

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

Believe it or not, I was the only delegate to the Covenant Annual Meeting from Alaska. It was a real honor to be part of the meeting, a privilege to vote and a joy to be able to stand in front of the entire assembly, introduce Luda and present the 4 minute version of our 50th Anniversary DVD.

That same evening, we hosted a salmon dinner on the deck overlooking the Columbia River for nearly 125. Thanks to ABA President, Sister Olson, we had enough Pilgrim River Red Salmon for



Dennis Weidler

seconds and many took advantage of that opportunity.

This was also the event where we rolled out our full 25 minute version of the DVD. It was really exciting to be able to talk to folks who had never heard of KICY, were new to the Covenant denomination or were thinking of having their church join the Covenant.

"We had no idea this radio station existed," one exclaimed, "And it's such an exciting ministry."

These are typical comments we received as we departed the dinner to attend the evening worship service, which we broadcast live throughout western Alaska.

It was a time of refreshment and renewal and a time to share the 50 years of miracles of KICY. ■



*A new tower light viewed from the top of the tower.*

## The New LED's Are Installed.

It was a very big summer in Nome with the completion of several work projects and the beginning of a few more. The new studio generator building, which was constructed last year, enjoyed a nice coat of primer and paint. The big sign in front of the studio building was taken down and completely remade. It looks great and will hopefully last longer than its predecessor. The work teams also began removing the old siding from the studio building and replacing it with new T-1-11. Two doors were removed, the entire south end and some of the west end were re-sided and most of that was painted.

Plans for an enlarged bathroom in the Yellow House were put on paper and a final layout was approved. A new window was also installed in the Yellow House to prepare an upstairs room for remodeling into a third bedroom. Yes, it was a very productive summer.

On the technical side, the Towers

for Jesus team and the Eagle River team, led by Terry Reynolds, arrived on July First and work began immediately on the installation of the new tower lights. While the tower team rigged the towers, removed the old tower lights and beacons and installed the new, efficient LEDs, the Eagle River team rebuilt the fencing around the Center Tower.

Today, we are enjoying extremely reliable, bright and efficient tower lights. Plus, we don't have to worry about the expense of changing light bulbs and hiring someone to climb three towers to replace them. We estimate savings of over \$125,000 in the next ten years. Every bit helps. The recent fuel barge arrival in Nome did little to reduce the price of diesel fuel. We hope to see additional relief in subsequent barge shipments before the harbor closes in October. ■

## Looking Back Ten Years.

A little over ten years ago in February 1999, we were living a comfortable life in Michigan, where we were members of the Kalamazoo Covenant Church. From seemingly out of the blue, Dennis received a call to meet with church leaders in Chicago to discuss moving to Nome to become the general manager of KICY radio stations. I honestly could not envision myself leaving family, friends and our wonderful church family to move to Alaska; however, being a dutiful wife I agreed he should go to the meeting.

Following the luncheon in Chicago, Dennis picked me up from the Institute of Art, and he looked excited. I wondered what I had done. We came back from the meeting and walked up and down our street each night talking and praying, wondering if we could do this. We told no one, as we sought input from God alone.

In June, a month after we visited KICY, we were sitting in church and we looked at each other and we knew we must come to Nome. Dennis sold one car in an hour. We sold our home in six hours for more than our realtor advised us to list it. A few Sundays before we were to move, I stood up at church and mentioned I needed to sell my car. A couple bought it without even sitting in it. It was clear God wanted us to get going.

And what were we going to? A nearly 40 year old station that had fallen on hard times. It was 1.2 million dollars in debt. Having tried to sell the station with no luck, the board had decided they would probably close the station.



*Candace Weidler in the studio.*

It was by God's grace alone that we never thought about all of the doom and gloom. We arrived the evening of August 9, 1999 and Dennis hit the ground running the next morning. That was ten years ago.

A lot has changed since then. It is the story of the "little station that could". Totally out of debt, even with a fire several years ago, God continues to amaze us! He provides what and who is needed, when it is needed. His timing is always perfect.

It is so exciting to hear reports of how far KICY's AM signal reaches across the great state of Alaska and deep into Russia. So many people are being ministered to in areas where pastors and counselors are in short supply. Several years ago, KICY had a "Listener Appreciation Dinner" in Savoonga, on St Lawrence Island. The school graciously opened up their cafeteria so that we could prepare a free meal for the community. We flew in all of the supplies and served spaghetti and garlic bread to approximately 150 people. I sat across from a young woman who confided in me that she had considered suicide. She said, "KICY saved my life one night, when I turned on the radio and heard of God's love for me". If I needed a reason to uproot my life and move to Alaska, I was sitting across from her.

