

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

This summer may go down as the most challenging in the 16+ years we have been privileged to serve in Nome at KICY.

The Triplex project caused a lot of anxiety as tons of drywall had to be installed, taped and mudded. The paint team had to have their arrival



Dennis Weidler

date moved back twice to allow most of the drywall to be finished. But it all worked out as only God could orches-

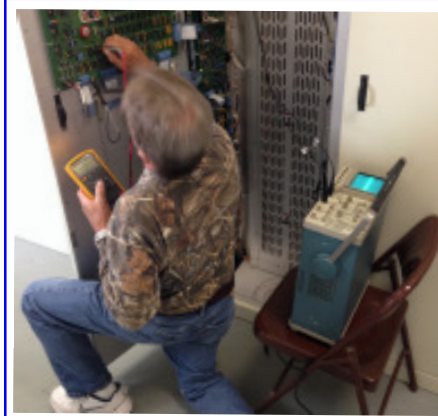
trate things.

The transmitter caught a cold in July which turned into the flu by August. It has improved, but is not the robust, dependable transmitter on which we can totally rely. We spent an enormous amount of time ruling out potential causes and still don't have a definitive diagnosis.

I also tore my hamstring in the process of taking one of the seemingly endless loads of construction debris to the Nome landfill. After four weeks of limping around, that has finally healed.

Even on the best of days, when things progress as they should, western Alaska can be a challenging place to live and work. When you add in additional challenges, it can be absolutely exhausting.

Yet, when we hear from our listeners, encouraging us in our work, it's a great place to be. ■



Ralph Wiegmann busy in diagnostics.

## KICY Suffers Off-Air Problems.

Starting in mid-July, we noticed that the AM transmitter was automatically lowering power and would, on occasion, shut itself off. That seemed strange, indeed.

We spent hours and hours trying to track down the problem in both the antenna system and from the power provided by the local utility.

We disassembled the transmitter and Hi-Pot tested all the capacitors in the output tuning section as well as the entire antenna system. In both cases, the results came back negative.

We flew in a technician from the transmitter factory in Quincy, Illinois. When he arrived, we tightened every connection, dusted off all the components and vacuumed out the transmitter and started replacing circuit boards, one by one. Finally, one of the boards would allow us to get back on the air at full power and the transmitter ran all night. However, when he performed the final tuning the next day, the transmitter began to experience faults once again. We also discovered the device we

installed three years ago to reduce our carrier to save money wasn't performing as it should.

After four days of probing, adjusting, and diagnosing, Ralph decided to take the acc+ board back to Quincy for repairs. The transmitter was still seeing a fault and would randomly and sporadically misbehave.

We looked at the weather. Rain or sun, there was no difference. We looked at time of day. The problem seemed worse in the morning. We reset parameters the transmitter used for self diagnosis. That did alleviate one of the issues, but we still had other faults appearing.

We are back on the air...most of the time. And we look forward to the technician arriving back in Nome to fine-tune the "power (money) saving" circuit which still isn't working as it should.

Please join in prayer that the transmitter can return to being happy and reliable. ■

## The Triplex Nears Completion.

**D**etail by detail, the Triplex Apartment project is wrapping up. This past summer, there were more than 30 volunteers who traveled to Nome and gave of their time, treasure and talent to help move things forward.

At this writing, the flooring is being installed while the heating registers are being put into place. The kitchen and bath cabinetry is on site and ready for installation. All appliances and furnishings arrived on the most recent barge.

One of the bigger challenges was getting the drywall in place,



*Wade and Seth Remer take a moment from painting.*

results were spectacular. Layers of primer and paint were sprayed and rolled until they wrapped things up a week later. The second floor was ready for the final work to get underway.

