

HIGH ADVENTURE Bible Voice Broadcasting

In the Air On the Ground



Jackie, Marty and Don in
Louisville TV Studio



Delivering Broadcast
Equipment in Tennessee

Marty and I were traveling to Tennessee, scheduled to deliver precious electronic equipment that would soon light up the Iraqi skies over ancient Nineveh with the *Good News* that Jonah tried to avoid (but eventually declared after his *timeout* in the whale). Having just left HCJB with the transmitting equipment we had shared this news with High Adventure's Jackie Yockey during a television interview in Louisville, Kentucky and were nearby our Tennessee destination when Heather called from our office with the news from Eritrea.

Eritrea and Ethiopia has been strong on our hearts since 1996 when we first started to air Amharic and Tigrinya language programming into that area-we knew of the rich and yet very painful Christian history there...

ERITREA

This is one of Africa's oldest known civilizations dating back to 25th century BC when Egyptians made reference to it as Land of Punt (god's land). Eritrea is located on the Red Sea, and Eritrea's translation is *red*. During the colonization era, Italy and Britain took turns exerting control, followed by United Nations dictates of 1952 when Eritrea was given to Ethiopia. That decision resulted in a war that produced Eritrea's independence in 1991. Tragically, centuries of political interference facilitated today's persecution, as now, in a mindset to *not* interfere, the world seems unwilling to speak out on behalf of Christians who are openly persecuted and killed for their faith (as recent as January) or of others who find themselves tortured in various ways.

Radio has become their lifeline, so we press hard to keep this channel open. We treasure any news from that region. One man had been imprisoned for many months for participating in a Bible study and upon release, tuned in to our broadcasts and contacted us so we might know. Even some Eritrean military personnel secretly listen during their remote postings in the desert.

*But today, Heather's call was more than exhilarating. Brother "M" was emailing our Ethiopian programmer from Sudan where he had escaped, and the first thing he mentions is how the daily Voice of the Morning Star program was a lifeline for so many underground Christians in Eritrea. The programs became their "church message"...many had grown and matured in their faith because of the programs. **We have such freedom!***

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That momentary knowing, that washes over our soul when we sense the pleasure of God was our portion that day-the many months of financial strain seemed worth it in **one moment**. But we must keep these broadcasts ongoing-financial support does that!

IRAQ-In the Air

As I write, I sometimes pause and perhaps call one of the many fields where we are working. Today, my call was to our good friend Pastor Maher in Baghdad where we have just built the city's largest Christian FM station. We discussed our new stations coming on air soon in Iraq (Basra and Mosul) and of course we spoke of progress at the Baghdad station. This brought requests for parts...but it also brought encouragement to us.



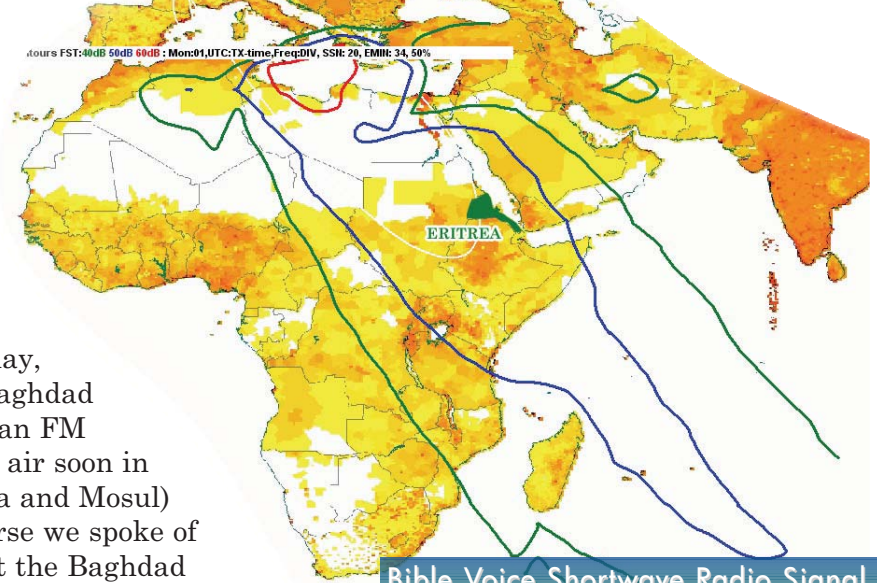
Broadcasting in Baghdad from Church



Insaf Delivering Gifts at Iraqi Women's Conference



Iraqi Child Receiving Treasures



Bible Voice Shortwave Radio Signal in East Africa

One of our Baghdad listeners ("O") was visiting Egypt two years earlier when he experienced a vision in which he was with many people in a large room. A voice stated to him that he was not one of them and he awoke. Next day, he shared this vision with his friend who thought the room sounded familiar, so he took him to a Christian church. Immediately upon entering the church, "O" recognized the room from the vision-it was the SAME room. "O" gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized...he is now called Paul and excitedly receives teaching and encouragement over Baghdad's new Christian voice (and 50 miles around).

FRUIT

Since this precious radio voice began in Baghdad, there have been 2,000 calls for prayer. This is not a surprise, because Islamic communities traditionally pray and they respect prayer. But this time, they are coming to a **different source** - this time they are coming to Jesus! *Can you imagine such a historical and monumental shift in the Middle East?*

Pastor Maher asks for help to solve his transmitter problem (\$300) so many other "Pauls" in and around Baghdad can be encouraged in the Lord. And he asks for help to employ people to meet the overwhelming response to this unprecedented need. Can you help us with this?

