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# Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

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## Some Challenge!

**Leandro Tarrataca is Director of Verdade Biblica, our affiliate ministry in Brazil**

'Operation World' assessed the Brazilian Christian Church this way, "... enormous rate of backsliding with millions of ex-Evangelicals now disillusioned with Christianity." In 1975 there were at least 14,000 spiritist centres and 420,000 mediums. A majority of Brazilians are now involved, with most still claiming to be Christian! In the major cities of Brazil television is a key tool to reach these and other peoples. A lady whose life was changed through this ministry is giving sacrificially to maintain the television programme. When I told her that we would not be able to keep our ministry on TV, she said: "I will use all that God has given me to keep this broadcast on air". Sure enough she is doing that, for the present at least.



The challenges for outreach are the pioneer settlements of the Amazon basin springing up along new roads through the forests and the 36,000 as yet unchurched river communities accessible only by boat. Church planting is made difficult by the poverty, loss of key members to cities, and geographical isolation. Radio is a key tool for reaching these people. We have been transmitting via short wave stations; resulting in letters from missionaries sharing how God is using our radio ministry to change lives in those remote Brazilian churches. Unfortunately we have just been forced to withdraw from one of those stations for lack of resources.

**And then there are the children!** The hundreds of thousands of street kids who have no home and are subject to drug abuse, prostitution, misuse by criminal gangs and even murder by police death squads (over 1,500 murders every year). The 7 million child labourers. The 500,000 involved in prostitution. The 540,000 already infected with the AIDS virus in 1999. Through a partnership we help a programme that works with underprivileged children, 90 of them every day. The copyright proceeds from my books (five of them in six years) are assisting this project. We would love to do more.



Pastor Leandro Tarrataca, Director of Verdade Biblica in Brazil, with his wife and children

Through our ministry (Radio, Television, Internet and Literature) we have reached 1,860,000 in one year. The harvest is great, but the resources and finances are very limited. We are so grateful for the interest shown by your UK supporters.

Leandro ■■■

## Going Where Radio Can Go ...

**Finding The Plot** – Weekly 30-minute programme giving reasons for hope in Christ.

**Word Alive** – Popular weekly 30-minute Bible teaching programme.

**Bible Focus** – 10-minute daily programme. Our most widely taken broadcast internationally.

**Something To Think About** - Thoughts for the day aimed at people 'on the run'.

## Part Of The GNB Team ...

**Dr. Derek Stringer** is the GNB UK Director and radio 'voice'. Each week he can be heard on *Finding The Plot*, *Word Alive* and *Something To Think About*. Each month he partners with other broadcasters in Bible Focus.

**Chalmers Dobson** is the UK Business Manager and 'bridge' to the numerous radio stations around the world using our programmes.

**Phil Critchley** is our Senior Producer.

**Brenda Critchley** multi-tasks! Not only is she a Presenter and Producer but she is responsible for Administration at our Ranskill office.

**Geoffrey Hall** looks after the data bank, mailings and gives general care to our building.

**Joseph Kebbie** lives in Ghana and serves us (plus other missionary organisations) as an administrator and 'bridge' to the many African nations using our programmes.

**Lynne Rushworth** helps with production and is working on 'bed-time' Bible based stories. One UK radio station is already very interested in her material.

**Many more volunteers** – Presenters, preachers and others come as required to record. We are very grateful to them.

We are grateful for all that has been achieved by Becky Kelly as producer of our Way to Go children's programme and much more. We shall miss her, but are praying for her as she increases her involvement with the BBC in Manchester.

## JOIN WITH US ...

Please prayerfully consider becoming a **MINISTRY PARTNER**. GNB (UK) gives programmes to radio stations world-wide. Where we consider it strategic we will even buy 'time' on a station in order to communicate the gospel. When you subscribe £30 per annum we will send you a bi-monthly CD as a 'thank you' and means of keeping in touch. This CD is packed with biblical material to inform and inspire. There is always a brand new teaching message from Derek Stringer plus a dip into our radio 'archives'. £30 is the minimum which will enable us to mail out the CD's cost effectively. You receive them without further payment if you support at £100 per annum. ■■■

# TOO SLOW OR TOO HASTY?

## Asks Derek Stringer

A General Practitioner, paediatrician, psychiatrist, surgeon and a pathologist went duck shooting. A bird came flying overhead. The first to react was the GP who raised his gun, but then hesitated. "I'm not quite sure it's a duck," he said. "I think that I will have to get a second opinion." And of course by that time, the bird was long gone.

Another bird appeared in the sky. This time the paediatrician drew a bead on it. He too was unsure if it was really a duck and besides, it might have babies. "I'll have to do some more investigations," he muttered, as the creature made good its escape.

Next to spy a bird flying was the psychiatrist. He was more certain of his intended prey's identity. "Now, I know it's a duck, but does it know it's a duck?" The fortunate bird disappeared while the fellow wrestled with this dilemma.

Finally, a fourth fowl sped past and this time the surgeon's weapon pointed skywards. BOOM! The surgeon lowered his gun and turned nonchalantly to the pathologist beside him, "Go and see if that was a duck, will you?"

