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- ✓ **What We Need . . .** More *Ministry Partners* who will pray and give. An annual subscription of £30 will go a long way to helping us. In return you will receive a bi-monthly CD packed with samples of our programmes, a Bible teaching message from Dr. Stringer, and an insider view on the latest ministry news. If you give £100 per annum you will automatically receive this CD.
- ✓ **Thinking Of The Future . . .** Our supporters who are now in heaven have played a crucial role in today's expanding ministry. Without their bequests much that we do now would be restricted. Will you help us in the future?
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■ ■ ■ TAKE THE FIRST PART FIRST

John had made it to the last round of the Big Money TV Quiz Show. The night before the big question, he told the host that he wanted a question on English History. The moment arrived. John stood in front of the studio and TV audience. The host stepped up to the microphone. "John, you have chosen English History. If you correctly answer this question, you will walk away £50,000 richer. Are you ready?" John nodded with confidence -- he hadn't missed a question so far. "John, yours is a two-part question. You may answer either part first. As a rule, the second half of the question is always easier. Which part would you like to take a stab at first?" John was becoming more nervous, so he played it safe. "I'll try the easier part first." The host nodded approvingly. "Here we go, John. I will ask you the second half first, then the first half." The audience grew silent with anticipation. "John, here is your question: *And in what year did it happen?*"



So often in our spiritual lives, we want the *second part* first because it's easier without realising that the *first part* is necessary before we can have the *second part*.

Want some examples?

- We want the time of joy before we experience the time of grief (John 16:21). But Jesus told His apostles that the time of grief was as essential as the pain of childbirth is necessary before the joy of having a child (John 16:20).
- We want to be forgiven by God without first being willing to forgive others. But Jesus taught that if we are not willing to do the *first part*, we cannot expect the *second part*. (Matt. 6:14-15; 18:35).
- We want the quality of perseverance without the testing of our faith that precedes it, even though that testing is an essential element to our attaining perseverance. "The testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:3-4).

The second part may be easier and more pleasant, but sometimes the first part is essential. When we broadcast God's Word to millions of people -- that's the *second part*. The first part is your prayers and giving that make it all possible. Thank you for being our *first part*.

DR DEREK STRINGER is the National Director and Bible Teacher for GNBA (GB). Derek accepts invitations to speak at Church services and conferences both nationally and internationally. Please pray for his busy itinerary in between the writing and recording schedule. ■ ■ ■

■ ■ ■ MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Because of you – our Ministry Partners - this year we have been able to give financial support to similar media ministries in Brazil, Ecuador and Poland.

Pastor, radio and TV broadcaster Leandro Tarrataca reports from Brazil . . .

There are no boundaries for God's Word – it works everywhere, surpassing any cultural challenge. That is exactly what we found during Derek Stringer's visit to Brazil. We worked together in so many different settings such as a family conference with hundreds of people from across Brazil. We went to a huge variety of churches, and took radio interviews. Guess what? God worked in special, specific and wonderful ways. I watched people laugh, cry, be reconciled with one another and more importantly, get right with God. Derek came as a beloved brother and was received as such. I heard so many testimonies but one grabbed my attention. A lady who has been suffering with a severe depression, came to our conference. Her family 'pushed' her there. She told me: "I cannot explain, but something happened inside of me! I feel that there is some sort of a new power, a new life. I feel like fruits will be produced in my life. I feel alive again! Thank you, thank you, thank you." With joy in my heart I just want to join this lady and say with her - Derek, thank you for coming! UK Partners of this ministry - thank you for helping us with your prayers and financial support. You made all these ministries possible! Above all, glory be to God. Once again, Muito Obrigado!

Pablo Logacho reports from Ecuador . . .

