

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



Count your blessings,
name them one by one,
count your many blessings,
see what God has done!



Patty Burchell

It was just a year ago that we fast-tracked the replacement of our aging transmitter. Through your faithful prayers and financial gifts, and the willingness of skilled workers, we have a brand new 50,000 watt transmitter

dedicated to serving this region to the glory of God. We have heard from people on the edges of our coverage who are hearing us louder and clearer. We were also gifted with a 10,000 watt transmitter to use as a back-up should the main transmitter need repairs.

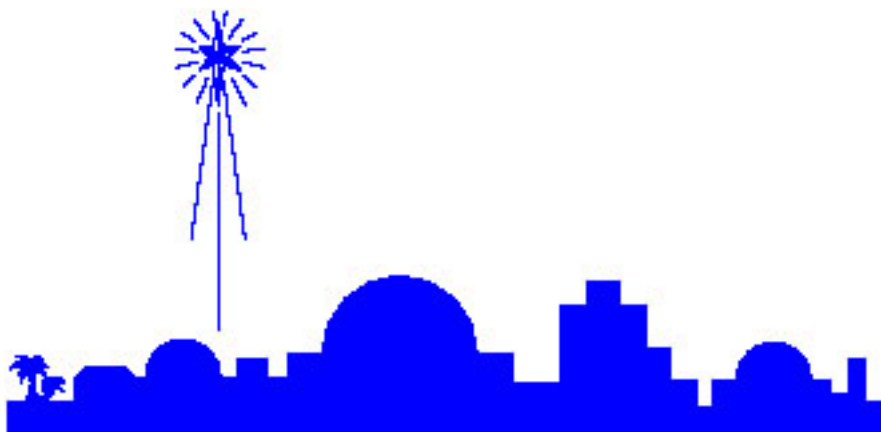
On top of that, we were finally able to get our translator in Elim on the air. This community who has been without a pastor for the past several years now has the opportunity to hear solid Bible teaching and uplifting music on KICY in their village.

Our equipment wasn't the only thing that changed this year. After twelve years as a full time volunteer, Lon Swanson retired and moved back to his home state of Illinois. Luda Kinok also sought a change of scenery and has relocated to Hawaii. Fortunately for us, Luda is still producing our Russian broadcasts from her new location. Praise God for the marvels of modern technology!

And just when we needed it, God provided a new staff member in Jared White. We are grateful for his servant's heart and his commitment to cover most Saturday shifts.

God has protected, and provided for this little radio station with a big signal at the edge of the world for 61 years, many times in ways that are nothing short of miraculous. It is abundantly clear to me that He wants this ministry to continue well into the future. And that is where you come in. Thank you for your interest in KICY. Thank you for reading the Call Letter. Thank you for praying for us when we come to mind. I am convinced it is only through the prayers of the saints that we are sustained, equipped, and encouraged each and every day. Thank you for your financial donations. As a ministry primarily supported through the generosity of others, we depend on your gifts. Thank you for your willingness to serve in tangible ways, by sending a summer work team from your church, or coming to volunteer yourself. It is always a pleasure to meet former KICY volunteers and staff members. There is a rich history of a shared experience at KICY that exists today because of the many volunteers who have served over the years.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ and the hope He brings, we are thankful for the way He uses KICY in this corner of the world. In the darkness, both the physical dark of winter and the darkness in our souls and world, Jesus is the Light. That Good News radiates over KICY through the cold Arctic air and into the homes in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East, warming hearts with the truth of the Gospel, turning lives to the King of Kings. Thank you for your part in it. We are indeed blessed.



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.

This year some of our Christmas wishes are a little different than in the past. Long-time volunteer **George Bard** starts us off with a request for *Trail mix*. It is great to munch on while announcing.



Cody and Joy Foret have exciting news to share. They are expecting a little one in May! Looking ahead to that time, they are requesting *diapers* this year. Any size will do. They will no doubt use them all!



Kathy and Ron Horner would love some *dark chocolate* and *dry roasted macadamia nuts* or *pistachios (not in the shell)* this Christmas. Kathy is our FM evening host and processes donations among other things as a full time volunteer. Ron hosts Classical Choral on Sunday mornings on KICY AM-850.



Nate Hobbs is our IT specialist. He enjoys the smell of *scented candles* in his home. Any pleasing scent will do, and it is also a way to bless his wife.



Bertha Koweluk shares hosting Singspiration Time each weekday evening. Her Christmas wish includes *Christmas Candy* or *nuts* of any variety.

Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok**, has a bit of an unusual request this year. She would like *toothpaste* of any kind to make her pearly whites sparkle.



Lena Mathlaw is the other host of Singspiration Time from 7 to 10 p.m. She would love some *walnuts* or *almonds*. Those are local favorites.

Our newest staff member, **Jared White**, covers most Saturdays. He would enjoy *Black Tea* this holiday season. The type is not too important, though a breakfast tea or something similar would be preferred.



A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Luda Kinok

Bertha Koweluk

Lena Mathlaw

Patty Burchell enjoys snacking on *granola bars*, both at the studio and on hikes on the tundra. Any variety would be appreciated.



Our greatest wish, though, is that God would place in each heart 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, our Immanuel.

KICY Needs YOU!



Some of our current staff: Nate & Carlee Hobbs, Ron & Kathy Horner, Jared White, Patty Burchell, Cody & Joy Foret

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of a radio ministry? We are in need of people with adventurous spirits and a desire to serve God for at least a year in our remote corner of the world. As was once said to me, if you can give us a year, we can teach you radio. There are also many “behind the scenes” jobs that go in to running a radio station unrelated to being on the air. We can give you suggestions for raising your own support, and guarantee an experience like no other. If you feel the call of God to serve His people in Western Alaska, please contact Patty Burchell at 1-800- 478-5429, or generalmanager@kicy.org. You can also find more information about volunteering on our website, kicy.org. We have a place for YOU!

Memorials

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

Eleanor Anderson
Tom & Annie Dotomain
Ralph & Gert Fondell
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Phyllis Levinson
Robert T. Rapp
Claire M. Snow

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-

\$44,980.62

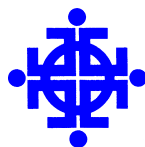
-October Budget-

\$45,911.65

-October Expenses-

\$40,536.65

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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An Opportunity for Giving

If 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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From the Mailbag

Thank you, KICY, for all the support you give each of us during the pandemic when we have no church or pastor in our community. You encourage us in our faith and hope through prayer, scripture, and songs that lift us up. ~a regional listener

I work in Primary Care at the hospital and wanted to thank you for sending us donuts. I don't listen to much radio but I catch KICY occasionally and I like the variety. Thank you for thinking of us. ~from Nome



I was blessed listening to you with great gospel music and the CareForce. ~a regional listener

Thanks for being good company.
~from Unalakleet

Thanks for the translator.
It is good to hear KICY.
~a listener in Elim

I just want to say thanks for the great show (Coffee Crew, the morning show on ICY 100.3 FM). I look forward to the tid-bit trivia, funny animal stories, and crazy crook stories. Plus music lifting up the Name of Jesus!
~ an online listener