

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

God's direction and purpose are foremost. No, it's not about us. That is evident when we see what a miracle summer this has been. Now, we are enjoying the fruits of the labor of so many in meeting our unique radio mission.

I must confess my questioning of the ability to successfully rebuild and continue to operate a high powered AM radio station in Nome, Alaska. Yet, every time I sought God's purpose, it was abundantly clear that we were to use the gift that was given to us. This is a gift from our own




Dennis Weidler

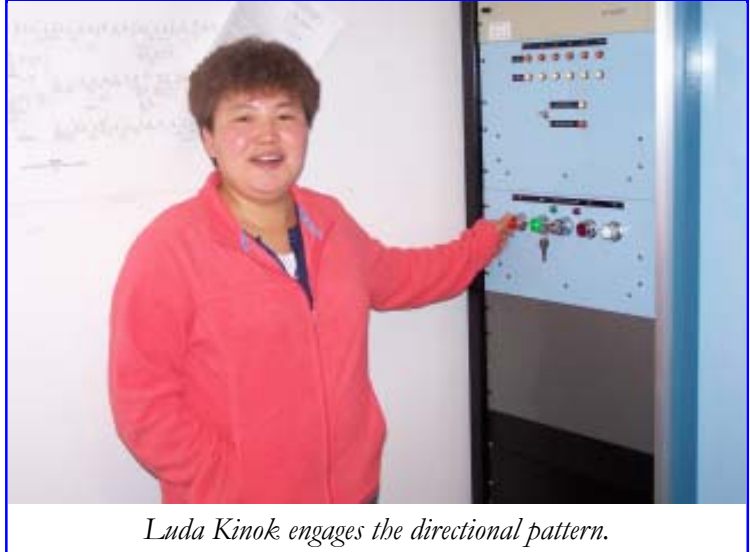
government through the Federal Communications Commission.

It is a gift

from the Geneva Convention which approved our daily broadcasts into the Russian Far East. It was the vision of Arctic Broadcasting Association President, Ted Haney. And it was the hard work and tenacity of pioneers like Bill Hartman and Ralph Fondell.

When God gives you...and I mean you, the reader...a gift of this magnitude it has to be accepted with thanks and be given an opportunity to grow and bear fruit.

Every time I questioned our ability to rebuild, God came back clearly with, "Yes, I will provide. Keep working." Now, we thank Him for providing all of our needs in His time. All praise to Him. 



Luda Kinok engages the directional pattern.

Luda, Push That Button.

From the ashes of despair comes joy. From the sadness of loss comes hope. On Thursday evening, August 23rd at 11:00 pm, the English and Russian ID's played on KICY, as they always do. This time though, they were followed by a brief rededication of the new KICY antenna system in both English and Russian. At the on-air instruction of "push that button", Luda Kinok, our Russian Program Director, pushed the big blue button on the new phasor controller. The giant relays engaged and 50,000 watts were now aimed at the Russian Far East. The small group which had assembled applauded and cheered.

After two years and lots of salmon dinners, KICY was back. This time bigger and better than ever.

Within minutes, Luda was on her cell phone talking to her friends and listeners in Chukotkan Russia. What good news! The signal was greatly

improved, even in Provideniya where the signal had always been marginal.

Earlier that day, our team of engineers, Lew Entz, Alan Anway and Terry Reynolds had set up the signal strength device out on the far end of the Port of Nome, directly in line with the directional pattern. Switching between directional and non-directional confirmed our hopes that the signal was 6 db stronger in that directional pattern. I won't get into physics here, but that gives KICY an equivalent power into Russia each evening of 200,000 watts! And it costs no more than our 50,000 watt daytime signal.

Two years ago, as the concrete tower piers tilted and pulled apart the main ground system, the resulting fire took away KICY's ability to serve our Russian

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Derrick Leedy in the studio.

Meet Derrick Leedy.

Derrick Leedy brings a multitude of experience to the Arctic Broadcasting Association Board. Born in Dearborn, Michigan, Derrick married Martina Paniptchuk of Unalakleet, Alaska, in May of 1984. Derrick graduated from Michigan State University in 1971 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He worked in veterinary hospitals in St. Louis, Missouri and Dearborn, Michigan before venturing to Nome in September of 1977.

Derrick began his veterinary practice on arrival in Nome. Of course being the first veterinarian in Nome, a facility needed to be built. Using his carpentry skills, he built the Nome Veterinary Hospital. The clinic is energy efficient. He is state certified as an energy auditor.

