

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

## Record Storm Hits Western Alaska



Patty Burchell

As the remnants of Typhoon Merbok approached the west coast of Alaska Friday, September 16, all coastal villages were on heightened alert. The storm regained strength to near hurricane force as it moved across the Bering Sea bringing with it high winds, gusting to 80 mph in exposed areas, rain, and a storm surge of 10-15 feet above the normal high tide line.



*Photos this page: Front Street, Nome*



Reports began coming in from villages of flooding, fuel tanks tipping, and boats being swamped. As the storm moved up the coast people took to social media to share photos. KICY staffed our studio overnight and did not turn our signal directional west toward Russia, choosing instead to be available to our listeners in Alaska. Throughout the night we monitored the storm's progress toward Nome, updated weather, and shared information regarding road closures and emergency shelter locations.

As high tide approached Saturday morning waves crested the seawall in Nome and

flooded Front Street. The power and direction of the wind caused the waves to hit the shore head on crumbling asphalt and destroying many subsistence cabins east of Nome. While the wind never quite reached hurricane strength on land, winds of nearly 60 mph parked over the west coast of Alaska from Hooper Bay to Nome for 18-36 hours acting like a bulldozer, pushing seawater landward.

As the tide went out Saturday afternoon the waters receded leaving sand, logs, rocks, and other debris on the roads and in yards of homes near the seawall.

Nome Covenant Church postponed services Sunday morning to organize a clean up day. Though the wind was still blowing at 30 mph and it was raining off and on people turned out to move driftwood and trash into piles along roads to be picked up by city trucks. Bulldozers and dump trucks began to clear the streets of sand, rocks and debris. A few homes lost roofing and siding but the primary damage in Nome was to the road east of town and subsistence camps along the shore. Some businesses on Front Street suffered significant damage, including a restaurant destroyed by fire. KICY lost a small bit of roofing material, but fortunately nothing more.



## Record Storm...continued

Many villages south of Nome were not as fortunate. Here are just a few of the losses incurred in our listening area.

**Hooper Bay** (pop. 1300): The boardwalk leading to high ground is gone; many boats were damaged or lost; so far, four homes are unlivable; fuel tanks tipped compromising the generation of power for the village. Due to power being off for three days, many lost the harvested food they had put away for winter.

*Hooper Bay*



*Golovin*



**Chevak** (pop. 900): 90% of the boats used for subsistence fishing and hunting are gone, many sheds that held subsistence equipment are gone.

**Shaktoolik** (pop. 250): The berm protecting the town survived the first onslaught of the storm preventing significant damage to the town but was later destroyed by pounding surf.

**Elim** (pop. 330): Significant damage to the road that runs along the shore; many subsistence cabins and fish racks damaged or destroyed.

**Golovin** (pop. 150): 16 homes moved off their foundations; most homes had feet of sand in them.

Other villages experienced varying degrees of damage. The National Guard was deployed to Hooper Bay and Golovin to assist with clean up. Iditarod musher Aaron Burmeister of Nome mobilized a team of mushers to help in Golovin. The enthusiasm of "fresh workers" who understand the challenges of the Alaska coast was much appreciated. Mission groups are also helping in the recovery efforts. Thank you for your prayers as these communities repair and rebuild in the face of a rapidly approaching winter.

*Moses Point Subsistence Camp, Elim*



*Photos from an Alaska Conference social media post*

## A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

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## Praise God...

...there was no loss of life during the recent storm.

...KICY was able to stay on the air and sustained no real damage.

## Pray...

...for those affected by the storm.

...that housing and food needs would be met so people can be warm and fed this winter.

## 46th Annual Great Bathtub Race



2022 Bathtub Racers

**L**abor Day in Nome can only mean one thing. It is time for the Great Bathtub Race! Four teams participated in this zany tradition this year, braving rain and cool temperatures in the quest to be the first team to cross the finish line. This year a group of children chose to participate, fielding a team dubbed The Whales. They were all under 10, and most are members of the Elementary Running Club. The considerable head start they were given because of their size was not needed (and will not be given next year) as they completely outpaced the competition. Our own Cody Foret and the Tide Pods came in second this year. The Nome Beltz High School volleyball teams rounded out the field. KICY is pleased to sponsor this annual event.

### Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Carol C. Nelson  
Alfred & Ethel Adams  
Charlotte Ann Kosty  
Howard Nelson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

### PLEASE NOTE!

-September Income-

\$39,714.19

-September Budget-

\$29,248.28

-September Expenses-

\$25,846.04

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds*



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## An Opportunity for Giving

**I**f you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA you have the option to distribute those funds directly to one or more charities as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These distributions come directly from your financial institution and the QCD is not counted as income. Choosing a non-profit organization as the recipient also means the funds are not taxed. It is a win-win for both the IRA account owner and charitable organizations.

Arrangements can be made through your financial institution to send all or part of that distribution directly to KICY.

Thank you for considering KICY as a Qualified Charitable Distribution recipient.

*Thank You!*





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## 100% Sunday Set for October 23rd

This annual event allows everyone in a Covenant Church (or any other, for that matter) on October 23rd to stop, pray, and make a \$1.00 donation to the ministry of KICY. We call it 100% Sunday as we have set a goal of 100% participation by every Covenant Church in the U.S. and Canada.

There are many ways to participate as an individual or a church. In addition to an opportunity to give during a service, consider posting our 100% Sunday video (found at [kicy.org](http://kicy.org)) to your church's



website or FaceBook page and encourage individuals to pray about giving directly to KICY. Other short videos and resources can be found by

selecting 100% Sunday from the menu bar. You are welcome to use anything found on our website as you see fit. Please contact us for additional materials or suggestions.

If Sunday, October 23rd isn't convenient, choose any date that is.

Our secure online giving portal is available to both churches and individuals. Just go to [kicy.org](http://kicy.org) and use the big blue button on the home page.

God bless you as you support the ministry of KICY.