



Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

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On a radio near you . . .

- an update from **Chalmers Dobson, GNB Business Manager and UK link to radio stations globally.**

Listeners in the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch areas can tune in to **Hope FM** every Sunday morning at 7.00 a.m. and listen to Derek Stringer's Word Alive radio programme. Any of you who can hear 'Hope' on 90.1 FM please spread the word to family, friends and Church fellowships.



We can also be heard across central Scotland on **Revival FM**. Apparently their broadcasts reach Glasgow and Edinburgh, stretching up as far as Stirling or even beyond. *If you live in Scotland, and are able to hear the station on 100.8 FM please let us know.* Word Alive is at 1.10 p.m. on Tuesdays, and Finding the Plot is at 1.10 p.m. on Thursdays.

SonRiseRadio.com is airing Word Alive twice each Sunday morning. Their listeners are mainly in the USA and Eastern Europe, so the broadcast at 3 a.m. our time is 9 p.m. on Saturday in central USA, and the 6 a.m. airing is 8 a.m. on Sunday in Eastern Europe.

Joseph Kebbie, our Associate in Ghana has passed on great reports from stations in Congo and Togo. Joseph works for us, as well as Christianity-Works, Australia and HCJB in Accra, distributing our programmes far and wide across the African Continent.

Jerusha, a presenter/producer for Radio Khwezi, South Africa writes:

"Your programmes on Khwezi are highlights of our week! We find Derek Stringer particularly insightful - he seems to 'get through' to us and his teaching is very thought-provoking . . . we are totally reliant on the 'media' for our spiritual 'food'. From Radio Khwezi itself - and more specifically myself as a presenter/producer, I'm not sure how I would effectively reach my audience without the aid of the programmes you send. So, thank you and may God encourage and increase your work for His kingdom."

We continue to be heard across the UK on **Premier, TWR** and **UCB**. See our brochure for schedule details.

Finally, a reminder to anyone who has a **Ministry Partner** subscription. You now have the option of paying monthly rather than on annual subscription if you choose. We have suggested a minimum of £5 per month if you take that option. ■■



I'm Not a Puppet!

Says Brenda Critchley

The administrator at a church was wrestling through some decisions. The economic downturn had reduced the resources available for missionary ministry. She asked the pastor, "So where is God in these calculations?"

Her words echo in my mind. Where is the balance between responsibility on our part as those entrusted with GNB's growing work and the faith to trust God to supply the funds needed? Some people fall off one end and believe that God will endorse all their good plans and efforts. Others are too willing to let the circumstances that exist around them create the boundaries for their vision.

I admire that spirit that wants to tackle challenges, and make things work because I know that God left Adam in charge of the garden. I am not a puppet in the hands of God. I am also aware of my limitations as a human being. So, does that mean we are passive, that what we do and who we are is all up to Him? No! Something even more astonishing emerges from Scripture. **God makes us partners with Him!** The critical issue for those who would do God's work is hearing from Him. When we know the will of God, we can go forward regardless of lack of funds or limitations, confident that He will give us everything we need to do His will. But, God is under no obligation to fund our programmes or bless our plans. God can do with us as He pleases. Yet, He calls us into partnership with Him. Jesus Christ taught consistently that the choice of obedience is critical. God allows us to resist His will, to walk away from His perfect plan or to submit to Him and let Him shape us into a Masterpiece.

Are we malleable in the hands of the Divine Potter? Are we trusting in Him? **Then, live confidently!** If God says, "Go!" you can proceed and believe He will work in you and your circumstances to produce something that is so much more than can be imagined (Eph.3:20-21).

Thank you for standing with us as a partner in our ministry.

Brenda Critchley is a Presenter and Producer for GNBA (GB). She is usually the first person you will speak to when you call us. ■■

Our Story (so far!)

● 1939 – Just before the war . . .

Theodore Epp told a radio station manager "We have something from the heart – we would like to present it to the people." Back to the Bible began to be established.

● 1954 – From China . . .

The time was right to set up an office within the UK. British Director Gilbert Vinden (an ex missionary to China) coordinated from an office in Reading the broadcasts of Dr. Epp's Bible teaching on Radio Monte Carlo.

● 1970's – Growing work . . .

The work grew, and Gilbert had been succeeded as UK Director by Ninian Lewis and then David Oram. The UK ministry was known as Back to the Bible Broadcast.

● 1976 – On our own . . .

To comply with changing legislation on charities, the UK ministry became autonomous. The Good News Broadcasting Association (GB) Ltd was incorporated in Reading. Despite the new operating name, many still refer to the work as 'Back to the Bible Broadcast', or simply 'The Broadcast'.

● 1988! – Relocation . . .

David Oram relocated GNBA from Reading to a rented unit in Bawtry, and a studio with a linked printing works, GNBA Design and Print Ltd.

● 1995! – Changes . . .

David Oram retired and the printing operation ceased. Sam Gordon took over as Director. He moved on to work with Trans World Radio.

● 1999! – Guests . . .

