



Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

February - April 2010

■■■ 'I'VE STARTED!'

Mark Williams is used to being 'up front' at his church in Lincoln. He helps lead the worship group. However, the first Sunday in January was different. Derek Stringer was the preacher for the services, and the evening service was when the church showed its support by prayer and encouragement for his new role. On Monday Mark was at the Ranskill office and launched into the multi-tasking role of a Media Director. Thank you so much to all Ministry Partners who are praying and giving so that he can make radio programmes and network with the many stations that take them.



Our Chairman Stephen with Mark, at Derek and Pauline Stringer's home

It's taken a year from the initial contact with this ministry to his role being shaped and confirmed. During that 'waiting on God' time, we've seen many new doors of opportunity open which make it an even bigger role than originally anticipated.

There has been a huge take up of our programmes internationally as well as strategic opportunities in the UK. For example, there is an English language 'slot' every day in Indonesia, one of the most Muslim countries in the world. The response to their broadcasts has been overwhelmingly positive.

Because Premier Christian Radio can now be heard across the UK on a DAB radio, responses to Word Alive are also coming from around the country.

A big 'thank you' to the team helping as Mark settles into such a key ministry. Producers Phil and Brenda Critchley joined the team just a few years ago after serving Christ in Italy and previously to that, the Seychelles. They have been able to establish their home in Ranskill within walking distance of the studio. Mark and his wife Ruth hope to move a little nearer to the studio but still maintain their links with Thomas Cooper Memorial Church. Ruth is a school teacher in Lincoln.

Business Manager Chalmers Dobson continues to build good relationships with radio stations and follow up on our broadcast contacts. Mark will 'shadow' Chalmers as he audits resources. He will also be working with Rob Cairney our Board member 'volunteer' Web-Master.

In addition to helping produce and present the current output of programmes, Mark will create 'Minute Messages'. Some radio stations will not take anything longer, often because they are music based. However, they will use our 'shorts'.

All around the world, 24 hours a day, we have broadcasts from 1 to 45 minutes available on demand. These life changing broadcasts take the Gospel to places only radio and the internet can reach. We know that they are making a difference.

God has been so good to us. We do so appreciate your interest and encouragement. Thank you and God bless you as we partner with Christ. ■■■

LISTENING IN THE UK

- ▶ **PREMIER (National) DAB Premier; Freeview 725**
WORD ALIVE – Saturday 6.00am & 7.30pm; Sunday 5.30am
Also Sky 0123, MW 1305, 1332, 1413
- ▶ **TRANS WORLD RADIO (National) Sky 138 or Freesat 790**
WORD ALIVE – Saturday 5.30pm & 11.30pm; Sunday 2.30pm
BIBLE FOCUS – Monday to Friday 6.10am
FINDING THE PLOT – Saturday 8.30pm; Sunday 11.30pm
- ▶ **REVIVAL FM (Central Scotland) FM 100.8**
BIBLE FOCUS – Sunday 7.00-8.00pm
WORD ALIVE – Tuesday 1.10pm
FINDING THE PLOT – Thursday 1.10pm
- ▶ **HOPE FM (Bournemouth area) FM 90.1**
WORD ALIVE – Sunday 7.00am
FINDING THE PLOT – Sunday 11.00am
- ▶ **FLAME CCR (Wirral & Liverpool) MW 1521**
FINDING THE PLOT
BRINGING THE BOOK ALIVE
- ▶ **RADIO STAR COUNTRY (Ireland) MW 981**
WORD ALIVE – Wednesday 5.30pm
- ▶ **INTERNET –**
All current programmes – www.gnba.net ■■■



CONNECTING . . .



EMAIL? – Do you have an email address? We can send you brief news items a couple of times each month. A transcript of a sermon is included with the opportunity for free access to transcripts of many radio programmes to use as a resource.

NEWSLETTER? – May we send you extra copies of Sounding Out to distribute and widen the awareness of what we are doing?

MINISTRY PARTNER? – If you are not a Ministry Partner, please will you consider becoming one?

SPONSORSHIP? – Will you help us buy time on a strategic radio station, for example, in Jamaica? ■■■



MARVEL . . .