Derrick first attended the Nome Covenant Church in Nome in 1989 to the present and served on the Nome Covenant Church Council for 8 years.

Derrick was elected to the Arctic Broadcasting Assn. Board in 1995. Derrick has interests in energy conservation of the properties and was instrumental in the installation of energy efficient and costs saving heating units in the KICY buildings.

He has been vigilant in community efforts to protect public health in Nome. He has been effective in bringing about controls for the Nome watershed area and in radon mitigation in the Nome-Beltz High School building.

As Nome's only veterinarian he has taken a lead role in sled dog medicine during the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

His wife, Martina works at Norton Sound Health Corporation as a supply specialist. She has worked there for 23 years. Their daughter Willow, 15, attends high school in Auburn, Washington.

He has been active as a volunteer EMT on the Nome Ambulance, taught classes at the Northwest Campus in Nome and in the surrounding villages. ■

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

We 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.

If you know of a potential long-term volunteer, encourage them to get in touch with KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler. Or, they can download a volunteer application from our web site at www.kicy.org. ■

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



*George Bard, Pastor Mark, Norman Lee and Dr. Phil
on The Coffee Cren.*

The Word & Music Presented in Nome.

Contemporary Christian recording artist, Norman Lee and Pastor Mark Niznik came to Nome to offer their unique presentation of The Word and Music. Pastor Mark provides the Word and Norman Lee, the music. In combination, it is a very exciting evening presenting the love of Christ to all who will listen.

Pastor Mark is a former stand-up comedian, now pastoring a church in central Florida. Norman Lee, a former country star, is now writing and singing his music to honor the Lord. Norman is also the worship leader in Pastor Mark's church. The

first concert was held on a Saturday evening at Old Saint Joe's, the former Catholic church, now the Nome Community Hall. About 50 were present and were amazed at the level of performance. So much so, that they asked if a second concert could be held, so they could bring their friends. And bring their friends, they did!

On Wednesday evening, the Nome Covenant Church was filled with about 130 who crowded in to hear Norman Lee and Pastor Mark bring it on.

Thanks so much for presenting The Word and Music in Nome! ■

Memorials

In August, we received memorials in the name of:

**W. Baumgartner
Tom Dotomain
W. Thom
Elaine Olson
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Everett Peterson
David B. Krause
Marie Skinner
Astrid Warneck
James Gustafson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-August Income-

\$26,005.31

-August Budget-

\$27,962.91

-August Expenses-

\$24,465.96

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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*Alan Amway, Lew Entz and Terry
Reynolds at the base of Tower 2.*

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listeners in the Chukotkan interior. We had hoped to complete the project last year, but both the Center and East towers had to be taken down as both were in peril of falling. Today, they stand tall on their new steel pilings. The tuning house has been rebuilt to accommodate a massive 26 foot long, five cabinet phasor. New transmission, control and sample lines were installed. New ground systems were brazed together. Then, the entire system was tuned to assure the pattern went where it was supposed to go.

In fewer than 90 days, the entire project was completed. What a miracle. If, at any time, the weather had not cooperated or the work teams had not been in place, this huge undertaking would not have been completed this year. In fact, there were over 65 volunteers from Florida to Michigan to Tucson to Kansas to Eagle River, Alaska who traveled to Nome at their expense and contributed their time, talents and resources to honor the Lord and support the unique mission of KICY.

We are blessed in so many ways. The volunteers. The financial supporters. The prayer supporters. You are all part of this success. ■

KICY Receives Community Service Award.

In ceremonies held on August 29th at the National Guard Armory in Nome, KICY was awarded for their service to those mobilized to active duty in operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Several times over the last year, KICY had teamed with the Nome JROTC to host broadcast interviews with local troops stationed in Iraq at Camp Bucca.

In addition to KICY's award, others in the community, such as the school system, were honored for their contribution to the effort.

"We really appreciate all

that KICY did by conducting those broadcast interviews with the Alaska National Guard personnel while we were stationed in Iraq," stated Lt. Colonel Chip Andrews. "It really

gave us a morale boost."

Evidently, the Nome contingent was the envy of the camp as pre-paid phone cards, ball caps and care packages arrived with frequent regularity. The entire community rallied to show our support.

Included in the items presented to KICY were a medallion, a plaque and a flag flown over Camp Bucca, Iraq on September 11, 2006.

KICY is proud to have played even a small part in showing support for those taken from their homes in western Alaska to serve in the desert of Iraq. ■



*Dennis Weidler receives awards from
Lt. Colonel Andrews.*

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