

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic



In June two special visitors came to Nome. Both have deep ties to KICY and had not been back to



*Patty Burchell*

Nome for a significant time. Luda Kinok, our Russian Language programmer for 20 years, moved to Hawaii several years ago. Her week-long

visit was her first back to Nome in five years. She was grateful to spend time with friends, eat good Eskimo food, be on land that felt like home, and even took a little time to add some Russian music to our library.

After 63 years, Sylvia Zylstra Dittmer returned to Nome. She is the youngest daughter of Art Zylstra, KICY's first general manager. Although she left Nome as a four year old and does not have many memories of this place, she said nonetheless, it felt like home. She ran into a few people in town who remembered her father, and had the opportunity to send greetings to others over the air.

What a blessing to have these two spend their vacations in Nome.

## Farewell from the Forets

It's hard to believe that it's already been six years since we first moved to Nome! We want to start by saying thank you for all of your prayers, support, and various Christmas gifts over the years. Our sons have been swaddled in love from your homemade blankets and the many diapers you have sent over the years. Your candles have offered us comfort, joy, and light. The snacks have brought smiles to our faces and stomachs. Our cup has truly run over with your blessings, and we are thankful.



So much has happened in six years. Nome has been our home and community through Joy's job changes, raising our sons, welcoming Joy's brother to live with us, greeting friends while bidding others farewell, and learning and growing in our faith. There have been trials and triumphs, and we praise God for all of it.

This summer is a bittersweet one as it will be our final summer in Nome for this next season of our life. We could not have asked for a better place to raise our sons. Quincy will grow to realize how blessed he was to be able to "help" build the blue triplex, "drive" excavators and loaders, and even help with the trash truck. Rhidian will probably miss the cool weather the most, as we move back to Florida where cool weather is much more rare. We will miss the Lemonade Days, Midnight Sun Festivals, 4th of July street games, bathtub races, letting the kids go on-air occasionally, cultural events and activities, friends, and all of the other riches that God offers in Nome. We will miss you as well. We have determined to make the most of this summer as we also begin our cross country move in September to be closer to family. ~ Cody & Joy

# Blessings in Elim

**U**vlaalluataq (Oovla-aloh-tak)! It means “Good Morning” in Inupiaq.

It was May 19, 2026. I was walking across the little village of Elim towards the village clinic to wrap up maintenance work on our AM translator.

A lady stepped out of her house and approached me with a smile and said “Hello, I’m the wife of the mayor in Elim and I want to thank KICY for all you do to serve our village. The electricity has been limited for the next several days because our village power generator has a broken part but we can still pick up the radio and we can stay connected.” She went on to say how she listens to KICY all day long and it brings her encouragement. I happily received her testimony.

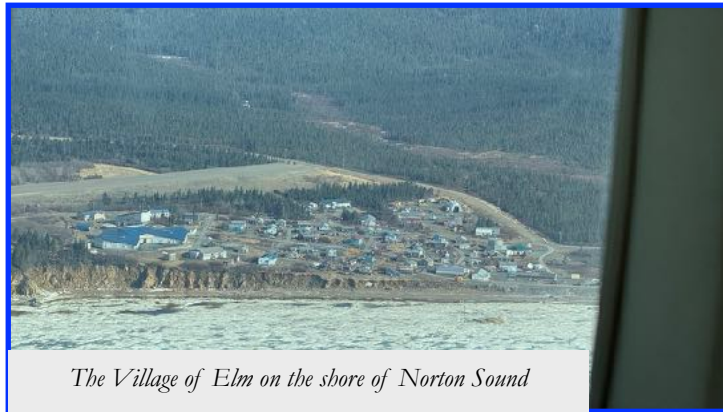
KICY is blessed to partner with the village clinic to house our translator since they

have their own independent power generation backup system allowing us to remain on the air during an emergency shut down of the village power plant. But how can folks can listen to us in their house when the power is off? Well, thanks to batteries, USB power banks, wind up radios and our own solar

power radios tuned to the frequency of AM-850, listeners can stay tuned in. Many report that they are able to hear us out at their fish camp or hunting camp and most importantly, in times of emergency like this one, when the power plant is shut down.

