

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



Once again I come to the end of a year amazed and humbled by God's goodness as He continues to provide for this little radio station with the

big signal at the edge of the world. So many times when we have had a need God has sent a solution through people with the right skills or funds sent at just the right time.

We have had some major "highs" this year. It began with

the Nome basketball team winning their state division tournament. Through a generous donation from the Thomas & Cindy Massie foundation we were able to send our announcer, Josie Stiles, to all away tournaments this year. She was live on the air, overcome with emotion as our team hung tight and won.

We have also had some lows this year. As shared in the last Call Letter the remnants of Typhoon Merbok wreaked havoc on our coastal villages. KICY staffed the studio overnight providing weather updates and staying available should emergency broadcasting become necessary. Fortunately, it was not. To date, many groups and individuals have traveled to the hardest hit villages ensuring the needed repairs were made prior to the onset of winter.

Through the ups and downs, God is faithful. He encourages, sustains, and

provides through our listeners and supporters. Hardly a week goes by when someone doesn't call in to ask for prayer, and at the conclusion of the conversation thanks God for KICY.

We close the year with our finances in a good place. If you are a contributor to this ministry, thank you. Prices for fuel and electricity have gone up, but giving has also increased. Because of your faithful giving when prompted by God, our needs are met. Thank you for your continued financial support of this ministry.

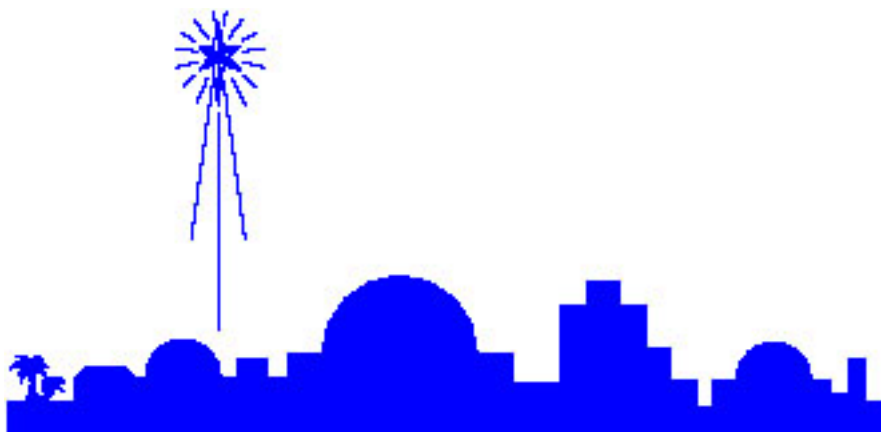
As we look to a new year we are blessed to be able to continue the upgrades to our equipment that seem to need to be made about every 20 years. Our phone system and studio audio boards are next on the list. The phones will be the first to be replaced. We anticipate clearer signals for CareForce and basketball games with the static currently in the phones a thing of the past. Next up, the studio audio boards. Thanks to that generous donation from the Massie Foundation mentioned above we have purchased new digital audio boards for each of our studios. They are being configured and are due to be installed in February.

Even as God has provided abundantly for the physical needs of the station we are trusting Him for our staffing needs. We bade farewell to the Horners in November (see p. 3) and with Lon's departure a year ago we are feeling stretched as a staff. Please pray with us that God would raise up people to serve full time in Nome. Thank you for praying with us for this specific need into the coming year.

From all of us at KICY, we wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with the blessings that come from drawing ever closer to Jesus.



Patty Burchell



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.



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 enjoy hosting gatherings of young adults at their home. This year they are asking for board games, but not the usual games everyone thinks of. They would love to try your unique family favorite.



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* of any variety.



Lena Mathlaw is the other host of Singspiration Time from 7 to 10 p.m. She would love some *walnuts or Starbucks Fresh Roast whole bean coffee*.

Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok**, would like *small bags of trail mix*. She thinks that would be the perfect snack to take to work.



Patty Burchell enjoys *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.

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Luda Kinok

Bertha Koweluk

Lena Mathlaw

KICY Needs You!

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. 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 generalmanager@kicy.org, or 1-800- 478-5429. You can also find more information about volunteering on our website, kicy.org. We have a place for YOU!

Farewell, Horners

After more than 20 years in Nome, Ron and Kathy Horner have moved to Anchorage. Both educators, Ron was the music teacher for all grade levels and Kathy taught math and science while raising their five children.

They are now both retired, and their children grown. For the past five years Kathy has been a mainstay in the KICY office and on the air. She has covered the phones, processed donations, handled our end of the month billing, uploaded weekend programs, helped with basketball and Iditarod coverage, and hosted evenings on ICY 100.3 FM. Ron came on board after he retired and created a sacred choral music show that airs every Sunday morning on KICY AM-850.

Kathy and Ron will be missed, and for more reasons than just their service at KICY. Kathy has said that for now, they are planning to be in Anchorage at least for the winter with the hopes to return for a lengthy time this summer and the possibility of short-term volunteer service at the station one again. With three of their children living in Nome, we certainly hope that is the case. We wish them well as they settle into retired life in Anchorage and look forward to seeing them again in Nome.



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.

Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain
James Himmelwright
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Carol C. Nelson
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-

\$68,779.29

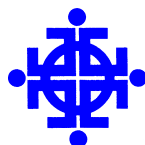
-October Budget-

\$44,972.35

-October Expenses-

\$59,174.89

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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Urbana Missions Conference

Every three years, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational college organization, hosts a missions conference for college students and other young adults. From December 28-31, 5,000 young adults with hearts open to missionary service will descend on Indianapolis, this year's venue, to hear speakers, participate in workshops, and visit the Exhibit Hall where over 200 exhibitors will showcase their long- and short-



term mission opportunities. Former KICY volunteer Neil Peterson, his wife Elizabeth and I will be heading to the conference with the express

purpose of meeting potential volunteers. We are trusting God to guide the people He is calling to serve for a year at KICY to our booth. The need for volunteers is great, but even now God is preparing people for service. Last time we went, Cody and Joy responded to the call.

Please pray with us for:

- * Fruitful conversations.
- * 3-4 people who will commit to a year of service beginning this summer or fall.