50kW AM transmitter install, which is also happening this summer.

In May, the equipment was assembled and tested in Nome, then disassembled and shipped to Elim. Nate and Cody traveled with it, then put infrastructure in place so when the engineers are in town all they have to do is go down for the day, turn it on, and fine tune it.

KICY's AM signal will be sent to Elim through a satellite internet connection. In Elim, the signal will be "translated" from AM to FM, which will then be able to be heard at 97.3 FM on the radio dial.

It is obvious God has had his hand on this whole project, from the funding, to where it will be housed, to the miraculous things that happened during the initial trip to set things up. We are excited to bring a stronger signal to Elim.

# David C. Shinen

*In 1959, Dave and Mitzi Shinen arrived in Gambell, on St. Lawrence Island, as Bible translators for Wycliffe. They would spend the next 56 years learning St. Lawrence Island Yup'ik and translating the New Testament into the heart language of the Yup'ik people. The project was completed in English script in 2018, with an edition in the Cyrillic alphabet for Russian Yup'iks published in 2021. The Shinens leave an amazing legacy in addition to the translated Scripture. They raised their family in Western Alaska and became beloved members of the communities on the Island, Nome, and to a certain degree, Russia, living their faith.*

*Below is the text of an email sent to the Shinen family when Luda Kinok heard of Dave's passing, printed with permission.*



*Dave Shinen  
December 24, 1932 - May 18, 2021*

Dear Mitzi, Deb, David, and Dorothy,

A gentle General of Faith has completed the mission. I have a hard time accepting it. I have not expressed enough gratitude for his loyalty, faithfulness and to tell him how much it means to me. Dave's dedication to a tiny Yupik nation at the junction of two days (international line), two oceans (Arctic and Pacific), two continents (Eurasia and North America), two superpower countries in God's eyes are crucial. The world's eye is on the Arctic today with global warming talks, poor ice, poor Polar bears, but Dave's eyes were on people who live on the ice, Indigenous Arctic people. The Bible calls it "The End of the Earth." My tiny nation is not more than 3000 people on both sides of the Bering Strait, a forgotten people for some, but David treated it as God's treasure. He has dedicated his life to do God's work and God's will for my people. He made me feel we matter to God and we are not forgotten. I am grateful he invested his faith in me.

I am crying, but I am also seeing Dave receiving his reward for running his race faithfully to the end. I want to be inspired to do God's mission like he did, with a heart like he had.

My sincere condolences to Mitzi and you, his children.  
~ Luda

*Messages of condolence and encouragement can be sent to:*

*Mitzi Shinen, 1805 NE 108th Ave., Portland, OR. 97220*

## 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 teams of skilled people who are doing to Nome to facilitate our summer projects

## Pray...

... for good weather for summer projects

...for safety as engineers and others work with high voltage electrical equipment

# First Year Reflections



*Cody & Joy Foret*

**W**hen getting ready to come to Nome one year ago, we tried not to have many expectations. I am so glad we didn't, because there is no way we could have expected the life and home that God has blessed us with in Nome. This has been the first house we've lived in, our first time living more than a state away from our families, and Joy's first year of teaching. To put it simply, we're new at everything. But God knew what we were getting into and he provided us with an amazing community to guide us into our new life. We are grateful that we are a part of a ministry that has been around longer than both of us put together. The experience of everyone there has been invaluable to us. With another year ahead of us we are ready to keep learning what a life in Nome looks like. ~Cody Foret

## Memorials

In April and May, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Richard E. French  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Carol Nelson  
Dave Peterson  
Bob Rapp

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-

\$40,037.78

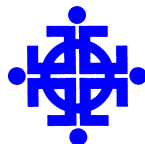
-May Budget-

\$36,228.86

-May Expenses-

\$29,097.99

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds*



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## *An Opportunity for Giving*

**S**tart-up costs for the Elim Translator are, praise God, fully funded. As with any expansion, there will be some on-going costs. The clinic has graciously offered to absorb the cost of electricity, however, a dedicated satellite internet feed is used to send the signal from Nome to Elim, and internet costs in Western Alaska are not cheap. We also had to upgrade our streaming service. We estimate it will cost about \$300 per month to keep the translator on the air, bringing the message of the Gospel through music and programming to Elim. If you would like to help with these ongoing expenses, just indicate that on your gift to KICY.

*Thank You!*



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## Nome-Beltz Baccalaureate

**N**ome Covenant Church hosted the Nome-Beltz High School Baccalaureate service in May. As attendance was limited, KICY was pleased to air the service, live.

KICY was well represented in the service itself as Nate Hobbs' son Noah, a 2021 graduate, shared scripture, Ron Horner directed the school choir in a beautiful piece, Carlee Hobbs (Nate's wife) and Patty Burchell provided accompaniment for the congregational hymns,



*Christina Perrigo speaks at Baccalaureate*

and former KICY volunteer Christina Perrigo (Chamberlain/Nagaruk) was one of the speakers.

Christina has spent the past 20 years as the Nome-Beltz secretary and is retiring this

year. She shared her life and life lessons with the graduating class, reminding them that the Shepherd is there through the good times and the hard times. She reminisced on her own graduation, even showing her high school diploma, and encouraged the students to lean into family, biological, chosen, and church, especially when things get tough.

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to all 2021 graduates, from all of us here at KICY!