Thanks so much for all who traveled to Nome to be part of this project over the past year. We hope to be fully occupied by November 1. ■

mudded and sanded. After all, there was a father-son team of painters traveling from Tucson. Wade Remer was on loan from Wycliffe Bible Translators, and due to arrive on August 18th. Wade and Seth Remer arrived and set to work and the

## I Have Returned!

**F**ourteen years after leaving Alaska God has called me to return full time. What a joy and a blessing to return home to Nome and KICY. It is said that the third time a person visits Alaska, they stay. My third visit was my two years at KICY in the early 2000s, and though I physically left the state in 2001, my heart stayed. Over the years I have returned almost yearly for a week or more to visit and volunteer, describing my visits as the yoyo effect...I just keep coming back. One day, I



*Patty Burchell settles in behind the mic.*

knew, God was going to allow me to stay. God's timing is always perfect, so, on September 4th, my dog Shasta, herself a Nome native, and I arrived. My official title at KICY is Program Director, which I am learning means doing just about anything that needs to be done. My learning curve is again steep as I join the team of volunteers here and re-learn radio, but I have a peace and confidence that this is where God wants me. What a joy to be greeted around town with the words, "Welcome home!" ■

-- Patty Burchell

## A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

**George Bard**

**Patty Burchell**

**Ian Coglan**

**Luda Kinok**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Lon Swanson**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**



Celebrating 55 Years of Service  
to Western Alaska & The Russian  
Far East.

It is hard to believe it has been  
5 years since the big 50th  
Anniversary Dinner here in Nome.  
How time flies!

# KICY Will Cook Wild Alaskan Salmon For You.

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner.

We are scheduling around the Midwinter Conference in 2016. There is a dinner scheduled for New Hope Covenant in Richland before the conference and at North Park Covenant on the Wednesday evening of the conference. Both Farmington Hills and Ravenswood in Chicago are confirmed. Dates are open from January 29th to February 4th.

For full details and an updated schedule be sure to check out our home page at [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org).

Feel free to talk with any of the pastors where we have had the honor of preparing a wild Alaskan Salmon dinner. The salmon is free but the memories are priceless. We love to ship in Nome-caught salmon, cook it up and share the vision of KICY. Can we count on your church to host *salmon-chanted evening*? ■

## Memorials

In August and September we received memorials in the name of:

H. K. Carlson  
Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Jan Fondell  
Homer Hoyt  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Sarah Ann Lewis  
Morris & Bonnie Payne

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.



### Upcoming Dinners Calendar

**January 23rd, 2016**  
**Hope Covenant Church**  
**Richland, Michigan**

**January 27th, 2016**  
**North Park Covenant Church**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

**February 3rd, 2016**  
**Faith Covenant Church**  
**Farmington Hills, Michigan**

**February 4th, 2016**  
**Ravenswood Covenant Church**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

## PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-  
**\$25,353.60**  
-September Budget-  
**\$32,060.52**  
-September Expenses-  
**\$15,983.01\***

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*

*\*transmitter off air*



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Covenant Church.

## Help Wanted.

If you can help us with a donation for our tower replacement project, we all would very much appreciate it. This is an ambitious project, but a critical one to the longterm success of this unique broadcast ministry.

As you can see, donations have begun to arrive in our Post Office Box. Thank you!

\$240,000.00

\$120,000.00

\$1,625.00



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## Time Again For 100% Sunday.

**T**his annual event allows everyone in the Covenant Denomination (or any other) to stop, pray and make a \$1.00 donation on Sunday, October 25th.

Every Covenant Church in the directory has been sent a letter reminding them of the event. Every Covenant Pastor has received an e-mail with the same reminder, plus an attached bulletin insert.

Now, the success of this event lies in your hands.

Honestly, if Sunday, October 25th isn't convenient, that matters little to us at KICY. Any date of your choosing will work just as well. Last year one church couldn't

schedule 100% Sunday until April. That works, too.

We have produced a new video if you'd like to use it. It is available as a stream or download from our website at [kicy.org](http://kicy.org), then select the 100% Sunday tab on

the right-hand side and scroll to the bottom of the page. The video is in a .mov format and should work equally well on a PC or Mac. There are also downloads of the bulletin insert as both a Word document and a .PDF file.

We try to provide everything you need to allow the entire body of Christ to partner with us for this critical event.

We would also encourage you to use any of the photographs on our website to build a display or make a presentation on Sunday morning.

God bless you for supporting KICY! 