

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

It was 20 years ago this past July that I landed in Nome for the first time. Eager anticipation would be good words to describe my feelings that day as the jet touched down under rainy skies. It rained my entire first week in Nome, but that didn't dampen my enthusiasm



Patty Burchell


for beginning to learn about radio ministry and the people and places KICY served. Frances Whitmore, Mark Hill, Swede Hanson, and Libby (Carlson) Benson, the current volunteers, were all so helpful and encouraging. And then our new General Manager and his wife arrived. Dennis and Candace Weidler stepped off the plane with a heart to serve, an expertise in broadcasting, and strong leadership for the station. In addition to all of this, two new towers were being erected at the tower site that summer, and the station would soon be boosting its power to 50,000 watts and turning the signal directional west each night to intentionally send the message of the Gospel, in the Russian language, far into the Russian mainland. It was a time of renewed excitement for radio ministry in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. As we began the new millennium, we also celebrated 40 years of God's faithfulness in

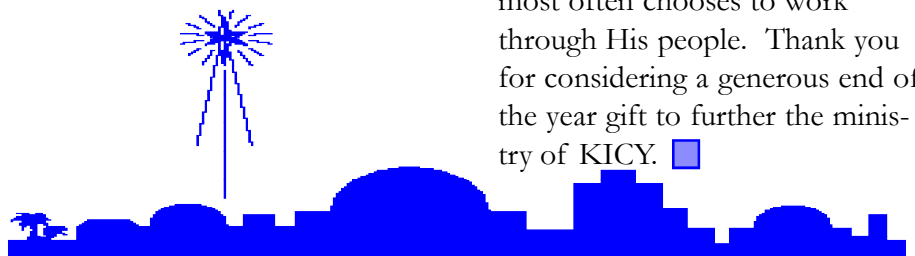
providing for the needs of KICY. Who would have known that 20 years later, I would be at KICY to celebrate the 60th Anniversary? I had no inkling that God's path for my life would lead me back to KICY so many years later, but God knew.

Though it shouldn't, it always amazes me when I look back and see how the hand of God has moved both in my life and the life of KICY. God knows our past, our present, and our future, and He knows the needs we have before we do. He is our sustainer, our provider, our hope, our sufficiency, both in our personal lives and for the station. There have been so many times over the past 60 years, from the station's infancy and the vision of men like Ralph Hanson, Ralph Fondell, Bill Hartman, and Art Zylstra, to the challenges that radio ministry in Western Alaska presents even today, that God has been faithful. For the 50th Anniversary, a short documentary was produced called "50 Years of Miracles." If you have not seen the video, I encourage you to go to our website, kicy.org, (scroll down on the home page to find it) and take a look. We could change the title to "60 Years of Miracles," and still be accurate. This is God's ministry, and we are just stewards of it.

For 60 years, KICY has relied on the

generosity of those who believe in the work we are doing in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. And God has provided. Through gifts of a few dollars, to bequests in the thousands, by those who commit to support KICY monthly, and those who give once, our needs are supplied. We know our costs will continue to escalate. Electricity is expensive in Western Alaska. Our AM transmitter is nearing the end of its projected lifespan. Some of our staff housing needs refurbishing. Regular maintenance on the equipment requires skilled labor that can be expensive. We would like to be able to get out to villages more often to broadcast Get Togethers and conferences, and support the ministry leaders in those communities, and air travel is pricy. But we serve a God who knows our needs and knows already how those needs will be met.

Please pray about how you can financially support this ministry. If you already give, thank you. If you have given in the past, but haven't for a while, or if you have never given, please pray about how God might use you to help meet our financial needs. God moves in miraculous ways, but most often chooses to work through His people. Thank you for considering a generous end of the year gift to further the ministry of KICY. 



Our Christmas Wish List.

It's that time of year again...a time of joy and celebration as we all look forward to the joyous Christmas season. Again by popular request, we have assembled a list of some items our staff would enjoy receiving this holiday time.



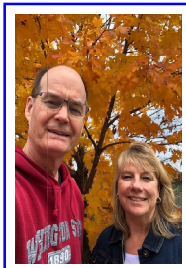
Our Breakfast Club Host, **Lon Swanson** would really enjoy some *Dunkin' Coffee*. He

thinks it is the perfect way to start the day.

Contrary to the name of the show, our Coffee Crew FM morning host, **George Bard**, is not much of a coffee drinker. But, a hot cup of *Mint Tea* is what makes Christmas special for George. Although the flavors aren't real important, he does prefer mint.



Kathy Horner processes our donations and other payments, and hosts the evenings on ICY 100.3 FM. She loves *dark chocolate*. It is



tasty, and good for you! **Ron Horner** would love some *mixed nuts* to munch on as he hosts Saturday afternoons on ICY 100.3FM.

Lena Mathlaw shares hosting SingspirationTime each weekday evening. She would love some *walnuts or plain almonds*. Those are local favorites here.