We've all been guilty at times of shooting first and asking questions later. That's why we have the proverb, "Look before you leap." Of course, we also have a proverb which tells us of the danger in delay: "He who hesitates is lost." So which is the wiser advice? The truth is, there's danger in both extremes. It is necessary to look ahead and plan before taking action (Jesus called that "counting the cost"), but we have to be careful not to delay so much that we never get anything accomplished. It is a wise man who can find the proper balance.

Here at Ranskill our studio is just a small part of a wider international

partnership in ministry. Please pray for us that we will not just 'fire off words – but that all we say and do will impact for the Kingdom.

As a UK charity we have complete autonomy accountable to a UK Board of Trustees with men and women from a wide range of mainstream church backgrounds. Please pray that we will make wise decisions as we develop English language programmes and try to support other language programmes produced by GNBA/Back to the Bible offices around the world.

### DEREK STRINGER has a busy preaching itinerary in between recording for radio.

#### December

- 1-10 BRAZIL (Sao Paulo) Conferences, Church Services, TV interviews, Seminary Graduation Ceremony, GNBA partnership and staff meetings.
- 16 Workshop (Christ Church Anglican services am & pm)
- 23 Hollywood, Birmingham (Carol service celebrations am & pm)

#### January

- 6-11 Capernwray (International Bible School)
- 13 Boston Spa (King's Church services am & pm)
- 15, 29 Sherwood (St Martin's Anglican 'Preacher Training' seminars)
- 26 East Markham (GNB Board meeting)
- 27 Enfield, N. London (Baptist Church am & pm)

**GNB ASSOCIATES** – Please pray for **Stephen Thompson, Doug Barnett, Peter Anderson, Bill Gibb** and **Bryan Bignall**. Details of their schedule is at our website [www.gnba.net](http://www.gnba.net) with a 'download' *Prayer Diary* under the *Sounding Out* section. ■■

# HOW CAN I HEAR IN THE UK?

Growing numbers visit our website [www.gnba.net](http://www.gnba.net) and listen at any time of the day.

#### UCB (United Christian Broadcasters)

Word Alive UCB Talk Sky 0135

[www.ucb.co.uk](http://www.ucb.co.uk)

Saturday 5.00pm  
Sunday 5.15am 7.30pm

Bible Focus UCB Talk Sky 0135

Monday to Friday 12.15am  
7.15am 7.15pm

Just a Minute UCB UK Sky 0125  
**DAB** UCB UK

Daily 11.45pm  
Daily 11.45pm

#### Premier Christian Radio

Word Alive Medium Wave 1305, 1332, 1413  
or NTL/Virgin 968  
or Freeview 725  
or Sky digital 0123  
or **DAB** Premier on line

[www.premier.org.uk](http://www.premier.org.uk)

Saturday 6.00am 7.30pm  
Sunday 5.30am  
Monday 2.00am

#### TWR (Trans World Radio)

Word Alive Sky 0138  
Bible Focus Sky 0138  
Back to the Bible Sky 0138  
Finding the Plot Sky 0138

[www.twr.org.uk](http://www.twr.org.uk)

Sundays 2.30pm 11.30pm  
Weekdays 6.10am  
Weekdays 12.30pm 9.45pm  
Saturday 12.00noon 11.30pm

#### Radio Star Country (Ireland)

Word Alive Medium Wave 981

Wednesdays 5.30pm



*Susan Carne, a student at Mattersey Bible School who has recorded several pieces for our Finding the Plot series.*



**Can't access any of the above channels?** We offer a monthly Bible Focus CD on subscription, £18 per year or £30 for two years will deliver to your door a range of the month's output. What a bargain! ■■

# From our Sri Lankan Director...

**James Kanaganayagam, Director of Back to the Bible's Sri Lanka ministry, reports on Dr Derek Stringer's recent visit.**

"The only international airport in Sri Lanka was unusually crowded on 29<sup>th</sup> September. There were many who had travelled to Sri Lanka on vacation to enjoy the sun, sea and sand. There were also large numbers who had come down to watch England play Sri Lanka at cricket. But Derek's visit was not a vacation or to view the cricket matches, but to be the voice of God from His Word. He preached and taught 16 times during his short 8 day visit to the Sri Lanka.

Derek first spoke at a large Anglican church where his sermon was summarised into Sinhala and Tamil. He helped out with the sacrament of the Eucharist, which showed the church's full acceptance of the visiting preacher.



*Derek presenting James Kanaganayagam with support from the UK*



Derek also spoke at a Baptist church, a Dutch Reformed Church and to a vibrant group of young adults at a Methodist church. The Pastors' conference he taught at had a majority from Pentecostal churches. Thus Derek made his mark and had influence on every major denomination of the Church in Sri Lanka.

