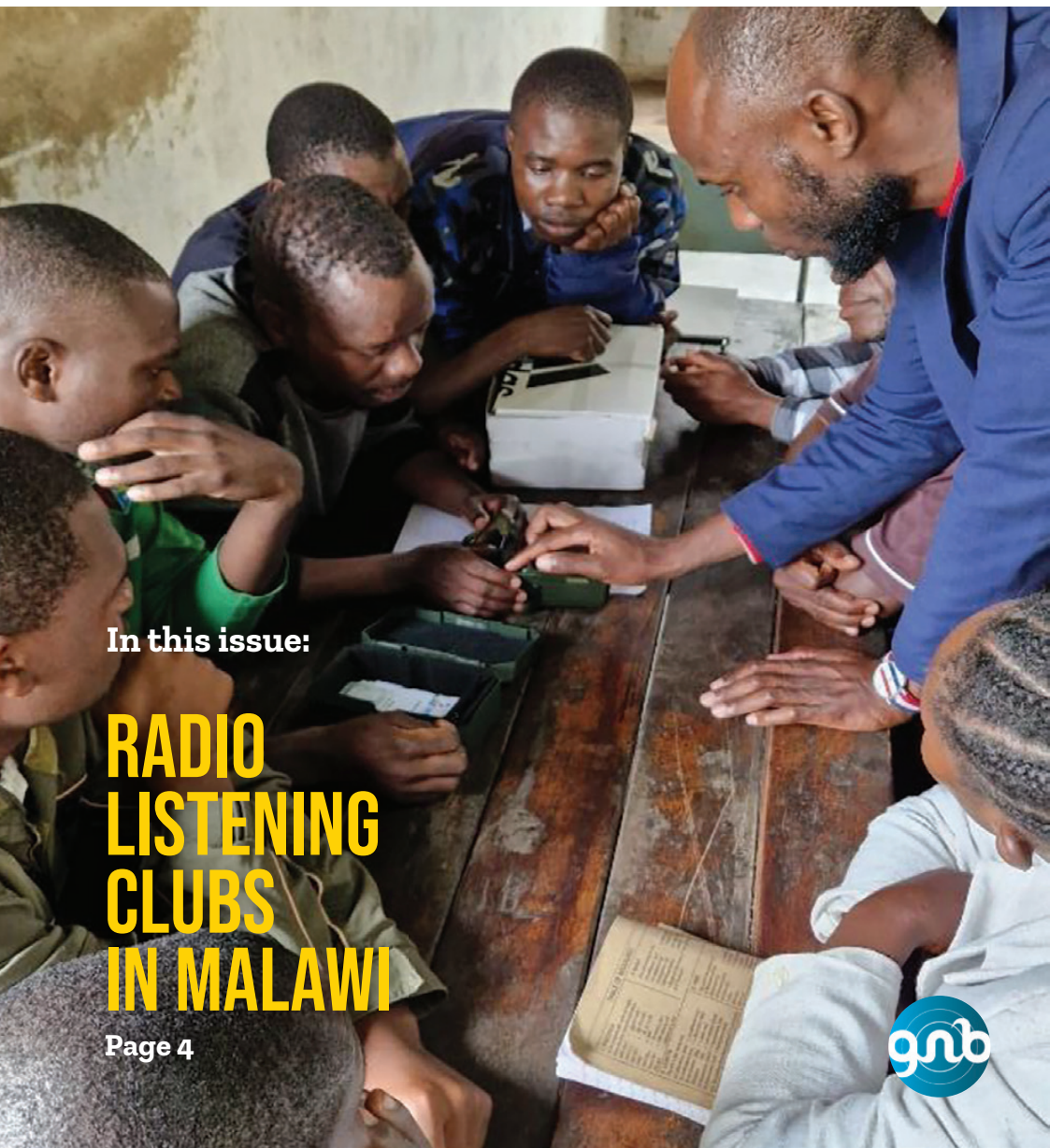


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WELCOME

to the Spring 2026 edition of Sounding Out!

