

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

We're in the middle of winter and the temperatures have been perfect for Arctic Alaska. The sun is shining, the winds are calm and it's between zero and 10 above. The days are still a little short, about 5 hours of daylight, but the lengthening has increased to nearly seven minutes a day, or over 3 hours a month.

It's a big travel month as we make arrangements for the Covenant Midwinter Conference in Chicago. Lon Swanson and I will be attending. Josh and Lydia Rogers have been to Washington, D.C. for the inaugura-

tion and Frances Whitmore has been traveling as well. There was actually



*Dennis Weidler*

one day when Neil Peterson and Luda Kinok were the only ones left to staff both stations. Everyone else on staff was traveling. Yes, scheduling can sometimes be a challenge.

This is also a time of Get-togethers. The villages of Koyuk, Shaktoolik, Scammon Bay and Savoonga all had village functions on the same weekend. We requested volunteers to help record the events so we could play them back later. There's also a full schedule of basketball.

By the time this arrives in your mailbox, Irene Houdek will have arrived (February 9th) from Arvada, Colorado and will be completing her orientation and training. Thanks to all who support her work here. ■



*Shoveling the Snow From the Guy Anchors.*

## Towers Are Made Straight.

It wasn't obvious from the road or even from near the towers but it was apparent when sighting up the guy wires from the base of each tower, that the tops of two towers were leaning to the east. The center tower, the main one which we use 24 hours a day, was showing by far the greatest tendency to be out of plumb.

The warmer December temperatures and the subsequent freezing and thawing plus 60 mile-per-hour winds during the October storm may have combined to cause the guy wires to go slack.

Two members of the Nolan Brothers Tower team arrived from Anchorage on the noon flight and set to work. This is good timing since by noon, the sun is up which helps a great deal when visually aligning a tower through a transit.

First, all three anchor points of the center and east towers had to be cleared of about three feet of snow. Now this is very fine, wind-swept snow so it's like shoveling chunks of concrete. We actually broke a shovel

trying to cut the snow into chunks to get under to lift it.

With the aid of a snowmachine, three comealongs and two transits, the aligning began. Two days later, as the sun set into the Bering Sea, we completed the job. It's a great feeling having the towers standing straight and true. As much as a foot of extra guy wire was removed from each of the anchor points.

We also used this time to install ice clips to keep ice from forming on the guy wires causing them to unravel.

Preventive maintenance is an important part of Christian stewardship. ■

### *A Prayer Request.*

We are beginning 2005 with the prospect of a largely inflated cost of electric power from Nome Joint Utilities.

We ask you to join us in prayer that the *fuel adjustment* addition to our monthly power bill will be held to a reasonable level.

## Lon Preaches in White Mountain.

As the plane flew over the sub-arctic tundra, I was again mesmerized by the stark beauty of the land, a land that is surprisingly abundant. Looking at the dormant willows below, my gaze moved to the horizon. The willows dark brown/charcoal color gradually turned to a dark icy-blue that was set against the winter white of the mountains, and the grey of the sky. I'm still amazed that people not only live here, they call it home.

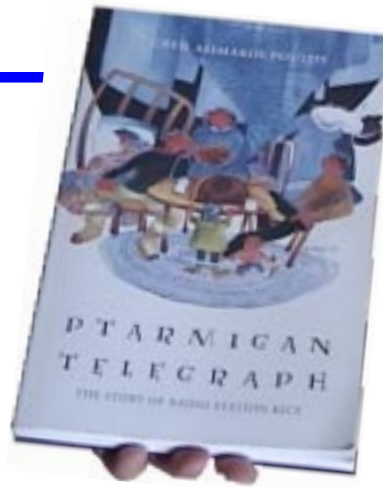
I had been in White Mountain before. The first time I went to the village, I went with the intent to be the pastor. I left my home in Illinois, leaving family and friends. I basically left the only life I knew. Once in the village, it didn't take me long to figure out that I wasn't in the Mid-west, and I wasn't the person the church needed for their pastor. I went back to Illinois. But life is a journey, and God will have the last word.

A few years later, I was in Nome for the Iditarod Dog Sled Race. I flew to White Mountain to pick up my friend Jack Brown. I couldn't help but ask myself what kind of greeting I might receive, if any. Surprise! I got hugs and heard, "welcome home." It felt real good.

Now as a volunteer with KICY, I'm landing in White Mountain again. I went down to the parsonage. There's Jerry Daniels, pastor of the church in Golovin, in the village for the Wellness Conference. He tells me that he and his wife are glad that I came back to the area. He was going up to Tom and Bee Jay's for Eskimo food. We walked together. I got a hug and a "welcome home" from Bee Jay, and it felt good. The Eskimo food was good. I heard "welcome home"

from more than a few people. It felt good.

Hmmm, I'm starting to pick up on a trend. My concept of home has been expanded. Home is a place of family and community, a place where a person can contribute and receive support and affirmation. Ultimately, as a Christian, my home is in the heart of God... Yet, this side of the veil my heart is Christ's home as a little booklet reminds me. Scripture tells us, "Where two or more are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." I go out to bless and God surprises me with greater blessings. Imagine that! Welcome home! It feels good. ■



### ***Ptarmigan Telegraph***

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

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Irene Houdek**

**Luda Kinok**

**Mitchell Nash**

**Neil Peterson**

**Lon Swanson**

**Josh Rogers**

**Lydia Rogers**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

**Julie Yoder**

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**P**lease keep in prayer our  
newest volunteer, Irene  
Houdek.