We marvel at what God is doing through this ministry. As we head further into 2010, our desire is to keep moving forward and taking God's Word across the world. God is doing wonderful things. *Our prayer is that we can keep up with Him!* That's where you come in. We depend on your generous giving to keep this ministry effective. The challenge is significant if we are to keep on budget. Your gift will be used wisely. We're so thankful for your prayers and gifts. Thank you for investing in eternity. ■■■

‘MY DREAM IS BECOMING A REALITY’



Joseph Kebbie

Joseph Kebbie reports from Ghana

My dream is to reach my continent with the gospel of Christ by using radio. This dream became a reality when God brought me into contact with GNBA.

The Bridge –

About four years ago, I became the ‘bridge’ to radio stations throughout Africa. The style of the UK productions really does meet the needs of many African countries where its people have lost hope because of hardship and suffering. I’m often told that the programmes speak to ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

From the Congo –

‘Joseph, it’s me again Kabashi, Radio Maendeleo programme manager. My brother, I want to tell you that the day we started to air the GNB programme in 2008, we have many reports from listeners that they are excellent! They build up their faith. It is our pleasure to work with your team. Take care!’

As well as the Congo, we broadcast in Ghana, Togo, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Botswana, Cameroon, Lesotho, Tanzania and the Benin Republic.

From Rwanda –

Dear Joseph, In a few words – GNB programmes have not only been helping our listeners who like them so much, but we, the radio station team, are really helped by them too! There is nothing that fits us better. Therefore, all thanks and praises to God! The team of Radio Sauti say ‘thank you’ for the importance of GNB programmes to us. God bless you all! Bomani

From Uganda –

Brother Joseph, I am Andemana of Gisoro Muhabura FM. GNBA programmes – they are fantastic! We have so many people listening to them and local pastors appreciate them too. Say ‘Hi’ to the team you are working with. May God protect you always!

Moving Forward –

We are in the process of talking to additional stations in Ghana who want to have our programmes. We are moving forward with the unchanging Gospel message in our changing world! We are very grateful to see how far God has brought us in such a short time. ■■■

LESSONS FROM LOSS

“My wife, Ruth, and I, had just celebrated our twentieth wedding anniversary . . . We were full of hopes and dreams for the future. . . A few days after that celebration . . . Ruth began to tell me about certain mild symptoms that she was experiencing. She didn’t seem particularly worried about them, and appeared to be generally well. . . Ruth suddenly went into rapid decline. She died, in intensive care, 15 days after her diagnosis. . . In some ways I am still reeling from this. Even as I relive something of the story it remains deeply shocking to me. At the same time, I am learning a number of lessons from this loss. One can see farther through a tear than a telescope. It may be the most intensive time of ‘personal tuition’ from the Holy Spirit that I have ever known. The lessons are not new, but they are being impressed upon me with great power and relevance.”

This is how Stephen Thompson, our GNBA Chairman and Pastor of the Kings’ Church Boston Spa, introduces the first of five Bible Focus radio programmes he recorded just before Christmas. We think that his insights are so helpful that we intend to include them from the March edition of the Ministry Partner CD.

Derek Stringer continues to teach through the Book of Ezra. Also included is some of the latest in Christian music. We would like you to have this bi-monthly audio magazine. There is something for everybody. It’s yours when you become a Ministry Partner. £35 per annum or preferably £5 per month will help us take the gospel around the world.

Stephen concludes his first programme with this comment: *“Ruth believed Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1 and 2 implicitly. She quoted it to people when she was ill, but still unsure of the outcome: ‘There is . . . a time to be born and a time to die . . .’ she was sad to think that she might leave us so soon – of course she was. But all through her last weeks she had a supernatural serenity: a peace which could not be explained apart from God. That was another factor, demonstrating God’s controlling Hand. If He was going to take her through this, He would also equip her for it. When you lose someone particularly close to you, the pain gets worse before it gets better. I am not being glib about this. The loss is immense, and I realise this more and more with the passing of time. But I have experienced enough of the ‘preparations of God’ to realise this is no accident. So I place myself at His feet and see what He will do.”* ■■■



Ruth Thompson

GOOD BOOKS SPECIAL OFFERS

- **GREAT BIBLE QUESTIONS** – Explores questions asked back in Bible times so similar to today. We have been given the gift of life and time. This book helps us use them effectively. Price £8.99 including postage
- **A SIDWAYS LOOK** – Derek Stringer and Lynne Rushworth show how we can overcome those ‘down’ times. Price £3.99 including postage
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- **PERSONALLY SPEAKING** – An eye-catching book full of colour graphics. Jill Gupta recounts Bible events from a by-stander viewpoint. Usual Price £10 – Special Offer £6.50 including postage