Nick Thompson (ex Mirror Group Newspapers) was appointed as Director. Nick resigned to pursue other interests in June 2000. 'Guest' broadcasters continued the main radio programmes. These included Dr. Steve Brady, Rev. Jim Graham and Rev. Philip Hacking.

● 2004! – New beginning . . .

Our current Director and Bible teacher, Rev. Dr. Derek Stringer left Elmwood Church, Salford, joining the GNBA team full time in March 2004.

● 2005! – Purpose built . . .

A legacy permitted the ministry to buy its own premises and create a purpose built recording studio. The Ranskill building was occupied in January 2006.

● 2008! – Expanding Ministry . . .

Remaining designated 'legacy' money is enabling us to build an extension to include an editing suite and rooms for the expanding ministry.

✓ Teaching The Word And Touching The World . . .

We have progressed to become a world-wide provider of Christian ministry by radio and other forms of media. We supply Bible teaching programmes to stations in the UK and the Irish Republic, across Africa, and also to Japan, Indonesia, Spain and Malta. We can be heard over Europe, and broadcasts of our programmes span from Eastern Europe over the Middle East, targeting Israel, with listeners in Asia and further afield able to respond. Books are published; the demand for free email message transcripts is growing rapidly, as do calls for Dr. Stringer to preach in churches, teach at conferences and lecture in seminaries.

✓ Warm Links . . .

Although no longer affiliated to Back to the Bible USA, we retain warm links with many of their international offices assisting them with financial or practical support where possible.

✓ Committed Leadership . . .

We are blessed with a diverse and gifted board of Directors. Staff numbers are kept to the barest of essentials, ensuring that the UK ministry maintains good stewardship of the funds God provides as we use radio to take the Word of God where radio does it best.

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes!"

Psalms 118:23 ■■■

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Touching The World



And Needing Your Help In Prayer . . .

- **Derek Stringer (UK)** - All dates for radio recording at Ranskill excluding – October 3-5, GNB Conference, Swanwick. 10-20, Beijing China (Bible Teaching) 25-26, Salisbury (Church Anniversary) 27-31, Matlock (Worksop Church Away) November 1-2, Leominster (Church Anniversary) 9, Sheffield (Lansdowne Chapel) 9-13, Capernwray (Bible School) 16, 23, 30, Sheffield.
- **Stephen Thompson (UK)** - All dates for King's Church, Boston Spa excluding – October 3-5, GNB Conference, Swanwick November 23, Leeds (West Grange Church).
- **Doug Barnett (UK)** – A recent trip to Lebanon involved surveying the route for the 'Prayer Run/Walk' in 2009. There are challenges but they can all be overcome. October 1, Nflame Trust, London 3-5, GNB Conference, Swanwick 6, Christchurch, Dorset (Leaders) 9, Ringwood (Poulner Baptist) 10-13, Belfast 19, Twynham, Dorset 29-30, Bournemouth (Time Out Conference) November 2, 16, 23 West Moors (Pinehurst Chapel) 4, Twynham, Dorset 6, 13, Chantemarle Conference Centre 12, Nflame Trust, London 17-21 Brunel Manor, Torquay (Health and Wholeness) 30 Enfield (Baptist)
- **Peter Anderson (UK)** – Recently edited films produced for UFM Worldwide. Schedule: October 9, 16, 23, 30 Leicester (Little Hill Evangelical) 19, Southend (Coleman St Chapel) 25-26, Bristol (Missionary Events) 28, Leicester (Carley Baptist) November 2-7, Sidmouth 16, Uxbridge (Evangelical Church) 18, Leicester (Goodwood Evangelical) 30, Crosshills (Baptist)
- **Bill Gibb (UK)** – October 19, Bedford (The Haven) 23,26, Ravensden (Zion Baptist) 29, Little Staughton. November 2, Roxton 12, Bedford (The Haven) 13, Nash Village Hall 16,20, Eastwood Evangelical 23, Southend (Coleman Chapel) 27, Ravensden (Zion Baptist) Thelma Gibb speaking at ladies meeting 30, Shoebury (Evangelical)
- **Clem Guillermo (Philippines)** – Radio ministry, preaching and pastoral. The counselling programme is continually ministering to many out of the country through the internet. Many are being led to a dynamic relationship with God. Hopes to publish Derek's latest (How to) book.
- **Berni Dymet (Australia)** – October 3-5, guest teacher at the GNB Conference. The radio programme 'A Different Perspective' is heard across Africa. Lives are being turned toward Christ through the gospel. Marriages are being reconciled.
- **Frans Silalahi (Indonesia)** – Often speaking at huge rallies and heading up a thriving radio ministry. Recently he spoke at a Church leaders' meeting where many attending did not believe the Bible to be a trustworthy book. That all changed after Dr Silalahi had completed his seminars.
- **David Logacho (Ecuador)** – Heading up a radio ministry that reaches across Central South America into many remote areas. Funding remains tight. October 3-4 Bible conference Esmeraldas 10-12 Brethren Annual Conference Quito 17-19 Bible Conference Santo Domingo 25 Bible Conference Cuenca. November 7-9 Evangelistic campaign Guayaquil 14-16 Leaders' retreat Santo Domingo. David requests prayer for safe travel.
- **Bob Beasley (Canada)** – He has a popular radio programme across Canada. He preaches internationally and offers pastoral care to the *International Division* of Back to the Bible.
- **Henryk Dedo (Poland)** – Making radio and TV programmes presenting the gospel with great effect and results. Busy in youth camps and school ministry.
- **Satoru Yanagitani (Japan)** – His national cable ministry continues, being run on very tight budgets. Satoru wrote recently thanking us for our 'fine programmes'.
- **Leandro Tarrataca (Brazil)** – struggling to maintain the extensive ministry in the face of reduced income. ■■■