I'm back from two exhausting weeks working with a Medical Mission trip among very poor people in San Miguel. We saw 2,600 people in two weeks. We gave away a lot of medicine and spectacles, but what was more important -- everlasting medicine for their souls -- the Word of God. ■ ■ ■

■ ■ ■ HARD DECISIONS FOR POLAND

Henryk Dedo, Director of *Voice of the Gospel*, our sister ministry in Poland is facing challenges. Support from *Back to the Bible* USA and Canada ceased at the end of October, leaving the ministry with a substantial budgetary



shortfall. Two members of their staff have already gone. Henryk has been forced to focus his attention on identifying supporters within Poland as well as in other parts of the globe where Polish expatriates live, rather than the Bible teaching which he so loves. It's heartbreaking to consider that a lack of funding could force the closure of a ministry which has grown substantially in recent years. What other ministry could claim a weekly teaching and testimony service within the majority of the country's prisons, a drug awareness campaign within schools which has allowed Christian testimony to over 20,000 students each year, summer and winter camps for inner city underprivileged youth or the creation of TV documentaries which show lives changed by God? The TV productions are so well presented that they have been aired by a secular national network and nominated for awards. All this is additional to the core radio programmes which are the mainstay of *Voice of the Gospel*. Henryk and his team need our prayers as they face an uncertain future. We have agreed to accept and pass on designated gifts from UK donors. ■ ■ ■

■ ■ ■ RANSKILL STUDIO AND PEOPLE

- **STUDIO** - A couple of years ago we were able to move out of rented offices. That was because a sum of money was left to us in the Will of a *Ministry Partner* which we designated for the building. It's wonderful to know that we no longer need to pay rent but can use money for the advancement of the gospel.



We always knew when relocating to the property at Ranskill that we would need extra space for the expanding ministry – the designated money was there for us to do it. The builders have been working on the extension. We hope to have it completed by Christmas. It is going to be greatly used, giving us space for an editing suite and a whole lot more. We really do thank God for the legacy left to us. It has set us up to be more effective and efficient.

- **PROGRAMMES - Each week we make . . .**

Word Alive – a weekly 30 minute Bible teaching programme with Derek Stringer, presented by Brenda Critchley and Jane Moxon.

Finding The Plot – a weekly 30 minute programme giving reasons for Christian belief. Featuring Derek Stringer, David Holme, Jane Moxon, Richard and Amy Wardman plus others.

Bible Focus – a 10 minute daily broadcast. Also offered as a 45 minute week-end version. Featuring in December and January - Derek Stringer, Richard Wardman, Geoff Bennett, Peter Anderson, Steve Watson, Stephen Thompson.

A Sideways Look – Bible stories viewed from a different perspective. Written and presented by Lynne Rushworth.

Minute Messages – Written and presented by Derek Stringer. Edited by Elaine Parkinson.

New Christian Music – Executive producers: Paul Davis, Laura Ewers and Stuart Cameron. Information: www.newchristianmusic.co.uk

- **PEOPLE** - Our senior producer is Phil Critchley. Doubling up as our 'bridge' to the many radio stations is business manager Chalmers Dobson. Brenda Critchley multi-tasks as a producer, presenter and administrator. Geoffrey Hall left us last June. We are most grateful to him for his help through many years of loyal service. We are also very appreciative of the volunteers who come in weekly or at our bulk mailing times, giving support to the ministry.

- **ASSOCIATES -**

Derek Stringer – all dates at Ranskill – *plus* Christ Church, Workop: Dec.7. Warsaw, Poland: Dec.13-14. Elmwood Church, Salford: Jan.4. Holsbybrunn Bible School, Sweden: Jan.10-16. Ranskill, GNB Board: Jan.17. Retford New Life Church: Jan.18. Cardiff Churches: Jan.24-27.

Peter Anderson is at Laburnum Community Church and Carley Baptist, Leicester: Dec.7-9. St. Ives Church, Cambs.: Dec.21. Dudley Baptist: Jan.11. Friar Lane Baptist: Jan. 18. Knighton Evangelical: Jan.20. Bessacar Evangelical, Doncaster: Jan.21. Little Hill Evangelical, Leicester: Jan.25. Peter writes: "The highlights of the past two months have been two visits back to Bulgaria. First for the opening of a new Baptist Church, now the largest church in the country. The old church had been destroyed by the Communists and two weeks before this they had arrested and deported me to Helsinki, Finland. The second visit was two weeks after the opening for a six night evangelistic mission that saw many people come in because they wanted to see the new building - and some came to trust in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour."

