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WELCOME

to the Spring 2025 edition of Sounding Out!

A question I have often thought about over my decade as GNB Director is 'What impact are our programmes having on people's lives?'

It's difficult to know. Radio stations can track how many listeners they have as a whole but they struggle to narrow it down to specific ministries. Of those people who do listen, we have no idea how they have been impacted. That's why it's so encouraging to hear from listeners.

Just the other day we were talking in the office about how it would be nice to hear more feedback. Less than half an hour later we got a call from a man in County Down, Northern Ireland. He is a regular listener to *Bible Focus* on Radio North and he just wanted to say how much he enjoys the programme. He said he listens every day with his wife and it is such a source of blessing for them in their faith. Before he ended the call he said 'Don't stop what you're doing - your programmes are having an impact'.

It was a lovely conversation and a timely reminder for me and the staff that God is working through us, and using our radio programmes and podcasts to change lives. We may not know the full impact of our work... but God does!

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.' Isaiah 55:11

Although I've had the privilege of meeting some of our *Sounding Out* readers at churches and conferences over the years, there are many of you I haven't and may never meet, but God knows who you are and how you came to be impacted by Good News Broadcasting. Each of you will have your own testimony and I thank God for you and your interest in this ministry.

Our office

On another note, after 7 years in our current office, it looks highly likely that we will move in the next few months. The rent has doubled over our time here and we are aware of other offices that would be considerably cheaper. We want to be good stewards of the money we have. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom to know where to move and the logistics involved.

A personal testimony from Henryk

Henryk Dedo of Voice of the Gospel, Poland has had a challenging few months. He writes:

Last year I started having problems with my spine. Following an MRI scan they found that I had a cyst on my right kidney. I had another examination - an ultrasound - and it turned out that I also had a 3 x 3 cm tumour on my left kidney. Further tests showed that it was most likely a malignant tumour. I was booked in for a laparoscopic surgery in December. I was warned that if the cancer was in stage three I would have a maximum of four months of life ahead of me. If it was in phase two there would be a 50% chance of surviving for up to 5 years.

Although my tumour was large the cancer was in the early stages and there were no infiltrates or visible metastases.

I asked the Lord for two things at this time. Firstly, that I wouldn't waste my time in hospital where people desperately need hope and, secondly, that I would leave the hospital with two kidneys.

The doctor who operated on me is one of the best oncologist surgeons in Poland. I talked with him a little about God and gave him two sets of Voice of the Gospel documentaries. I had peace in this whole situation and I knew that God was in control. I thought to myself

that even if I leave this earth, God has made sure that I have not wasted my life but maybe I still have something to do for Him and for people.

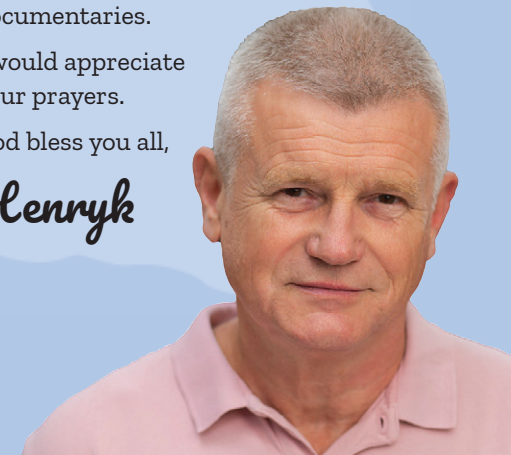
The surgery went well and after reviewing the results of the pathological examination the doctor said, 'This is the best result you can get. The topic is closed'. God not only granted my two requests but I received a 'bonus' from God in the form of a diagnosis of 'benign kidney cancer'. In the Urology Clinic of the Medical University of Bydgoszcz, out of 4,200 patients only one is diagnosed with 'renal acidophilic adenoma', which gave me a 0.024% chance of having that type of cancer. And would you believe it... that is what I had! I was, according to the doctor, the 'lucky one' to have it! God is amazing!

I am now back at work serving the Lord. My main prayer request right now is that we can find someone who could replace me at the Voice of the Gospel Foundation and take over my duties. My plan would be to stay on for a while to record testimonies and bring material for editing radio documentaries.

I would appreciate your prayers.

God bless you all,

Henryk





Reaching AFRICA

As you know, Good News Broadcasting has been sending Bible teaching programmes to Africa for many years...