Bertha Koweluk, is the other host of SingSpiration Time each weekday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. Her Christmas wish includes some *Christmas Candy* of any variety.



Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok** would really appreciate some *Starbucks French Roast K-cups* for Christmas this year. I wish you could see her smile when we unpack the Christmas boxes.



KICY's newest staff member, **Nate Hobbs** enjoys the smell of *scented candles* in his home. Any pleasing scent will do, and it is also a way to bless his wife.

Patty Burchell would enjoy *Black Tea* this Christmas season. English Breakfast or something similar is a favorite, but any black tea will do.



Our greatest wish is that God would place in others' hearts the desire to serve Him for His glory. Have a joy-filled Christmas season as, across the miles, we share in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Immanuel! ■

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

George Bard
Patty Burchell
Nate Hobbs
Kathy Horner
Ron Horner
Bertha Koweluk
Luda Kinok
Lena Mathlaw
Lon Swanson

Postage-Paid Envelopes

Thank you to all of you who currently put your own stamp on our Business Reply Envelopes. These envelopes are a convenience, but end up costing us nearly \$2000 per year in postage and fees alone. In an effort to be good stewards of what we are given, KICY will be discontinuing the use of those next year. Please feel free to use them, as long as you receive them from us. We will be phasing them out as our supply at the station runs out. We will continue to provide return envelopes for your convenience, but you'll need to use your own stamp. Thanks for helping us use wisely the resources God so generously provides. ■

Come Join Us For Wild Alaska Salmon

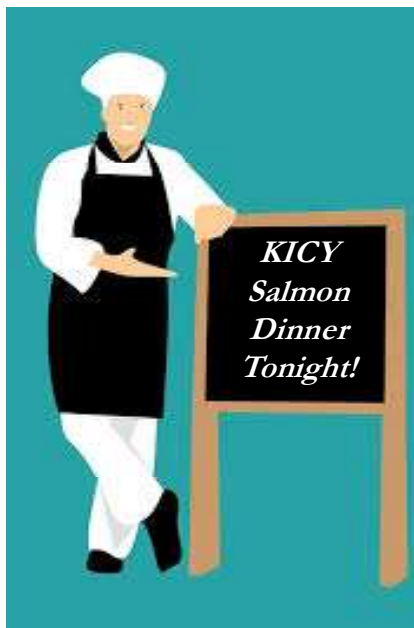
If you live near Oalkand, Nebraska, have we got a treat for you! Salem Covenant Church is hosting a Salmon Dinner before the Covenant MidWinter Conference, which will be held in Chicago this year.

We love to ship in wild caught Alaska salmon from Nome, cook it up, serve it and share the vision of KICY in a brief PowerPoint presentation.

The dinners are a great way to learn more about the ministry of KICY, eat some delicious salmon, and enjoy the company of others who value radio ministry in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. And they are just plain fun!

Also, it is not too soon to begin planning for the Fall 2020 Tour. If your church is interested in hosting a dinner, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org to request more information.

I hope to see you at a dinner near you soon! ■



Midwinter Tour 2019

Sunday, January 26, 2020
Salem Covenant Church
Oakland, Nebraska

Contact the church for the details.

60th Anniversary Challenge

Our 50,000 watt AM Transmitter is nearing the end of its expected lifespan. We need to start planning now for its replacement. During our 60th Anniversary year, would you consider giving an extra \$60 (or multiple of 60) toward this fund? It is a huge undertaking, but if everyone on our mailing list was able to donate \$60 toward this project, it would more than cover all associated costs. Thanks for your help in keeping our signal strong for the next 60 years!

\$200,000

\$150,000

\$100,000

\$50,000

Memorials

In October and November, we received memorials in the name of:

Ralph & Gert Fondell
Louise Mosher
Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
David Caspari
Carol Nelson
Newton Nelson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-
\$48,298.03
-October Budget-
\$52,394.65
-October Expenses-
\$61,751.85

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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KICY Virtual Mailbag

Quyana Cakneq (thank you very much) KICY and God bless your broadcast ministry. I listen to you every day when at work and weekends at home. I can't go without hearing about God's amazing love for me through your fabulous station!

~ a listener in St. Michael

I listened again last night and your signal was even stronger than the night before. The Singspiration show was even clearer than the night before... That's a great local music program. So nice to hear a station with original/local programming! ~ *an AM radio hobbyist in Southern California*



Thank you for doing such a good job. When the radio is on, the devil has to flee. The programming blesses all of us in

the villages of Western Alaska. I also thank you for your Russian mission. I have been so blessed!

~a listener in Shaktoolik

I am very grateful and thankful to the radio station KICY Care Prayer Program. Thank you for the prayers for my brother who had cancer several months ago. He is cancer free as of last Thursday. It is a miracle and God's doing - through people who had prayed for him and his family. ... We need to be prayer warriors for each and everybody. God bless KICY and all the crew.

~a listening family in our region ■