The big event Derek taught at was the rural Pastors' Conference held at Light House Church in Kandy, Sri Lanka's

second largest city. Messages were translated to the two local languages so that the rural pastors could fully benefit from the teaching. The pastors and grass root level leaders were greatly blessed and valued the strong Biblical teaching they received. One pastor commented that he was serving Christ having many questions in his mind, and that Derek had answered 90% of his questions through the 7 sessions of teaching. Many benefited from the "Leading in hostile environments" session, as they lived and served among those who had anti-Christian sentiment. God spoke through Derek not only to the intellect but to their hearts and the Pastors were encouraged and motivated as they left the conference.

Back to the Bible had the honour of conducting the inaugural chapel service at the new facility of Colombo Theological Seminary. Derek spoke to the seminary students and faculty. One of the senior lecturers thanked Derek for his expository preaching which the lecturer felt was becoming increasingly scarce in the country.

Derek also taught two sessions to BB staff in Colombo. Both were greatly valued. His personal chats with local board members and the leadership team went a long way in his personal ministry in Sri Lanka.

Shevanthi (my wife) and I were blessed by our fellowship with Derek. His sincerity and pastoral heart was a tremendous blessing and joy."

James ■■

## TAKING BOOKINGS

**The GNB Bible Teaching Conference is at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire (3-5 October, 2008).** 2 people sharing double room, ensuite, £115 each. For one person in a room, ensuite £125. (All rooms are with double beds, so we do not anticipate any single people sharing.) Booking fee is £20 per person.

**Register on Freephone 08000 92 78 92**

## PRAYER DIARY

- **December 1 to 8** – Derek Stringer's preaching itinerary in Brazil. We want to give a financial gift from our UK Ministry Partners to help take the message of Christ to remote regions of the country.
- **December 9 to 15** – The international offices as plans are put in place to restructure and consolidate the wider ministry.
- **December 16-22** – The many Christmas theme broadcasts which will be heard this week. Thank God for the wide take up of programme and sermon transcripts which are a resource to many missionaries and church leaders.
- **December 23 to 29** – The UK staff and volunteers during an office 'break' but the programmes continue to be broadcast worldwide.
- **December 30 to January 5** – Joseph Kebbie in Ghana as he works with radio stations taking UK and Australian programmes and developing relationships with new stations.
- **January 6 to 12** – Our financial resources. This time of the year can be a low month for the ministry but we continue to take the gospel where only radio can go.
- **January 13 to 19** – Arabic radio ministry, Middle East. *Back to the Bible (USA)* has a special partnership with Trans World Radio enabling the Arabic radio team to create programmes specifically geared to the needs of listeners.
- **January 20 to 26** – Our UK broadcast for Israel, Malta, Spain and countries in Africa.
- **January 27 to February 2** – More prayer and financial donors to help the ministry. Please pray for *Word Alive*, *Finding The Plot* and *Bible Focus*. ■■



# BROADCASTING THIS WEEK . . .

## WORD ALIVE

### December

#### The 'How To' Of Christianity (Derek Stringer)

- Week 1: How To Handle Bad News
- Week 2: How To Manage Our Money
- Week 3: How To Make The Most Of The Rest Of Your Life

#### Before And After Christmas

- Week 4: Before – The Place (Micah 5:2)
- Week 5: After – The Crisis (Psalm 46)

### January

#### Inner Freedom (Galatians)

- Week 1: The Freedom Experience (1:1-5)
- Week 2: Don't Mess With The Message (1:6-12)
- Week 3: Freedom Example (1:11-2:10)
- Week 4: Threats to Freedom (2:11-21)

## BIBLE FOCUS

### December

- 3-7: Brenda Critchley – Who Is Jesus? (Code BC01)
- 10-14: Stuart Reynolds – Advent part 1 (Code SR01)
- 17-21: Stuart Reynolds – Advent part 2 (Code SR02)
- 24-28: Peter Anderson – Christmas part 1 (Code PA04)
- 31-4: Peter Anderson – Christmas part 2 (Code PA05)

### January

- 7-11: Stuart Reynolds – Debt (Code SR03)
- 14-18: Roger Carswell – Paul part 1 (Code RC12)
- 21-25: Roger Carswell - Paul part 2 (Code RC13)
- 28-1: Lovereet Gill – Learning From Failure (Code LG01)

## FINDING THE PLOT

### November

- Week 1: It's Worth It To Stay With It
- Week 2: What To Do With A Guilty Conscience
- Week 3: When Grace Replaces Fear
- Week 4: Fear Not

### December

- Week 1: Integrity At Work
- Week 2: Turn The Rat Race Into A Relay
- Week 3: Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt
- Week 4: How Can God Be Good
- Week 5: What Happens When We Die



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## RESOURCES

### CD-Boxed Sets . . .

The 'How To' Of Christianity 12 30-minute messages **£14.50** (CODE DS96)

Before And After Christmas 2 30-minute messages **£3.50** (Code DS97)

All Bible Focus messages are available as boxed sets.

Five 10-minute messages **£3.50**. Ten 10-minute messages **£7.00**

### Over Conquer (Book)

Derek Stringer unlocks truths to live wisely and well. Price **£7.99** (Code DSB93)

