# KICY Call Letter

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#### Manager's Mic

rom the beginning KICY has been about family - staff becoming family due to the great distances



Patty Burchell

many are from home, radio messages connecting families between villages, and growing together as the family of God through

the airwaves. When I first arrived in Nome 26 years ago, I did not know anyone. I remember telling the children at church before I left that going to Nome was going to be like going to a family reunion. It is rare to know all the extended family at a reunion, but you know you are family, so there is instant connection. Going to KICY was going to be like that. Knowing we shared the same Father there would be an instant connection through Christ. And there was.

This month we had the pleasure of hosting Jonas Oyoumick, a high school student interested in journalism. He is part of the extended KICY family, and as family, fit right in, being willing to try new things and do whatever was asked. Isn't the family of God great?

# **Trying Out Radio Ministry**

grew up for about the first seven years of my life in Unalakleet, Alaska, so my family has always had relationships with people from KICY, Nome, and the

Covenant Church. My grandfather was the pastor at the Unalakleet Covenant Church for 13 years. When I was six God called my parents to move the family down to Soldotna, Alaska, where my dad got a job at Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC) and has been serving there faithfully for 12, if not, almost 12 years now. In the fall of last year I began working at the Peninsula Clarion, which is the small newspaper located in Kenai, Alaska, under an apprenticeship program through the Tribe of



Jonas Oyoumick in the studio

Kenaitze. In May I had the amazing opportunity to come to Nome and work at KICY and learn what it's like in the radio world. This wasn't the first time I'd been up in Nome, but it had been over ten years or so since my last visit. Right from the beginning I was thrown into helping with anything I could, from being one of the hosts of the morning show to helping clear a lot to taking out trash to answering the telephones. When people listen to KICY, or other small radio stations, I don't know if they really realize how much work is put in on the other end. It's pretty amazing how God is using KICY to touch people all over western Alaska and eastern Russia. I was happy to have been able to be a part of that. I came up to Nome and KICY, and started working at a newspaper in Kenai, because of my interest in journalism. I am excited to see where God leads me through these awesome opportunities. *~Jonas Oyoumick* 

## **The KICY Family Grows!**

n February 2, Cody and Joy welcomed Rhidian Henry to their family. Rhidian joins big brother Quincy, who is happy to have a little brother. We praise God for Rhidian's safe arrival. Cody and Joy are in the process of discerning what work (both at KICY and elsewhere) and family life look like for the fall. Pray for wisdom, and that the right job opportunities would be available as they continue



Joy, Cody, Quincy, & Rhidian Foret

to use their gifts and talents, serving in Nome.



Shaina, Pierce, & Lewis Goslin

J osiah Lewis Goslin entered the world April 27, the first child born to Pierce and Shaina. Both grandmas were able to be present for the birth. Pierce's mom is the midwife who delivered the baby and Carlee Hobbs, Shaina's mom, was there to offer support. As the first grandchild on either side, Lewis has many aunts and uncles who are excited to love on him. We praise God for the safe arrival of Lewis. Pray for Pierce and Shaina as they navigate parenthood.

# A Prayer Request

# For each of our staff members

George Bard Patty Burchell Cody & Joy Foret Pierce & Shaina Goslin Nate & Carlee Hobbs Bertha Koweluk Lena Mathlaw David Sobie Tamara Van Diest

#### Praise God...

... for new little ones.

...for all those who are giving their time, talent, and resources to come construct our staff triplex this summer.

#### Pray...

... for safety in travel and work as many come to help build our staff triplex this summer.

... that our weather would be just what is needed for construction.

# **KICY Needs YOU!**

ave you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of a radio ministry? Are you curious or intrigued by what life in the Far North might look like? Has God placed a desire in your heart for mission outreach? We are in need of people with adventurous spirits and a desire to serve God for at least a year in our remote corner of the world. As was once said to



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me, if you can give us a year, we can teach you radio. No previous experience is necessary.

We have need for on-air staff, but also for people with clerical and bookkeeping skills. Folks with audio editing, engineering, or maintenance skills are also needed. Most staff members end up doing a little bit of everything, so a servant's heart and willingness to learn is key. Volunteers raise their own support, and we can give you suggestions for doing that.

If you feel the call of God to serve His people in Western Alaska, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org, or 907-443-2213. You can also find out more about volunteering on our website, kick.org. Serving at KICY is guaranteed to be an experience like no other. We have a place for YOU!

<u>Lemorials</u>

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

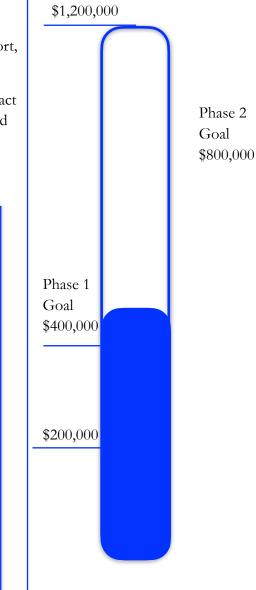
Edward Lattimore, Jr. Carol C. Nelson JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!
-April Income-
\$32,487.49
-April Budget-
\$37,778.69
-April Expenses-
\$31,427.11
Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

#### Staff Housing & Studio Revitalization

F undraising continues for this project. Would you consider giving an extra gift in any amount to support this effort? Send a check to KICY with a note stating Building Fund, or give securely through our website, kicy.org, using the Big Blue Donate Now button. When you give on line, select Capital Campaign. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.





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## **Building Update**

he lot has been leveled and graded and is ready to accept the shipments of materials as soon as they arrive. Tools have been inventoried and a few needed pieces procured in advance of work teams. Nate and I have met with Nathan Nagaruk, our local contractor and Project Manager, and we are on track to set the foundation the beginning of June.



Site of the new KICY Staff Triplex

Individuals and teams from churches will begin arriving June 13 and continue nearly back-to-back through August. We are grateful for the ability to house volunteers at Nome Covenant Church.

So many details have already come together and many more still need to. Pray with us that all the pieces would come together in a timely fashion, for uneventful travel for folks coming to Nome, safety in work, the appropriate weather for each phase of construction, and enriched relationships as staff and volunteers serve together.