

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

Another summer has come and gone and the abundance of this place, and God's provision for the people of the Far North never ceases to amaze me. This year the fish run set records in many locations, the berries were large and plentiful and the moose hunt has

gone well for so many.

Driving out of town it was not unusual to see several cars parked beside the road with



*Patty Burchell*

multiple people fanned out across the tundra sharing the carpets of berry bushes. Folks harvest what they need, whether fish, berries, or moose, and give away any surplus. This year the hospital collected surplus berries to give to elders and others who were unable to get out and pick. In the native culture, a hunter's first career moose (or large game of any sort) is to be given away entirely, and most people in the region practice that tradition.

In this often harsh environment, God provides for His people. And I am humbled and often amazed by God's continued provision for KICY. Summer can be a slow time for donations, but praise God, all our needs continue to be met. Thanks for your faithfulness in prayer and giving. God is good, all the time, and is using you to further His purposes in this place. ■

## Luda Receives Assylum

While on a trip to Little Diomedede at the end of July this year, I received a text from my Immigration attorney that I have received approval for Assylum. I jumped for joy and was so blessed to have people around me and across Alaska and the US who were celebrating this good news with me. It has been a long journey, both in making the decision to apply for Assylum and getting it.

In 2012 I moved back to Russia with the intent to live and serve there for the rest of my life. The pastor of Provideniya church, my family and friends were so happy to have me back after 8 years being away in Nome, AK. I took the position of a pastor in one of the Native villages in Provideniya region. But shortly after I arrived in Provideniya, I was asked by the Russian authorities to come and see them. They were questioning my return. I was born and raised in the USSR. Although that "empire" collapsed in the early 1990s, the mentality is still there. So I knew what to expect upon my returning. At first, I was able to brush it off, but month after month the pressure escalated and it became harder and harder to maintain the peace in my heart and my sense of safety and security. Two years later, in 2014, I returned to Nome knowing that I couldn't go back to Russia anymore. I shared my concerns with Dennis Weidler, then the general manager of KICY, and he, without hesitation,



*Luda on Little Diomedede*

offered me help getting Assylum. I waited for my immigration hearing close to three years.

I am so thankful and grateful for all the support and prayers that KICY staff provided me with. For all the KICY friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord who walked with me this journey. God is faithful and answered our prayers. It is a bitter-sweet experience for me. I get to live in the US and call it my home, however it also means that I won't be able to visit Russia and my family friends from now on. But as they say, we are all just strangers in this land, just passing through. With God's grace I am ready to close one chapter of my life to let God be the Author of another. ~Luda Kinok ■

# The 41st Annual Great Bathtub Race



*And they're off!*

For the past many, many years, the KICY tub has come in second (or worse) in this Labor Day tradition to the quick-paced team from Crowley Marine Services. Last year KICY assumed sponsorship of this great Labor Day tradition. In so doing, we also inherited the sleek, red bathtub belonging to former Race Official, Leo Rasmussen, and still came in second. This year, since we were sponsoring the event, we opted to loan our two tubs to others to encourage and increase participation. It worked!

At High Noon on Labor Day, four teams lined up at the starting line in front of the Visitors Center on Front Street, with the goal of reaching the Post Office first. Teams from Wells Fargo and GCI, borrowed the KICY tubs, while the KNOM team dug out their long un-used tub and gave it a quick makeover. The kids from the Nome Community Center had

perhaps the cleverest bathtub. They simply strapped a large washtub to a wagon.

The teams soon spread out, with the GCI team taking the early lead, and holding on for the win. This was, by the way, the first time in recent memory a KICY tub won! Too bad it wasn't our team. The KNOM team had a little mishap midway through the race allowing the Nome Community Center kids to pull into third.

Final results? Team GCI took top honors, followed by Wells Fargo (in Leo's old tub). The Nome Community Center team came in third, and easily won the award for Crowd Favorite. Bringing up the rear and earning the Ring Around The Tub Award was the team from KNOM.

A good time was had by all and there are plans afoot for modifying bathtubs to be even more competitive next year. ■

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

**George Bard**

**Patty Burchell**

**Kathy Horner**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Luda Kinok**

**Lena Mathlaw**

**Lon Swanson**

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## **Volunteer at KICY**

If you have ever thought working in Radio might be something you'd like to try, now is your chance. We are looking for people of all backgrounds who would like to give radio ministry a try. As was once said to me, give us a year and we can teach you radio. We'd love to have you as part of our team. Volunteers have the opportunity to experience all aspects of radio ministry. There is also plenty of time for involvement in the community at large as well as exploration of the surrounding area. For more information about this incredible opportunity, contact Patty Burchell at [generalmanager@kicy.org](mailto:generalmanager@kicy.org). ■

# Reflections on a Month of Service

The people of Nome, who depend on the land and each other, seem both gentle and hardy, industrious and skilled. I noticed a lot of Christian influence (In The Sweet Bye & Bye is sung in Eskimo at events other than church) and sadly, also saw much alcoholism and drugs. I was surprised I didn't miss the mountains and forest; I really enjoyed the rolling green tundra.

Though Nome is small I was able to take advantage of many activities. During my month-long stay, I hiked to a waterfall, visited the cultural center and museum, went berry picking, gathered polished glass along the Bering Sea shore, attended Eskimo native craft classes where I made and beaded a seal skin ornament, ate fresh salmon, moose stew and reindeer sausage, chatted with people, took many walks around town, and took



*We are grateful for Carrie Esau's month of service to KICY*

lots of pictures.

Even though the staff was busy and I was a short timer, they included me in their work and after hours activities. I got to broadcast on the morning live show. The Ptarmigan Telegraph was my favorite part of that show.

I went to KICY/Nome for a month of ministry: to paint Luda's apartment, organize archival photos, and address/fold/stuff/seal

nearly 1000 envelopes for 100% Sunday. I was also "loaned" to the Boys and Girls Club to assist with games and meal prep.

I love to be involved in missions, and am grateful to God for healing me of two cancers diagnosed exactly three years ago. There were opportunities to share about KICY and my story with shop clerks, gold miners, Coast Guard personnel, and other Nome visitors. A personal

highlight was specifically sharing Jesus with four ladies. One of my grandfathers emigrated from Russia, so the gospel ministry to Siberia struck a special heart chord with me. I love to travel; this was at least my 5th trip to Alaska and I want to return. As I said on air my last day, I'm leaving Nome, but I'm leaving my heart behind.

~Carrie Esau ■

## Memorials

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

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**  
**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-

**\$24,610.12**

-September Budget-

**\$31,074.93**

-September Expenses-

**\$35,858.28**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Salmon Success

The Fall Salmon Dinner tour was a huge success. Thank you to the many churches who opened their doors, their kitchens, and their hearts to the ministry of KICY.

The next opportunity for a "salmon-chanted evening" will be in January. If you are two to four hours from the Chicago area I would be happy to bring wild caught Alaska salmon to your church for a Salmon Dinner. Dates available are January 18-20, 2018. Contact me by phone or email to reserve your dinner.  
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## 100% Sunday Planned for October 22nd

This annual event allows everyone in the Covenant Denomination (or any other) to stop, pray and make a \$1.00 donation on Sunday, October 22nd.

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 22nd isn't convenient, that matters little to us at KICY. Any date of your choosing will work just as well.

We have produced a short 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).



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 down-

loads 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. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any additional materials to assist in your church's efforts. This is called 100% Sunday, and we have set a goal of 100% participation by every Covenant Church in the U.S. and Canada.

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! 