IRAQ-On the Ground

A few good friends recently linked arms with us to equip a wonderful Iraqi woman who ministers to many, during her travels to Iraq. Insaf distributed the many gifts of love from American and Canadian believers, who provided this tangible act of love for people in deep need of almost everything - most of which is encouragement, reminiscent of Paul's word to the Philippians "...I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" Phil 4:18, 19 NIV.

BASRA, IRAQ IS READY

We have sent equipment and Pastor Maher has made the necessary government submissions so we might build a new Christian voice in and for the city of Basra, South Iraq where over 2.5 million people will hear the *Good News* in their own language on FM radio. Only the final approval from Iraqi church affairs minister is in process. We are told it is imminent...rejoicing was cut short as we remembered *the lights*. No tower can be raised without adequate lighting (flashing red lights that are part of

every radio installation) so we (in faith) ordered special solar powered lights. We do need help to pay for the lights and the shipping costs...we need \$1,500 to send these right away to keep the Basra station on schedule. And we need prayer. This is a strategic opportunity for South Iraq!

AFRICA

This is an amazing continent of an estimated 800 million people, most of which would be considered an oral society-perfect for radio ministry. It is also not surprising to know that Africans are the most dedicated radio listeners-almost 67% of the continent listens to radio. We receive a regular flow of listener reports and many are heart rending since they come from lives emerging from conflict. Here is just one...

LIBERIA

"During the 14 yrs civil war that erupted in my country Liberia, I was rape by five rebel fighters who used me as their sex slave and cook their food. My parents died in the war and my other relations are nowhere to be found, some said they left Liberia for neighboring countries. I have three children who were fathered by the rebel fighters, three of the fighters died in the war, and now that the war is over the government is calling for reconciliation. I find it very hard to forgive those who made me to lost my virginity when I was only fourteen years. I now live in the capital Monrovia and it was there I heard your radio broadcast pastor Peter Tarling and through it God is restoring my heart and giving me new hope in Him and His word."



Liberians Listening to Worship FM on Galcom Radios

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE WORLD

Marty and I are privileged to partner with believers in three continents and many countries within. Sometimes the reports we receive bring great pain to us and some days we want to avoid answering a phone or turning on our computer. But every so often, the Lord sends us some good news...a listener found Christ...another listener is delivered from fear...a listener forgives a hurt...a listener experiences the peace that passes understanding...*and we are encouraged again.* As I think of what gift I might like to give and receive this Christmas, it is truly a good word of encouragement!

*A word aptly spoken is like **apples of gold** in settings of silver.* Prov 25:11 NIV

I would ask you to think of sending in a special Christmas gift for the nations. It will be used to give gifts of encouragement; more valuable than gold and silver. As we pause for a much needed rest this Christmas, be encouraged as you enjoy a taste of this good news from the nations where you have invested your heart and gifts this year!

SOMALIA

"Greetings in the name of Allah, I am student and living with my single mother with three other sisters. We lost our father last year when extremist's suicide attackers attacked in our land in his place work (President Office), since from that time I have doubted my Islam faith and started to search both Somali Christian websites in order know more about Christianity and the history of the Word of God Jesus life. And that was the way I met in your Grace and Truth radio station. So, please can you able to teach me..."

NIGERIA

"I turned on my radio as a last resort to overcome temptations of the flesh and you were there. It so happened that the message of last night was directed to me. Please continue the good work."

ETHIOPIA

"I am in the military camp where many of us have locked our Bibles and song books in our boxes at home, during this situation your radio is the only prayer house we had"

"Your radio message is like glucose for our sick bodies. It guides both our daily spiritual and physical life. It is like manna and spring water in the desert. In closing your radio for us is "Like cold water to weary soul is good news from a distant Land" Proverb 25:25.

WHAT'S COMING FOR 2010?

As we take a Christmas break (just a little one) we will be praying, planning and preparing for our next radio advancement...enjoy a "sneak peek" with us...

SAVIOR FM

Over Christmas, our team is installing Savior FM in Amuria District of North Uganda where 2 million Ugandans were displaced and damaged by war. We wish to encourage them in their own language and are only \$3,000 away from making final studio equipment purchase.

NGUN KATA FM (God hears)

Over Christmas, we are sending a transmitter and antenna as well as new studio equipment to our Sudanese partner. This upgrade (from 50 watt to 250 watt) will increase this unique station's reach into Sudan, North Uganda and the Congo. We are investing \$2,000 in this strategic outreach and ask for help.

WORSHIP FM

We have just submitted our request to Ghanaian authorities for our Worship FM 88.5 license in and for Accra where nearly 5 million people can hear of Jesus through radio. A wonderful gift from a businessman friend has enabled us to start this new voice. But we do need a generator back up (\$2,500) and a studio computer (\$1,000).

INDONESIA FM

We have partnered with good friends at Galcom to provide many unique solar powered radio stations (and radios) in 2010, beginning in a remote Indonesian island installation...watch for news on this very soon.

BETHLEHEM FM

A wonderful Asian ministry partner has just provided funding for a new 150' tower in and for Bethlehem where our Palestinian partner is broadcasting our *House of Bread* programs for 6 hours every day. This new tower will dramatically expand and improve our signal, but the hilly terrain around Bethlehem requires a second Studio Link for a second STL (we have \$2,000 raised, but still need \$3,000). This is one of the world's most significant and strategic opportunities. We need much prayer and regular support to maintain this amazing ministry to the spiritual center of the earth!

You can hear our House of Bread programming at www.biblevoice.org and search for House of Bread.

As you can imagine, we are peeking into 2010 with much anticipation...

Our High Adventure team in Canada, USA, Africa and the Middle East wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Don



Ministering the Good News
on Radio

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December 2009

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