



Sounding Out

Welcome to the new look Sounding Out!

In this edition you will read the encouraging testimony of a listener who was blessed by our broadcasts. You will find out about some of our latest plans for GNBA in Africa and *Voice Of The Gospel* will share about their work in Polish prisons. You will also find a detailed prayer diary to help you as you pray for this ministry.

LOCAL and GLOBAL

In the Old Testament prophetic book of Joel, chapter two, it says that one day old men will dream dreams and young men will see visions. I believe that day has come, in part, and I think I probably still qualify as a young man (just about)!

So what is my vision for 2015? I believe that God is calling GNBA to think more locally and globally this year.

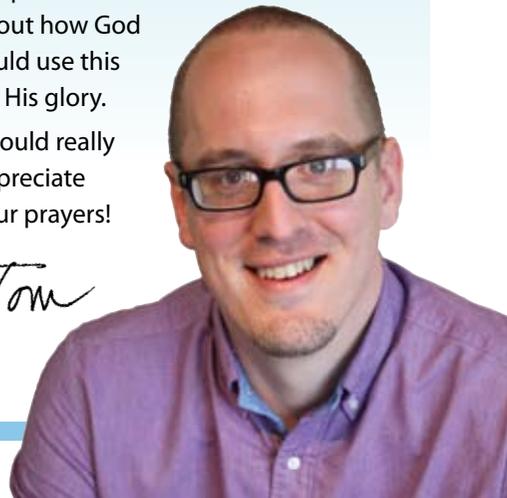
Locally, because the vast majority of our programmes in this country go out on local community stations and globally because there are so many more countries that could benefit from relevant biblical teaching on radio. One of the challenges of being global is the language barrier. We currently only broadcast in English but we have started looking for volunteers who are bi-lingual and can translate some of our programmes. This would dramatically increase the scope of our outreach. But

this could also link back into GNBA at a local level. The UK is very ethnically diverse. When we have programmes available in different languages there is the possibility that local Christian stations in the UK will broadcast them, particularly if their community has a large number of people from a specific country.

One of my aims is for GNBA to have a foreign language edition of *Bible Focus* by the end of the year. It is very early in the process but I'm excited about how God could use this for His glory.

I would really appreciate your prayers!

Tom



Henryk Dedo



Henryk Dedo (President of *Voice of the Gospel Foundation*) shares a testimony from their ministry to prisons

Voice of the Gospel behind the bars

We provide 140 Polish prisons and custody suites with evangelistic radio programmes on a regular basis. In their prison cells – thorough broadcasting systems – the prisoners can hear the stories of people who have experienced real freedom by being born again.

Recently we received a letter from a prisoner who had heard the gospel in this way. He said:

"I want to change my life and to sacrifice it for God. I want to come to Him – it is never too late to do so! I want to learn and understand God and to learn how to live in society and in the family without violence or alcohol!"

If you would like to hear more about this ministry sign up to become a GNBA ministry partner. The current edition of our Ministry Partner CD includes an interview with Henryk about all aspects of Voice of the Gospel, including their prison work.

Joseph Kebbie



Our man **Joseph Kebbie** outlines his vision for our work in the world's second largest continent

AFRICA: 2015

I am so thankful that I was able to meet many of you at the GNBA conference last October. It was also great to see the leadership transition with the baton passed down to Tom. I am looking forward to working with him and the rest of the UK team as we expand the ministry work in Africa.

I have seen real growth in the work that we do in Africa but there are challenges for the future.

Firstly, there are many thousands of radio broadcasters across the continent but the majority of them are music stations. If we want to get our content aired more widely

we will need to focus more on shorter programmes going forward.

Secondly, for the most part we are not on many stations in the larger cities because we don't pay for airtime. These stations cater for large populations so would be a great opportunity for us. Over 2015 I will be looking for business sponsors locally who would be willing to support this venture financially. A commitment from just 50 people will get us on some key cities in Africa.

Please continue to pray for Joseph as he builds relationships with radio stations and provides training.

“In the dark nights, when sleep wouldn’t come, it was wonderful to be blessed by GNBA’s teaching...”



A listener from Lincolnshire shares how our programmes blessed her and her husband at a difficult time in their lives.

When I was younger I thought that Christian radio was primarily aimed at far-flung groups, surrounded by hostile tribes, who had no other access to the Gospel. I thought that, while laudable in its objectives, I had no real need of it as I was content with my Church, house group and Bible study to help me in my walk with Jesus.

This all changed shortly after my late husband and I moved to a new town. His MS was progressively getting worse, and then I also came down with a debilitating illness and could no longer work. The fellowship we longed for was no longer there -

we were too “new” in the area to have been accepted by the local congregation and besides that, we couldn’t even get to the church or house group. Our circumstances were such that no one visited - perhaps they didn’t know what to say to strangers who were incapacitated.

We were almost without any external christian input. However God supplied all our needs, fully in accordance with His riches in glory. We were given a second-hand computer, and got access to the internet. What a relief it was when we realized that we could hear someone preach the Good News any time of the day or night.

We sampled live streaming and pod-casts from all around the world, but soon determined that some discernment was required. We settled on a few broadcasters whose teaching we felt led by God to trust. The primary organisation was Good News Broadcasting Association and Derek Stringer. In the dark nights, when sleep wouldn’t come, it was wonderful to switch on the computer and be blessed by GNBA’s teaching on a wide range of subjects.