The Apostle Paul instructs us in the twelfth chapter of Romans to 'rejoice with those who rejoice' but also to 'mourn with those who mourn'.

Often this rejoicing and mourning can occur simultaneously. We can face a situation that is reason for celebration yet at the same time a situation that causes us to grieve. That is certainly true right now at GNB.

Radios in Malawi

I have been so encouraged by the listening groups in Malawi (more about this on page 4). I think it's one of the most exciting projects in recent years for us and I'm hopeful we can roll out the scheme further in the months to come.

Listeners

I've also been heartened by listener responses to our programmes lately. Two stand out. I received an encouraging email from Simon who had never heard of GNB before. He just caught the second part of *Word Alive* a few weeks ago on Premier Christian Radio and wanted to listen to the rest. It was from my series in 1 Thessalonians and he was particularly challenged by the warning to those whose love has grown cold towards other people in the church. He

intended to listen to the rest of the series.

I also had a call from Barbara. She and her husband are in their eighties and struggle to make it to their church on Sundays due to ill-health. Instead, they make an early cup of tea and go back to bed to listen to *Word Alive* together at 6.30am! She told me our programmes are a lifeline for her and that she is greatly blessed by them.

I'm so heartened to know that our programmes are blessing people each and every week. This is certainly cause for rejoicing.

Helen Patterson

At the same time we are grieving the passing of Helen Patterson - wife of GNB Chairman, Neville Patterson. Helen was a strong supporter of the ministry and attended both of our day conferences back in 2024. She suffered with Motor Neuron Disease for a number of years. I was so inspired by how joyful she remained despite all the challenges she faced every day. There is deep grief but we grieve with hope. We know Helen is



in heaven with her Lord and that her perishable body has been healed and restored... in fact her body has been made perfect and imperishable. Praise the Lord!

Please do pray for Neville in these difficult days.

Voice of Hope

For a number of years we partnered with Voice of Hope who broadcast *Word Alive* and *Bible Focus* across most African countries. Sadly their funding was cut at the end of last year and they are no longer able to operate.

This feels like a significant setback so please pray that as one door closes God would open multiple doors for us to air our programmes in that part of the world.

Our *Word Alive* programme still goes out extensively via Trans World Radio, Africa and we are currently in talks with a station in Kimberly, South Africa.

Finance

GNB finances continue to be a concern. Without God's provision through a large legacy a few years ago, we likely wouldn't be here. Despite the move to a smaller office and only being a small team, we still overspend each month. Airtime continues to be very costly but I don't want us to reduce the broadcasting opportunities we have. Trying to grow the ministry while reducing costs is not easy and we will only be able to dip into our reserves for so long.

But in the ups and downs of ministry life - I remain convinced that what we are doing is important and that God is faithful.

Thank you for your continued interest, prayers and financial support of GNB. We couldn't do this without you.

ARE YOU A MYSTERY MINISTRY PARTNER?

Have you been donating funds directly into GNB's bank account?

Have you set up a monthly Standing Order but forgotten to tell us?

Sometimes we receive donations without contact details - just a name and amount on the GNB bank statement. If you think this might be you then please do get in touch with us on **01777 817138** or **info@gnba.net**.

We would love to be able to thank you for your support and to send you our Ministry Partner gifts.



RADIO LISTENING CLUBS ARE GO!

In the last issue of *Sounding Out* we told you of the plan to start 'listening groups' at the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCoM). We're thrilled to be able to tell you that the groups have got off to a great start!

The radios we sent out in September with Mike McCabe of Zambesi Mission have been enthusiastically received and three 'Radio Listening Clubs' have now been set up in the college with about 45 students attending altogether.

Each radio contains an SD card full of Good News Broadcasting Bible teaching programmes. The students listen to one of the programmes and then discuss it. The Principal of the college, Gift Sidala Mphongolo, says, "The students have shown great

enthusiasm and excitement, particularly in gaining practical skills in Bible study through the Radio Listening Club approach. There is a clear yearning for deeper biblical knowledge, and students appreciate the interactive and participatory nature of the program".

