

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Summer is waning. We are all breathing a sigh of relief now that the AM transmitter is safe in its new home.

Fortunately, it has been a very dry season up to this point, so our work teams were able to put all their efforts into the project.

The only time it rained, there was a downpour for a night and a day. It rained so hard that water was blown through the transmitter in its old building and we lost a few RF modules. After a few days, all had been repaired. The new building should



Dennis Weidler

make episodes like that very unlikely.

We have added a new volunteer,

Carol Morton, who has taken over Julie Yoder's work as dubbing technician and is considering a weekend air shift, as well. What a blessing to have volunteers come from our community and our church family.

Josh and Lydia Rogers and Irene Houdek were able to get away to the Bible Study Fish Camp down at Tom and B.J. Gray's Lodge on Mosquito Bar on the Niukluk River, north of White Mountain. What a wonderful setting to immerse yourself in the study of God's Word.

Please keep our need for full-time volunteers in your prayers. We will have an opening for a volunteer as Josh and Lydia depart Nome and KICY by September 1. ■



The Heavy End of the AM Transmitter Gets a Ride.

AM Transmitter Safe In New Home.

By 4:00 PM on Friday, July 15 the AM transmitter was safely lodged in its new home. Now this was no small feat, disassembling and moving a 3,000 pound transmitter out of a building 4 feet above the ground and placing it on the forks of a big front-end loader. Then, transporting it down the gravel road to the new transmitter building and rolling it off into position. By Tuesday of the next week, power had been restored and the transmitter was turned on. Praise God, it worked. In fact, the transmitter seemed to really enjoy its new home and the directional pattern was unchanged. Again, we were blessed that theory turned into fact.

Talk about teamwork. A cadre of volunteers from across the country

and the grace of God allowed this to happen this summer. The project began before Memorial Day and we were able to automatically go to a directional pattern by Monday evening, July 25. The air handling system arrived the same day so we were at a full 50,000 watts by Tuesday, July 26. That's two months

from start to finish. Oh, there's still some detail work to do like move the work bench and tools from the old building to the new and put signs around the property to encourage snowmachiners to seek an alternate route. We

placed the transmission line and copper strap in big PVC to protect it, but we want to avoid any damage from speeding snow machines, moose and herds of reindeer. ■



Thanks so much to Tim Tuggy, Terry Reynolds and Fred Tuggy for their dedication and hard work.



Seining for pinks on the Niukluk.

Alaska Bible Study Fish Camp.

The week of July 18th I was given the wonderful opportunity to experience more of Alaska. Tom and BJ Gray held a Bible study at their fish camp on the Niukluk River outside of White Mountain. Jonathan Miraj, the speaker, focused on Christian growth and then family.

Along with the opportunity to be fed spiritually at camp, I took this opportunity to take a much needed break. Of course, I could not pass up an opportunity to see what fish camp is like. All I kept hearing about summer here in Western Alaska is that "everyone" goes to fish camp. Now, I've been to fish camp!

We had 2 sessions a day where we

would worship and Jonathan would teach. There was also opportunity to fish, play horseshoes, canoe, help with chores or relax. Tuesday afternoon, a number of us went with Tom to seine fish. Over 450 fish were caught, with 440 pink salmon kept and cut to be dried.

Jonathan's teachings came from I John 1 and the first few verses of chapter 2. Jonathan's emphasis was on the eternal life that we have in Christ, the light we have within us because of Christ and the love that we can have for God, others and ourselves. He also emphasized fellowship with God and others.

As I was preparing to write this, I started to think of Matthew 4:19 when Jesus calls His first disciples and says "I will make you fishers of men". We as individuals spend much of our time fishing with a rod and reel where we can "catch" one fish at a time. The ministry of KICY has an impact like the net used in the seine fishing. Radio can reach many more people at a time. As I've had opportunities to get out into the villages, I've met wonderful people. Some of them have very serious spiritual needs. Praise God that He is at work in Western Alaska. Please pray for KICY and the people in this region.

Salmon Dinners Being Scheduled.

It's going to be a whopper of a Silver and Pink Salmon season in the waters surrounding Nome and all of the Seward Peninsula. That means lots of salmon for KICY Fundraising Salmon Dinners!

Last year, as you may remember, we ran out of salmon here in Nome. That meant a curtailment of our Lower 48 fundraising activities.