The Lord has moved me on in many ways since those days, but GNBA is still very important to me, and to all its listeners - here in this country and throughout the world.

Do you have a story?

What does Christian radio mean to you? Do you have a story you could share with us? We would love to hear from you!

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Would you be happy to receive receipts for your donations by email? Please let us know at info@gnba.net. It will help us to reduce postage costs.

No conference this year!

2015 will be very much a year of strategising, planning and deciding where best to focus our energies for the future. With this in mind we are taking a break from the GNBA annual conference. We hope you won’t be too disappointed! We hope you’ll be able to join us when we resume. Watch this space!



Who is good?

I was standing in church with my family recently as the congregation sang a worship song that says 'You are good, you are good and your love endures'. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a homeless man from my community at the back of the church and he was visibly distressed by what we were singing. I went over to check he was alright. As I approached I could hear that he was muttering to himself 'I'm not good, I'm not good' as he paced up and down. I asked him what was wrong. He said: 'That song you are all singing to each other... I can't sing that because I'm not good.' He had misunderstood what we were doing. He thought we were singing to each other about how good we all are. The thought crossed my mind - surely no one actually thinks that a group of people would get together every Sunday morning to congratulate each other on how good they are? But this man did and he couldn't be part of it.

That situation makes me think of the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The tax collector, who was racked with guilt over his sin, left the temple justified because of his humility. He recognised that he wasn't

good enough. As the beatitude states 'God blesses those who realize their need for him' (Matt 5:3 NLT).

It's easy when you've been doing this Christian thing for a while to get complacent about our need for God. We sing the worship songs but rarely are we shocked and appalled by our own lack of goodness.

We make excuses, we categorise, we hide our sin, we convince ourselves, "I aint that bad". When we do this we kill grace in our lives. We need God. We need to remember that 'No one is good but one - God' (Luke 18:19 HCSB). God is good and His loves endures forever.

This is good news! That's worth singing and that's worth living.



Become a Ministry Partner today!

No matter how small the amount, your commitment to give to the work of GNBA is a real blessing. Thank you!

Many of you give regularly, either monthly or annually. *Regular* giving from our supporters means that our day-to-day activities are more secure. We are able to plan ahead and to invest in the technology and other resources we need to share the Gospel through radio.

We would really like to see many more of our supporters becoming *Ministry Partners* to enable us to look more confidently to the future.

Ministry Partners give a small Standing Order of £5 each month. In return they receive our bi-monthly *Ministry Partners CD* which is full of Bible teaching, news and radio programmes.

Would you consider becoming a Ministry Partner? You can fill in the Standing Order form on the back of your *Sounding Out* address label. Just add a note that you would like to become a *Ministry Partner*. If you prefer to give annually please contact us at the office.

If you would like more information or a FREE sample *Ministry Partners CD* just ask.



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Word Alive - Saturday 5.30pm & 11.30pm
Bible Focus - Weekday 2.30pm
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Finding The Plot - Saturday 7.30pm

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Weekdays & Sundays 2.00am, 9.00am & 10.00pm

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

	March	April	May	June
Sunday	Pray for Mark (Media Director) as he liaises with radio stations in the UK .	Pray for Mel (Admin Assistant) who has recently started doing more graphic design as part of her job.	Pray for the continued success of <i>Word Alive</i> on Premier Christian Radio.	Bishara Radio in Tamale has just started airing <i>Bible Focus</i> . Please pray that it will be warmly received.
Monday	Thank God for our <i>Ministry Partners</i> who generously support GNBA.	Pray that more people will access our programmes on our website.	Thank God for our volunteers who help with important tasks week in week out.	Pray for new opportunities to play our <i>Minute Messages</i> on local secular stations.
Tuesday	Ask God to provide new opportunities for us to broadcast in the UK particularly in the Midlands.	Pray for <i>Voice of The Gospel's</i> broadcasts in Polish prisons (See page 2).	Pray for more people to access GNBA through our social media sites (Facebook, Twitter).	Pray for Henryk and Dina Dedo and the vital work they do in Poland.
Wednesday	Lift Joseph Kebbie in prayer. He has big plans for 2015 (See page 3).	Ask God to bless Tom (Director) as he plans the re-launch of <i>Bible Focus</i> in the summer.	Pray for vision and insight for Tom (Director) as he thinks about starting new programmes.	Pray for Tom's preaching ministry - that he would be a blessing to the churches he visits.
Thursday	Pray for Kate in her roles as both Company Secretary and Administration Officer.	Pray for Phil (Senior Producer) for creativity as he continues to produce quality radio programmes.	Pray for a good response to <i>Bible Focus</i> as it broadcasts daily in Indonesia.	Thank God for a recent legacy that was left to GNBA.
Friday	We would love our <i>Minute Messages</i> to be taken by UCB. Please pray for this.	Continue to pray for former director, Derek Stringer, as he continues to preach and teach.	Ask God to provide the finances needed to sustain the ministry.	Ask that God would encourage the listeners of <i>Finding The Plot</i> on TWR-UK today.
Saturday	Pray for Tom (Director) that he will have wisdom as he makes strategic decisions.	Ask God to bless the GNBA board who meet four times a year.	Pray for Stephen Thompson in his role as Chairman of GNBA.	Pray for our music programme <i>Reveal</i> to be taken by a few more stations over the next few months.