In February, ZM staff had the opportunity to attend the clubs and were struck by the vibrant atmosphere. "The students were so excited as they dug deep into the sound teaching of the podcasts. We noticed that the podcasts perfectly compliment their classroom work".

The Student Dean, Rev James Mandawala, who had a radio listening club at his former church and has the skills to help the students, is grateful for the support and says that "the radios will enrich our discipleship groups as they provide vital content for the sessions".

Student Thoko Phakaphaka states that the program is really helpful as "the lessons we will gain from the podcasts will be foundational to our lives and ministry after college training. We will live out the lessons and share with others".

The radios themselves have proved to be user friendly and the students have mastered how to operate them. The solar component and hand crank mean that power outages won't prevent the clubs from meeting and the built-in torch is also a valuable feature. As for the teaching, we hear that it is helpful, relevant and the language easy to understand. English-speaking students currently translate for the students from Mozambique where the official language is Portuguese.

In radio ministry there is often little feedback so to see evidence of

GNB programmes benefitting these students in their study of God's word is a great encouragement to us. We're thankful for the partnership of Zambesi Mission and the commitment of the staff at EBCoM in getting this project off the ground. They will be monitoring the impact of the clubs over the coming year to identify ways to make them more effective. ZM will consider whether further clubs could be established among the youth in the churches they partner with should we be able to provide more radios. If you'd like to help with this then do get in touch with us.

Please praise God with us for these encouragements! Pray that EBCoM students would continue to be strengthened in their faith and knowledge of the Bible and that there would be opportunity to expand this project to serve believers in Malawi.



FORGING AHEAD IN FAITHFULNESS



It seems that every week when you turn on the news, a new conflict or disaster is being reported. As soon as one crisis seems to be calming down, another takes its place.

The world seems to be getting darker but this should not surprise us. Jesus tells His disciples in Matthew 24 that there will be wars and rumours of wars, that nations will rise against nations, kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines, earthquakes and other disasters.

We know that these things have been going on for centuries; they are the fruit of a world plagued by sin. Jesus tells us these things must happen and will precede His coming in glory.

But in the middle of all this darkness, Jesus says, *"This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* (Matthew 24:14). In other words, no matter how unstable, how chaotic the world looks, the gospel will not stall, it will always advance and bear fruit. No news cycle, no conflict, no disaster can halt the purposes of God.

We see this at the cross. The disciples had scattered because they thought it was all over - everything had fallen apart - but God's purpose was still moving forward. At that moment of chaos and darkness, God was outworking His plan to bring sinners to salvation, to give them peace and eternal life. And when the gospel has

been proclaimed to the whole world, Jesus will return and bring with Him the new heavens and the new earth. The conflicts, disasters, and pain will all be wiped away and we will be with Him forever.

Jesus tells us these things not to distract us or make us anxious but to encourage us. He wants us to know that our hope, our confidence and our effectiveness is not based upon what is going on in the world. The gospel will always prevail and bear much fruit, despite what is going on around us.

So, what do we do as we wait for His return?

We do not live in fear, withdrawing from the world and hunkering down to wait for everything to blow over. The plan and purpose of God will not be halted, so we are to be faithful where God has placed us!

- Be faithful in our homes.
- Be faithful in our workplaces.
- Be faithful in our relationships.
- Love and serve the people around us.
- Share the hope of Christ with those who need it.

The world may be shaking, but the gospel is not. As we wait for His glorious return, we must remain faithful in doing good, sharing the good news and trusting the One who holds the end of the story.

Eamonn Maloney



HELP US TELL THE BIGGER STORY...

As supporters of Good News Broadcasting we know you appreciate the value of Christian radio...

Radio not only reaches far flung places across the world but also into the early morning kitchen, the lonely lorry cab and the hospital sick bed.