The stories do not end there. KICY

has been described as "our 911", and a regular listener, in a remote village outside of Nome, shared that having been abused and with no one to counsel her, she has received much healing through KICY. Mothers have told us their children cannot go to sleep without KICY on in the background. With the weather and isolation, this can be a very harsh region and KICY truly is a lifeline for many.

At the end of June, Dennis unveiled the new KICY 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVD at a Salmon Dinner for 125 people in Portland, during the Annual Covenant Conference.

Greg Asimakoupoulos read a very special poem he had written for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dennis, Luda Kinok, our Russian Programmer, and I spoke from our hearts of all that God has done and is doing through this ministry. Luda shared how people are calling her from Russia to ask about "this Gospel" they have never heard of before.

On the eve of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dennis and I are so humbled and privileged to serve here. Special thanks to the Arctic Broadcasting Association Board for their continued support, as well as all past and present KICY staff and volunteers and our families. We are so thankful for your prayers and continued financial support. Your participation in this ministry is vital, and you are making a huge difference to the people of this vast and remote region! Please consider this your personal invitation to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration next April 17, 2010 to see for yourselves your mission radio station in Nome, Alaska and to celebrate 50 years of miracles! To God be the glory! ■

# Salmon-Powered Radio.

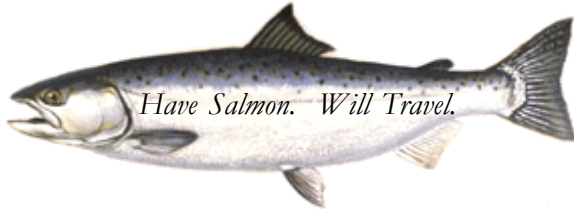
We continue to be Salmon-Powered at KICY. That means the salmon which return every summer, when baked and served at salmon fundraising dinners, allow your mission radio station to

continue to meet mounting financial obligations.

God has blessed KICY with an amazing opportunity to minister to so many, so far away. Imagine a community with a population of only 3,800 with a 50,000 watt, clear channel, regional radio station. What a miracle. Imagine that same station with a one-of-a-kind international license, granted by both the F.C.C. and the Geneva Convention. Another miracle. Imagine that station broadcasting for hundreds and even thousands

of miles into Russia every evening for five hours. Yet another miracle.

I know in my heart that God did not lead us to this point to stumble on astro-



nomically high power bills. That's why God has blessed us with salmon, the great renewable resource.

But, to put that salmon to good use, to turn the salmon into electricity, requires an invitation from you to present a Salmon Fundraising Dinner.

Contact us here at KICY and let's schedule a Free Salmon Fundraising Dinner at your church. We'll have a lot of fun and turn that wild Alaska salmon into electricity! ■

# Operation Ready Power.

With the successful completion of Phase One last summer, we are gearing up for Phase Two next summer. That requires the purchase of a new 150 kw diesel generator for the AM transmitter site. We will need to order the generator in the spring for arrival by barge in the summer.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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## Memorials

In June & July, we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**

**Lloyd Johanson**

**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

**Walter & Viola Carlson**

**Dorothy Harman**

**Harold Hudson**

**Bryce Towle**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-  
**\$27,491.47**

-June Budget-  
**\$23,210.00**

-June Expenses-  
**\$29,931.35**

-July Income-  
**\$28,983.48**

-July Budget-  
**\$31,910.00**

-July Expenses-  
**\$49,413.86**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



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# We Passed. We're Certified.

Every three years, KICY AM & FM participate in the Alaska Broadcasters Association voluntary F.C.C. inspection. This is a little like buying insurance. Once approved, the stations will not likely be the recipient of a surprise visit by the Commission. The good news is that we are able to barter most of the cost. For only \$250 a station, a broadcast engineer, approved by the F.C.C., travels to Nome and completes a thorough examination of all of our facilities. This includes several hours reviewing our Local Public File, a visit to the transmitter site and, in our case, a hike to

the monitor points to make sure our directional pattern (into Russia) is doing what it is supposed to do. There is also an inspection of our EAS system to

verify we are sending and receiving the specified monthly and weekly tests and correctly logging each event. From fencing around the towers to the color of the paint, everything is inspected.

I am pleased to report that both stations did extremely well and received the certificates. The inspector was quite complimentary of our overall facilities and record keeping.

Now, we are looking ahead to 2012 and our next inspection. It's a very educational service as well. Each visit, I learn new ways to be more efficient and meet the requirements of the F.C.C. ■



*Lon displays one of the two certificates we received.*



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