Frans Silalahi



David Logacho (central) in Bogota

RESOURCES . . .



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They Deserve a Medal!



Bryan and Eileen Bignall

For over 25 years we have been inspired by the dedication of our Associates Bill and Thelma Gibb (Peterhead/Bedford) and Bryan and Eileen Bignall (Caterham, Surrey).

Bill and Bryan have been tireless in their service for the Lord and support for Good News Broadcasting, taking preaching engagements on behalf of our ministry, and passing over the resulting gifts. The prayer support generated by their efforts has been absolutely invaluable. They are a constant encouragement to us – particularly in the hard times.

We must mention and thank the two long-suffering wives who have uncomplainingly travelled widely with their husbands or known periods of separation when more far-flung areas were being visited.

In recent months both Bill and Bryan have suffered illness, but their dedication is undaunted. Here is an extract from Bill's latest letter:

"You know that our life has been "A Moving experience" and this has produced many opportunities. We were recommended to Back to the Bible Broadcast, then in Reading, in 1982 – we took some meetings in the South Midlands, as the local rep had moved to the South Coast. We were officially welcomed at the annual GNBA conference at Pilgrim Hall. You know the rest – we believed and still believe that obtaining prayerful and financial support is essential and even more, being able to retain such contacts. Due to advancing years and fuel costs we now concentrate on Bedfordshire and Essex. The Lord has been good to us, and I believe that as long as I am called to preach, then, if able, it is not just my duty, but my privilege to respond. I love to preach the WORD. We can't measure success, but He values faithfulness."



Bill and Thelma Gibb

Amen to that, Bill! ■■

PLEASE PRAY

For GNB Associates (details on page 3)

October 4-10 . . . For our GNB Conference at Swanwick. For our broadcasts to bring purpose and peace to troubled hearts. For protection in ministry travels.

October 11-17 . . . For our listeners in the Middle East and Africa. For Joseph Kebbie, our African co-ordinator. That many unbelievers will tune into our broadcast over central Scotland every Thursday for Finding The Plot (our programme that gives reason for Christian faith).

October 18-24 . . . For our listeners on Christian Premier and TWR across the UK. For our listeners in the Bournemouth area every Sunday at 7 a.m.. For the many across the world receiving transcripts, programmes and sermons.

October 25-31 . . . For sufficient regular giving for ourselves with enough left over to benefit international ministry. For more Ministry Partners. For our Word Alive broadcast to Central Scotland every Tuesday.

November 1-7 . . . For programme producers to use creative ways to broadcast the gospel and teach God's Word. For radio broadcasters - Derek Stringer, Brenda Critchley, Jane Moxon, David Holme, Lynne Rushworth, Richard and Amy Wardman, plus others who contribute from time to time.

November 8-14 . . . For all who stand with us in financial support and prayer – bless them and their families. For Chalmers Dobson as he connects with radio stations. For Phil Critchley, our Senior Producer.

November 15-21 . . . For effective use of our programmes ranging from 'Minute Messages' to 45 minutes broadcasts, targeting different kinds of listener. We are reaching into some very restricted-access areas.

November 22-28 . . . For Derek Stringer as he records for radio and travels to preach at church services, conferences and Bible schools.

November 29-December 5 . . . For wisdom in helping with listener requests. For our transcripts, books and CDs as they equip many people. For 'Sounding Out' to be a useful means of communicating with supporters. For our web site to be effective as people listen to broadcasts and gain information about GNB. ■■

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LAST WORD . . .

Derek Stringer writes about 'new' languages

Billions of text messages beam from phones in languages adapted to using the 10 keys of the phone to communicate. Need an example? Probably not if you're under 25. F2T - means 'Free To Talk.' I love this one - POS - 'Parent Over Shoulder!' Now why would a teen send that message? I'm LOL - Laughing Out Loud!

As I write I am physically located in Ranskill, Nottinghamshire. Through radio I am able to reach out with a message to millions of people around the globe! Yes, we are a wired world, and very, very lonely! Wider networks of acquaintances stretch us thinner, perhaps with fewer close friends who really know our hearts.

Thank you for caring about GNBA. Your prayers and financial support are such an encouragement as we communicate the love of Christ. ■■