In 2017, Trans World Radio Africa became our main broadcaster, airing Word Alive on satellite radio across most of Southern Africa and on FM in Malawi. We are thrilled that Voice of Hope Africa is also now playing both Word Alive and Bible Focus each week on shortwave radio!

Although the internet is available in Africa, cost is prohibitive for many so radio remains the best way to share the gospel message. Receivers are readily available at little cost and almost everyone owns one.

The Voice of Hope team are encouraged by the growing number of listener responses. President Chela Silwamba writes:

The Voice of Hope Africa radio station was launched in May 2016. The station broadcasts in English and Swahili, and our powerful 100 kW continental shortwave transmitter has broad coverage of East, Central and Southern Africa, including most of the English-speaking countries in the region.

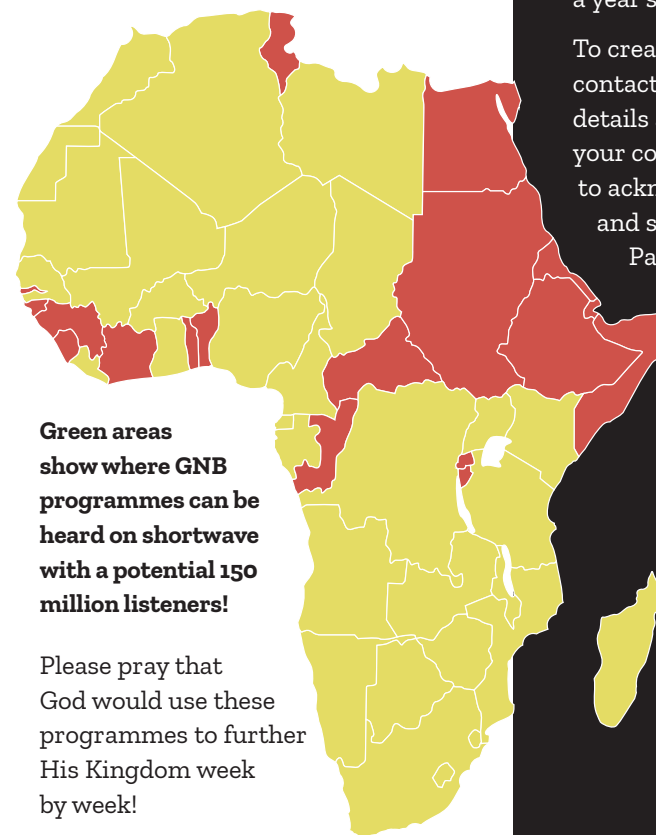
Our on-air ministers present music programmes live from our studios in Lusaka, Zambia, interspersed with

inspirational messages and quality Bible teaching programmes from respected broadcasters in the UK, Australia and the USA.

We also prepare and present an evening World News Roundup with African and world news from a Christian perspective.

Our listeners are primarily in rural locations, outside the reach of FM and TV stations from the main cities, in areas where shortwave radio is still a very important means of communication.

*Chela Silwamba
President, Voice of Hope - Africa*



Green areas show where GNB programmes can be heard on shortwave with a potential 150 million listeners!

Please pray that God would use these programmes to further His Kingdom week by week!

Ministry Partners

Thank you! Your giving is enabling Bible teaching programmes to be aired in the UK, Africa and beyond.

We would love to increase our reach!

If you're not yet a Ministry Partner then please consider it. Just set up a monthly Standing Order of any amount (no matter how small) or make a one-off donation of £60 for a year's subscription.

To create a Standing Order please contact us for our bank account details and to make sure we have your correct address as we want to acknowledge your donations and send occasional Ministry Partners gifts. You can email info@gnba.net or call us on 01777 817138.

Your prayer support is also greatly valued. Please join us for **Ministry Partners LIVE**, our Zoom prayer meeting. Dates for this year are:

Monday 7th July and Monday 15th December

The meetings will start at 7.30pm.

Meeting ID: 910 262 9144
No passcode required.

TURN THE TIDE

Some cultural commentators are suggesting that Christianity is having a bit of a renaissance.

Until recent years the news stories always seemed to be about church attendance plummeting or yet another article about how irrelevant the church is to young people today. But the tide could be turning, at least a little.

There is new excitement around celebrity conversions like controversial comedian Russell Brand and high profile atheist Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Biblical scholars are being featured on podcasts and social media like Wes Huff on Joe Rogan's podcast (the most popular podcast on the planet). There has also been a huge surge in Bible sales in the US (up 21% last year) and closer to home the CofE reported a 5% increase in Sunday attendance between 2023 and 2024.