Stephen Thompson – All dates at King's Church, Boston Spa – *plus* Bridge St. Church, Leeds: Dec.7. Mayfield Community Church, Harrogate: Jan.25.

Doug Barnett – Nflame Trust, London: Jan.1. Harefield Chapel, Herts.: Jan.18. Christian Formation Conference, Dubai: Jan.22-30.

Bill Gibb – Colmworth Mission, Beds: Dec. 21. The Haven, Bedford: Dec. 24. Zion Baptist, Ravensden: Jan. 11.

Clem Guillermo – Radio broadcasting across the Philippines, conducting marriage seminars. Recently preaching in Switzerland and seeing much blessing through God's Word. ■ ■ ■



Derek Stringer

LIGHT OF THE TRUTH . . .

Every day *Bible Focus* is broadcast in an 'English slot' by KAMI -- an acronym for the Indonesian words for *Light of the Truth*. A law requiring written approval from at least 60% of the local Muslim population now makes it difficult for new church buildings to be constructed. Bible teaching via radio is a strategic approach for providing spiritual food to believers and tempering public perceptions of what Christianity is all about.



Frans Silalahi

- KAMI's daily Bible-teaching programmes change lives. Programmes are heard on 27 radio stations reaching remote areas of this sprawling island nation.
- A live, daily programme offering listeners biblical counsel and personal prayer has proved highly effective in reaching Christians and Muslims alike.
- KAMI operates the "Truth Training Centre" where many pastors are trained each year. ■ ■ ■



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December 6-12 . . . For effective use of our programmes ranging from 'One Minute Messages' to 45 minutes, targeting different kinds of listener. We reach into some very restricted access area. For the Polish ministry to be able to continue.

December 13-19 . . . For sufficient regular giving for ourselves and enough left over to benefit international ministry. For more *Ministry Partners*. For our *GNB Associates*.

December 20-26 . . . For our broadcasts on Premier, TWR, UCB, Hope FM (Bournemouth) Revival FM (Central Scotland) Radio Star Country (Northern Ireland). For Joseph Kebbie, 'our man' in Africa.

December 27-January 2 . . . For our English broadcasts across Israel, Japan, Indonesia, Malta, Spain. For many people across the world listening on the internet or receiving programme transcripts.

January 3-9 . . . For the Ranskill staff and volunteers. For Derek Stringer as he records, writes and travels to preach.

January 10-16 . . . For similar ministries we have financially supported during 2007 - Brazil, Ecuador and Poland. For Chalmers Dobson as he connects with radio stations. For Phil Critchley our Senior Producer.

January 17-23 . . . For 'ChristianityWorks' (Australia) launching 'A Different Perspective' in the UK. For Brenda Critchley helping with listener prayer and counselling requests.

January 24-31 . . . For our web site to be an effective tool for the kingdom. For new opportunities in media for sharing Christ. For continued financial giving enabling us to continue the ministry. ■■

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■■■ MINUTE MESSAGE

Here is a sample from our latest programme fast becoming popular with radio stations. Written and presented by Derek, edited by Elaine Parkinson.

A guy bought a fast car and went out for an evening drive. Suddenly he saw a flashing light behind him. "Oh dear, this means a fine and points on my licence. I could do without that, I really could." The policeman took his licence and examined it and the car. "It's been a long day. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go". The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a copper. I was afraid you were trying to give her back!" - "Have a nice day," said the officer.

We all make excuses -- but most don't work. And they never work with God. He knows us through and through. That's why it's good to know the forgiveness Christ made possible. Just don't excuse yourself from needing Him as your Saviour.

This is Derek Stringer at Good News Broadcasting. ■■