CD BOXED OFFERS

- **THORNS** – Over four 30-minute messages, Derek Stringer in this not to be missed series explains how blessings come from unusual sources. Price including postage is £7.50
- **START RIGHT** – 1 Thessalonians inspires hope in the midst of uncertainty. Topics include – heavenly rewards, coping with suffering, prayer that works, the return of Christ. In ten 30-minute studies Derek Stringer takes us through the whole epistle. This is a very practical help on living the Christian life. Price: £14.00 including postage
- **SPECIAL HELP** – Each CD boxed set has five 10-minute messages of practical Bible help from experienced Church leaders. **£4.50 including postage**
- **BUT GOD** - Andy Hunter
- **WHERE IS GOD WHEN?** - Trevor Ramsey
- **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD** - Phil South ■■■



■■■ Please step forward!

Says Derek Stringer

An airport announcement said that a flight was full. The airline was looking for volunteers to give up their seats. In exchange, they offered to give a £50 voucher for the next flight and a business class seat. Eight people ran up to the counter to take advantage of the offer. About 15 seconds later all eight of those people sat down as the lady behind the ticket counter said, with a chuckle in her voice, "If there is anyone else *other* than the flight crew who'd like to volunteer, *please step forward.*"

Sometimes it's difficult for airlines to find people to volunteer to give up their seats. And if you have been in charge of any projects at your church, you know that it is sometimes just as difficult to find people who are willing to volunteer to give up their time and efforts to accomplish a task.

The church has been described as a 'volunteer army' -- and while sometimes I wish that members were required to be more active, I ultimately respect the fact that God has given every one of us a choice. We can choose to give up our money, energies and resources to serve Him. Or, we can choose not to do so. As with the airline, there are benefits to be gained by volunteering. Still, it remains our choice.

We are so grateful for the volunteers who help us. They come in the shape of people who help in office work, bulk mailing days, editing written resources, broadcasting -- even cleaning the office and studio! And thank you all of you who volunteer to pray and to support us with your financial gift -- thank you so much.

There are plenty of opportunities for more people to 'volunteer' and help us reach people for Christ.

So, who will volunteer? We can't offer a voucher or a better seat on the plane -- but, believe me, it makes a big eternal difference.

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



Derek Stringer

■■■ MAKING WAVES . . .

Our UK ministry tries to be supportive of similar ministries -- praying and financially supporting them in the tremendous ministry that they do.

At the end of March Derek makes a quick visit to **Warsaw, Poland** to preach and meet with the Voice of the Gospel Foundation. Henryk writes: "We lost 80% of financial support as a result of the economic problems. God's work starts where our safety zone ends. Thanks to people willing to pray and share what God has entrusted, each week the gospel has been reaching more than 140,000 Poles living in 280 towns. Thousands of school pupils have taken part in drug-preventative meetings. More than 90% of Polish prisons have received God's message of hope regularly. Radio documentaries are changing lives. Recently, 'Life and Science' magazine as well as the biggest Polish weekly magazine 'Agora' printed written versions of our radio documentaries.



Bob & Wendy Beasley

Bob Beasley has many friends in the UK since he came to our Bible Conference as a guest speaker. This year began with significant changes for him as he resigned from Back to the Bible, Canada. There have always been strong links between the Canadian and USA ministries. Recently, Back to the Bible USA wished to take greater control of the Canadian office. Bob writes: "I am blessed to have a number of options for the future and I'm wired for action. I want to get on with teaching the Bible. But the life of faith means not necessarily taking the first opportunity that comes along. I covet your prayers, and I'll keep you posted." ■■■

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION



Please book for the GNB Conference. There will be good Bible teaching, worship and fellowship with a wide 'mix' of people. If you can't make the whole weekend, join us for a day.

WHO'S WHO? --

Our special guest speaker is **Steve Brady**. He is Principal of Moorland College and a Trustee of Keswick Ministries. He is the author of several books on Christian living. A keen sportsman, he hates gardening and has an irrational attachment to Everton football club. *Don't let that put you off coming to the conference!* **Derek Stringer** will be speaking each day. **Steve Hall** and the inspirational worship band from Rugby will make a welcome return. **Stephen Thompson** and **Doug Barnett** make up the list of speakers'.



Steve Brady

WHERE IS IT? --

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

WHEN IS IT? --

October 8-10 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, day visitors are welcome).

WE HAVE HELD PRICES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE --

Weekend - £130* per person.