The thesis of secular historian Tom Holland that Christianity is to thank for much of the flourishing we enjoy in the West seems to be causing inquisitive minds to do some research.

More anecdotally I have spoken to people involved in student ministry who have said there is a surprising openness amongst young people right now, in particular with young men, to hear the gospel. In fact some are calling Gen Z (people born between 1997 and 2012) the 'open generation'.

People are searching for hope, meaning and purpose in an increasingly confusing and contradictory culture. People are attending Christian courses, visiting churches at Easter and Christmas, watching preachers online, buying Bibles and some are committing their lives to Christ.

I think we should be cautious before getting too excited just yet - there's still a lot to do in our society - but it's nice to have some good news stories.

Starting at Pentecost and through church history there have been moments of extraordinary growth and revival but there have also been times of slow and steady progress. We see both in the book of Acts.

After the birth of the church in Acts where 3,000 were added to the Church in one day, the believers settled into a rather ordinary pattern of listening to preaching, taking the Lord's Supper, praying and sharing their lives with each other.

It might not be very flashy or news-worthy but if Christians in the UK can focus on those things then I believe that God will add to our number daily those who are being saved.

Tom Ward

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
SUNDAY	Praise God for the Bible teaching aired in Africa.	Pray for opportunities for Tom to visit new churches.	Pray our social media content would make a good impact.	Pray for Tom today, whether ministering at home or away.
MONDAY	Please pray for programme production this week.	Please pray for some good listener feedback today.	Give thanks for listeners to Word Alive in Africa.	Pray for more Bible Focus listeners today.
TUESDAY	Pray for Tom as he prepares teaching for Word Alive.	Pray that listeners would be blessed by the Easter messages.	Please pray more listeners would discover our podcasts.	Please pray for our Sermonise podcast to find a wider audience.
WEDNESDAY	Pray for Camila as she tackles finance and admin.	Pray for Eamonn as he prepares Bible Focus programmes.	Pray for Mel in the day to day admin and design work.	Pray for Tom in the weekly programme production.
THURSDAY	Pray for wisdom regarding moving the office.	Please pray for more stations to broadcast GNB content.	Give thanks for all who support the ministry of GNB.	Pray for greater numbers of Ministry Partners.
FRIDAY	Pray that God will bless many listeners this weekend.	Pray for Tom and the Board as they direct GNB.	Please pray for direction in considering new projects.	Pray for many more listeners to become supporters.
SATURDAY	Please pray that more listeners would become supporters.	Pray many would continue to use The Bible OverBrew.	Pray that listeners would be blessed this weekend.	Thank God for continuing to sustain the work of GNB.

Rejoice always, pray continually... 1 Thessalonians 5:16,17

RADIO GUIDE

Premier Christian Radio

Digital Radio: DAB Premier
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566
Word Alive: Sunday 6.30am

Trans World Radio

TV: Freeview HD Channel 733,
Sky 0138 or Freesat 790
Word Alive: Saturday 6.00am,
Sunday 6.00pm

Branch FM

Radio: 101.8 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays from 12 noon

Hope FM

Radio: 90.1 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 7.30am

Gospel 4 Grampian

Internet: www.g4g.org.uk

Blessed Radio

Internet: www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm

Radio North

Radio: 846 AM
Bible Focus: Weekdays 8.45am

Radio Star Country

Radio: MW 981
Word Alive: Wednesday 5.30pm

Konnnect Radio

Radio: 846 AM
The Everlasting Way

Flame CCR

Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

C.O.G. Grand Radio

Internet: www.coggrandradiouk.org
Word Alive: Wednesday 8.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 7.00pm

Cross Rhythms

Radio: 101.8 FM (Stoke),
and 96.3 FM (Plymouth)
The Everlasting Way: Saturday and
Sunday breakfast shows from 7.00am

Genesis Christian Radio

Internet: www.genesischristianradio.org
Word Alive: Weekdays 6.32am, 1.31pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 4.00am,
9.15am and 4.00pm

**Tune in on your radio or TV or listen any time at gnba.net.
You can also find **Word Alive**, **Bible Focus**, **Sermonise** and
The Bible OverBrew on Spotify or your podcast app.**



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**A change
to note!**

Your next issue
of *Sounding Out*
will be mailed a
month later than
usual at the end
of July.