

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic


We are on target to finish the rebuilding of the AM directional pattern this summer as Operation Solid Foundation moves to completion.

At one time during the week when we were moving the huge phasor cabinets around, we learned from Luda that the church in Provideniya was praying for us every day. What a blessing when our listeners become our prayer supporters and encouragers. Our Russian brothers and sisters know firsthand the importance of our daily broadcasts presenting the Gospel in their language.



Dennis Weidler

Operation Solid Foundation is an appropriate name as we have put down the steel pilings into bedrock and filled them with concrete. They are quite substantial and, as the local concrete provider suggested, "they aren't going anywhere". That means fewer sleepless nights for me. Laying awake worrying if the towers will still be standing the next morning is not very productive.

We praise God for the work teams who travel to Nome and put in countless hours to help us rebuild. I've said it many times before but it bears repeating. We simply could not have completed this project without the volunteer work teams and individuals. Thank you and may God bless you. 



*The Kalamazoo Team assembles under the Iditarod Arch after a Fat Freddie's Breakfast.*

## The Kalamazoo Covenant Team Lands in Nome.

After five attempts, the Alaska Airlines pilot found a hole in the fog and safely landed the 737 at the Nome International Airport. The morning flight had attempted to land but flew back to Anchorage. It turns out that the evening flight, with the Kalamazoo Team's luggage, also failed to land in Nome. So goes summer in the Arctic.

In spite of the rocky start, the team was amazingly organized and was working ahead of schedule for most of the week. There were 15 in the team as well as Jake and JoAnn Smit from Kalamazoo who were here to supervise the concrete work. Also in Nome at that time were our retired pastor and his wife, Chuck and Shirley Anderson. Let's see...oh yes...that's a total of 19! And, no one had to sleep on the floor.

After morning worship and prayer time each day, they divided into three

work groups and tackled, one by one, the list of 16 projects we had prioritized.

First up was the taping and mudding of the drywall in the new Tuning House at the transmitter site, followed by painting the walls, ceiling and floor. While that team was focused on inside work, the concrete team began drilling holes and installing sonatubes for the piers to support the Antenna Tuning Units at the base of each of the three towers. A third team was scraping and painting the windows at the Brown House.

By Thursday, the two barge containers had been delivered to the transmitter site and work began to unload and uncrate the five huge phasor cabinets and lift them into the newly painted

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building. Concrete was also poured into the new tower pilings and at the East and West Tower bases. The ATU cabinets were unloaded, uncrated and placed into position.

While the big crates were being transported, another team was painting, building shelving and organizing our new storage building which was the former generator building. Here will be stored all of the extra tower lights, insulators and the tower erecting and maintenance tools. In the process, the team also cleaned out the old generator buildings at both the studio and the transmitter site. We



*Here comes one of five phasor cabinets.*

are preparing both buildings to receive their generators which we hope to install next summer. That will provide standby power at both locations.

With 24 hours of sunlight, there were many opportunities for exploration, beachcombing and fishing. One group was able to travel to the village of Teller and another went as far as The Last Train to Nowhere on the Council



*Mounting the West Tower ATU on its new piers.*

Road. While it was too early for salmon fishing of any kind, there were other species, especially Dolly Varden in local Nome Rivers.

A big KICY thank you to each of the team members, Pastor John Kepler, Bob and Nancy Campbell, Tom and Karen VerHage, Mark and Chris Ransom, Chris and Laurie Caldwell, Kelly and Pat Casey, Rich and Heather Dodge and Clint and Maria Armstrong. It was a team comprised mostly of couples, which



*Keeping things organized is extremely important.*

is rare for Arctic Alaska. We hope they enjoyed their time in Nome as much as we enjoyed having them here. ■

# ***A Prayer Request.***

## ***For each of our staff members.***

**George Bard**

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Luda Kinok**

**Cathy Lyon**

**Anna Moore**

**Tim Sergie**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

**W**e are still looking for a full-time volunteer staff member to help answer phones, check e-mails, clear faxes and type Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and Public Service Announcements.

Luda just left for a few days to return to the Russian Far East to renew her Nanuuq Commission pass. That process will allow her to live in Nome for another 90 days. It's the simplest solution to keeping her here in Nome over the long term. ■

**Check the Progress** of this summer's work teams as we rebuild. Go to [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org) and click on KICY Photo Album, then Album: Summer 2007 for a day-by-day pictorial description of the work.



*The drilling rig and crane/pile driver.*

## 39 Feet to Bedrock.

One of the most anticipated projects for this summer was the driving of 10 inch steel pilings to bedrock so we could rebuild the Center and East Towers on more sturdy and reliable bases.

No one was willing to guess how deep we might have to go. And, at \$110 a foot, we were hoping for less rather than more depth from the surface.

On June 27 the proof came back. The drilling rig had hit rock at 39 feet at the Center Tower. A few more taps with the pile driver confirmed we had hit 'refusal' as it is called. The East Tower pier was only three feet deeper, at 42 feet.

The excess piling was cut off with

a torch, the piers filled with concrete and the steel top plates welded on with four bolts positioned in place to allow us to mount the tower pivot pins.

We have waited for a long time to rebuild these towers and our Russian listeners have been praying for this project. So many in the Russian Far East are waiting for "their" KICY to return with daily broadcasts of Christian Programming.

By the time you receive this Call Letter, the Towers for Jesus Team will have been to Nome and erected both towers on their new, Solid Foundations. God continues to bless your radio ministry. ■

## Memorials

In June, we received memorials in the name of:

**Harold Knute Carlson**  
**Tom Dotomain**  
**Levina (Wallin) Swanson**  
**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**  
**Axel Oyoumick**  
**Lena Memminger**  
**Roland Blomgren**  
**Rick Coupe**  
**Nick and Eva Novosel**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-

**\$24,036.32**

-June Budget-

**\$22,695.00**

-June Expenses-

**\$23,992.55**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
 not designated funds.*



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## *Operation 'Solid Foundation'.*

We are getting close to the \$165,000 mark with \$10,692.13 received in June. Thank you! The equipment has arrived in Nome and is awaiting the broadcast engineering crew.

We have extended the campaign until **August 1, 2007** to raise the remaining funds. Please help keep KICY debt-free.

**\$175,000**

**\$162,166.50**

**\$150,000**

**\$125,000**

**\$100,000**

**\$75,000**

**\$50,000**

**\$25,000**

# KICY Leases Tower Space to Cellular Firm.

A year ago, Nome had one, very local cell company which served only Nome and no one who came to visit or work in Nome had usable service.

Today, there is a new cellular phone system, operated by CellularOne, which has nationwide coverage.

But, competition is a good thing, especially for KICY. Alaska Communications System or ACS, as it is known, approached us a month ago about leasing space on our new FM tower. The tower itself was certainly substantial enough for two

small cellular antennas and a GPS antenna and we had room to house the equipment.



The new cellular antennas.

*The new antennas are installed on the new FM tower.*

A deal was struck and today we have two, small, new antennas mounted on the FM Tower and two racks full of equipment in our engineering room. They expect the system to be operational by the first of August.

As we approach the time this summer when we will be broadcasting with 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day, on our AM station, the additional income from leasing tower space will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone benefits when there is good competition, especially in Nome. ■

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