She plans to arrive in Nome  
on February 9th. That will  
give her training time to  
prepare for Iditarod coverage.

Pray for safe travels.



Luda Holds Sen. Stevens Letter.

## Russian Programming Update.

It's a good news, good news update from our Russian Language Department.

First, we have been able to establish an internet connection from Dan Johnson's Christian Satellite Service, CRFR in Moscow. The quality is excellent. What a tremendous joy and blessing this is. We have begun recording four hours each day and rebroadcasting from midnight to

4:00 AM. Very soon, we will be able to take a feed directly to air, live from Moscow!

Secondly, our Senior Alaska U.S. Senator Ted Stevens has taken an active interest in Luda's plight in being denied a visa. He is interceding with the consulate in Vladivostock. Please keep his efforts in your prayers. We are sincerely appreciative of his support. ■

## From the KICY Mailbag.

"I enjoy all the programs that you have. If KICY wasn't there, I would have not been lifted spiritually those past days I remember when being alone. I always felt that I had the best company any person would have had just listening to your station." -- R. W., St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

## Memorials

In January we received memorials in the name of:

Nick Novosel  
 Julie Swanson  
 Louise Matson  
 Roland A. Blomgren  
 Albin Folden

Thank you for remembering a loved one through a gift to our mission.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-  
**\$31,539.42**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*

-January Budget-  
**\$37,451.61**

**We need your prayers as we see financial support lagging**



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

# Capital Campaign Update.

We have been blessed by your steadfast prayers. The Federal Communications Commission granted official permission to improve our FM transmitter, tower and antenna. We have also reached the halfway point in fundraising.

*Operation Blanket Nome* is moving forward! During the past month, we have received only \$425.00 in donations.

We need to raise the remaining \$29,575 in the next few months so we can begin ordering the equipment in order to complete the project by this summer.

\$60,000

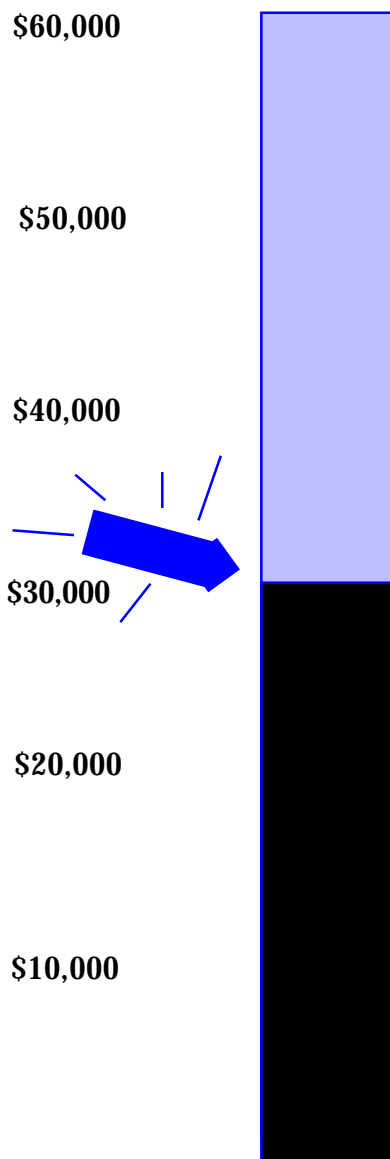
\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



# Planning for the Future.

For the past six years, we've been planning and working to rebuild the infrastructure of both the AM and FM stations through Capital Campaigns. We're in the middle of our current *Project Blanket Nome* to improve our FM signal. Through your help in both financial support and volunteer work teams, we have done great things.

We were also diligent in our efforts to retire our indebtedness by earmarking bequests and memorials for debt reduction. As you remember the entire debt was paid off over a year ago.

Today, we are looking at a renewed enthusiasm for both radio stations by our listeners and the communities we serve from Nome to deep inside Russia.

What challenges await us in the future? The cost of fuel will continue to be of overriding concern. Diesel fuel powers the generators at Nome Joint Utilities. Fuel oil heats our homes and businesses. Jet fuel brings groceries to Nome.

I am asking you to consider two things. First, would be a request that you meet with your financial planner and include KICY in your estate plans. It should be noted

that all bequests are applied to our Endowment Fund, administered by Covenant Trust. From this fund, only interest is returned to KICY to meet our ongoing needs. To be honest, I'm looking at a goal of \$1,000,000 for the Endowment Fund in the next several years. That would generate enough interest each year to offset a majority of our AM Transmitter power costs.

Until we meet that goal, I am asking for monthly, individual donations to be applied to our utility costs.

We have an extremely powerful means to deliver comfort, strength, teaching and encouragement to thousands in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. We need your help to keep the transmitter operating and the lights on in the studios. ■

## TITHING FOR TOMORROW

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AND OTHER COVENANT MINISTRIES



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