Day Visitors - £23 Friday, includes dinner. £35 Saturday includes all meals and refreshments after breakfast.

£23 Sunday includes lunch.

REGISTRATION -- You can pay in full or give a deposit of £20 per person.

Free-phone 08000 92 78 92

Email info@gnba.net

Response Form on back page.

*From September 1 onwards the price will be £135 -- No supplement for single occupancy in 2010. VAT rate of 17.5% at the conference weekend has been assumed.

PLEASE COME AND BE PART OF OUR CONFERENCE



PRAYER FOCUS

SUNDAY – Core team, Presenters, Producers and technical support – Chalmers Dobson, Phil & Brenda Critchley, Mark Williams, Joseph Kebbie.

MONDAY – National Director & Broadcaster – Derek Stringer.

TUESDAY – International Associates. Radio stations using our programmes.

WEDNESDAY – Email News. Programme Transcripts. Books. Teaching CDs.

THURSDAY – Programmes currently broadcast, see *schedule*.

FRIDAY – Response to contacts following broadcasts. Increased Ministry Partner support.

SATURDAY – All volunteer help. More open doors for our programmes. ■■

PRAYER FUEL

DEREK STRINGER... February – Most days preparing or recording radio programmes. Each weekend he preaches at Christ Church, WORKSOP. **March** – Once again, when Derek is not recording for radio he is preaching. This month he flies to MADRID, Spain where he speaks at a number of churches, mission groups and seminaries from March 4-10. He travels locally to St Anne's Church, WORKSOP on the 14th. On the 21st he is in CHELMSFORD, Essex for church services. Saturday and Sunday 27-28 he flies to WARSAW, Poland for meetings with Voice of the Gospel and church services.

DOUG BARNETT (GNB ASSOCIATE) February – 6 Gornal Bible Fellowship; 7 Twynham Church, Christchurch; 14, 21, 28 West Moors, Dorset; 24 NFlame lecture, London. **March** – 1, Ottery St Mary; 6 Tenby Wells Valley Fellowship; 7 Twynham Church, Christchurch; 11-14 Redruth, Cornwall; 21 Hollywood Fellowship, Solihull; 22-25 Brunel Manor, Torquay

BILL GIBB (GNB ASSOCIATE) February – 3 The Haven, VOG Promotional Meeting; 14 Zion Baptist, Ravensden; 21 Renhold Chapel, Renhold. **March** 28 Renhold Chapel. ■■

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (release dates)

▶ BIBLE FOCUS

Feb 1-5 Geoff Bennett: Resting In The Lord

Feb 8-12 Andy Hunter: But God

Feb 15-19 Peter Anderson: The Gospel To Europe (I)

Feb 22-26 Peter Anderson: The Gospel To Europe (II)

Mar 1-5 Derek Stringer: Magnificent Christianity

Mar 8-12 Trevor Ramsey: Where Is God When...?

Mar 15-19 Geoff Bennett: The Son Of Man

Mar 22-26 Phil South: How Great Is Our God

Mar 29-April 2 Derek Stringer: The Most Important Day

▶ FINDING THE PLOT

I'M A SURVIVOR

Derek Stringer, Brenda Critchley, Sujith Alex

Feb 6 Family Trouble

Feb 13 Feeling Down

Feb 20 Death Strikes

ANTIDOTES

Derek Stringer, Brenda Critchley, Richard & Amy Wardman

Feb 27 Burnout

Mar 6 Loss

Mar 13 Messing Up

Mar 20 Fears

Mar 27 Broken Heart

Apr 3 Health Concerns

▶ WORD ALIVE

START RIGHT (1 THESSALONIANS)

Derek Stringer, Jane Moxon

Feb 6 Handling A Moral Fog

Feb 13 The Dead At His Coming

Feb 20 The Date Of His Coming

Feb 27 Getting It All Together

Mar 6 Set Apart For God's Exclusive Use

THORNS

Derek Stringer, Brenda Critchley

Mar 13 Why A Thorn?

Mar 20 Circumstances And Pain

Mar 27 Relational

Apr 3 Spiritual

▶ **BRINGING THE BOOK ALIVE** (*Bryony Wood*)

▶ **A SIDEWAYS LOOK** (*Lynne Rushworth*)

▶ **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT** (*Derek Stringer*)

▶ **MINUTE MESSAGES** (*Mark Williams*)

▶ **NEW CHRISTIAN MUSIC** (*Paul Davis*) ■■