This listener’s gratitude is a highlight for me for several reasons. One reason is because on the other end of our “busy work”, keeping the station on the air, it’s a blessing to hear from real people, face to face, that what you do makes a difference in their lives. A second reason is that radio in western Alaska is still very vital to our Bering Straight community much like it was in the 50’s and 60’s across America. Radio is personal, and while many stations have lost their local connection due to corporate infrastructure, KICY is still grass roots. The village issues are our issues and we are living this life together. And finally, this “thanks” really goes beyond all of us to all of YOU, our team of supporters in both prayer and giving. Without each of you, the mission and message of the gospel to Western Alaska and Russian Far East would not be possible. So, THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU for having a heart to live larger than your comfort, larger than your immediate community, larger than your convenience. Thank you for expressing and reflecting God’s heart to the “uttermost parts of the earth” through your support of KICY. We are blessed to partner with you and fan the flame of the gospel to all that are willing to listen.

~Nathaniel



*The Village of Elm on the shore of Norton Sound*



*Elim Clinic with the KICY Antenna on the tower on the right of the building*

## A Prayer Request

**For each of  
our staff  
members**

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Jonathan Dentler

Cody & Joy Foret

Pierce & Shaina Goslin

Nate & Carlee Hobbs

Bertha Koweluk

Lena Mathlaw

David Sobie

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## Praise God...

...for our staff, who do so much for so many both here at the radio station and in the community.

...for His provision in all things.

## Pray...

...for rest and rejuvenation as after a very busy summer last year we take a break this summer from hosting work teams.

...for staffing needs and that those who are being called to service at KICY would heed the call..

# Musings from Nome



Over the past eight months of living in Nome, I can honestly say that very little has surprised me—except perhaps getting lost in the time-space continuum.

First, a quick physics lesson. Before Albert Einstein introduced the theory of relativity, scientists viewed space as a static entity. Space did nothing; it simply existed as a three-dimensional expanse defined by height, width, and depth while everything else swirled inside it. Einstein transformed that concept by adding time as a *fourth* dimension. In simple terms, we cannot travel through space without also moving through time. For example, the farther away you are from me, the longer it takes for you to reach me. See? (Pay attention. There may be a short quiz at the end.)

Here in Nome, however, Einstein's theory sometimes seems to work a little differently. The ratio of daylight to darkness affects our perception of time. More specifically, our minds measure the passage of time partly by the amount of sunlight we experience. Yet in Nome, winter hides the sun for long stretches, while summer keeps it in view almost around the clock. As a result, days and weeks blur together, affecting both our perception of time and how we use it. I guess you'd have to be here to understand. (You're always welcome to join us!)

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## Memorials

In June we received memorials in the name of:

Diane Heinitz  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Mac & Lois McIver  
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-June Income-

\$41,984.86

-June Budget-

\$32,624.44

-June Expenses-

\$33,983.21

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds*



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# Studio

## Revitalization

Phase 1, the new staff triplex, is complete. Next up, fundraising for the remodel of the studio. We will be seeking grants, but since most of the grants we qualify for are matching grants, we need to raise those matching funds. There are a couple ways to give. Send a check to KICY with a note stating Building Fund, or give securely through our website, [kicy.org](http://kicy.org), using the Big Blue Donate Now button. When you give on line, select Capital Campaign. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Phase 2 Goal  
\$800,000

\$50,000



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## Musings from Nome...cont.

**I**n the book of Psalms, the Israelite leader Moses prayed, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Moses understood that time's impact on us matters less than our making an impact with the time God has given us to live and serve on this planet.

The nineteenth-century athlete-turned-missionary C. T. Studd



captured this truth memorably when he wrote:

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, / Only what's done for Christ will last."

I don't know how many days remain for me on this earth, so I *must* intentionally, carefully, and faithfully make *today* count—all for the glory of God.

~Jonathan Dentler