I am delighted to report that we

have scheduled our first dinner of the new season at The Haddam Neck Covenant Church in Connecticut on October 1st. I will also be speaking at the Covenant Village of Cromwell that same week on September 28th. Plans are underway for dinners in Arizona and California.

If you'd like your church to host a free, fundraising Salmon Dinner for those interested in the work of KICY, let me know by e-mail or a phone call.

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

Maj. Gary Grennon

Irene Houdek

Luda Kinok

Carol Morton

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

This is a serious request for new volunteers!

We are seeking one-year staff members for KICY. If you know someone who has an interest in serving our listeners in western Alaska through the awesome power of a 50,000 watt radio station, encourage them to contact Dennis Weidler at dennisw@kicy.org.

Or, direct them to our web site where they can download a volunteer application.

Thanks for your help and prayers.



The team assembles at the end of a job well done.

A Big Thank You to the Nome Seaside Center.

We were scheduled to move the transmitter in a few days and were running behind in our most physically demanding portion of the project. Plus, it was raining!

We had to place 450 feet of 3 inch transmission line and a 4 inch copper strap in some very heavy 20 foot sections of 6 inch PVC. There were only four of us and we needed manpower!

We were able to enlist the help of four young men from Nome's Seaside Center, a halfway house for

non-violent offenders. In addition, a camper from the North River Covenant Camp in Unalakleet stopped by KICY to see Josh Rogers. He agreed to lend a hand.

After a three-day background check, I was cleared as site manager and we picked up our team at 10 am. Even with a break for lunch, we had all 450 feet of PVC completed by 3:30 in the afternoon!

Thanks so much for this hardworking team. They were a real blessing to the work of KICY. ■

Capital Campaign Update.

Operation Blanket Nome continues to move forward!

During the past month, we have received over \$1,200.00 in donations. Praise God and thanks to all of you who have been so generous.

We have only \$15,500 remaining to be raised in the next few months. The new FM transmitter and antenna have arrived. The tower needs to be on the last barge of the summer to save storage costs.

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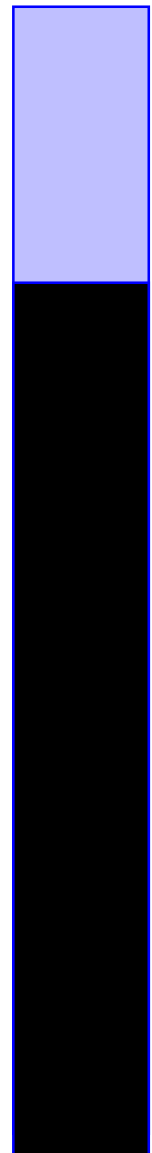
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Memorials

In July we received memorials in the name of:

Ruth Nicolaisen Lynam

Patterson Chaffin

Carl L. 'Gramps' Nelson

Ruth Lindgren

Arnold W. Johnson

R. Miller

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-

\$19,651.56

-July Budget-

\$21,250.00

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

**Please don't let your support
of KICY AM & FM 'take a
vacation' over the summer.**



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Meet KICY Volunteer, Carol Morton.

It is extremely gratifying when Nomeites come forward to volunteer at KICY. Such is the case of Carol Morton, replacing Julie Yoder as our dubbing technician.

As we mentioned in earlier Call Letters, Julie has decided to return to the Lower 48 and will be attending seminary in Kansas City. That left some important shoes to fill.

"I grew up in a Christian family," explained Morton. "But it was about two years after I was married that I really developed a personal relationship with Christ and that was over 22 years ago."

"We lived in Las Vegas for the past 13 years and I always

listened to Christian radio there," added Morton. "I began attending the Nome Covenant Church shortly after we arrived in Nome and heard Dennis make an announcement about needing



Carol Morton, already looks right at home in the KICY studio.

volunteers at KICY. It wasn't long after I mentioned that I might be interested that he approached me about helping out with the task of dubbing programs."

Is there an on-air shift in Carol's future?

"Well, I'm praying about it. I haven't ruled out the possibility of maybe hosting a weekend air shift."

God blesses KICY with such extraordinary volunteers. Please pray for Carol Morton as she begins a new chapter in her life in service to KICY.

Thanks to Carol for her dedication to learning new computer skills and keeping our programs fresh and up-to-date. ■

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