Do you have a story of how radio ministry has been a help to you? Perhaps you heard a snippet from a Bible teaching programme and God spoke to you just what you needed to hear. Perhaps you benefitted from weekly programmes during a period of time you were unable to get to church. Or maybe you have grown in faith and knowledge of the Bible through hearing extra Bible teaching throughout many years.

If you have a story to tell about how GNB radio programmes or podcasts have helped and encouraged you, we would love to hear from you! Will you get in touch to share it with us?

If you can put your experience in a letter or an email that would be great, but if you'd just like to give us a call and have a chat with one of the GNB staff, that would be great too.

It would be such an encouragement to us at GNB and to all who support the ministry.

Send your emails to **tom@gnba.net**. Call us at the office on **01777 817138**. Or send your letter to **GNB, Wilsons House, Wilsons Park, Monsall Road, Manchester M40 8WN**.

Our agent in Portugal



It's been great to have Camila Shibemba as Good News Broadcasting's Finance Administrator these last eighteen months so when she announced she was moving to Portugal we decided to try and keep her!

Why have you moved to Portugal?

I was born and raised in Portugal, but at 18 I moved to the UK to study at Bible school. Over the last ten years I've studied, worked and built my family there. Moving back to Portugal wasn't actually part of my plan, but God sometimes has different (and better!) plans than our own.

Last year, God spoke clearly to my husband and me that He wanted us in Portugal and that there was a purpose for us here in building His kingdom. After a lot of prayer, we said yes to His calling - and here we are!

How does Portugal differ from the UK?

There are quite a few differences! For starters, the weather is definitely sunnier, and the classic British tea break has been replaced by a coffee break (which my husband and I are thoroughly enjoying). Life here also moves at a much slower pace. A 'quick trip' to the shops doesn't really exist, because you'll almost certainly end

up chatting at the till for a while. And self checkouts? Still a rare species in Portugal!

You're continuing to work for GNBA. How has the move impacted your role?

I'm now fully remote, which means I'm no longer in the office weekly, but because most of my work for GNB is already online, I've been able to continue with well over 90% of my tasks without any issues. The transition has gone really smoothly. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to keep serving and being part of the ministry from here. So if you call the office on one of my working days, I'll be answering from sunny Portugal!

What can we pray for you right now?

We would really appreciate prayer as we continue settling in, that God will keep guiding our steps and that we would stay focused on His plans for us here. He has been so faithful, and we're excited for everything He has prepared for the season ahead!

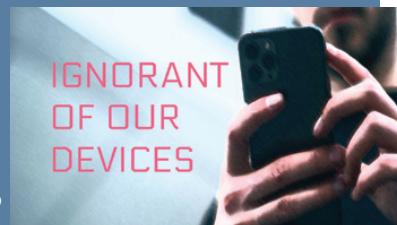
CURRENT PROGRAMMES

WORD ALIVE

Once upon a time tweeting was for birds and texts needed ink. Maybe you can remember back to a time when the internet didn't exist and computers were so large that they took up a corner of a room.

Nowadays, powerful computers with continual internet access can fit in the palm of your hand. It's very likely you have a mobile phone in your pocket right now. Rev Henry Alexander is our guest on this special edition of *Word Alive* where he outlines nine biblical principles to help us think through this topic. He encourages us to remember who God is, what scripture says and how these things should shape our phone use.

This is a really practical and timely message - do give it a listen!



BIBLE FOCUS

Tom and Eamonn head back to the studio with their Bibles in hand to answer another set of interesting questions. Featuring questions like "Can I trust my feelings?", "Is it wrong to want a quiet life?" and "Do I have too much money?" Remember, if you'd like your question answered you can send it to info@gnba.net.



SERMONISE

After a hiatus, our preaching podcast is back! Long-time friend of the ministry, Doug Barnett, shares his wealth of experiences from preaching over 60 years! He talks about why stories are so important and why he uses PowerPoint.



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
SUNDAY	Give thanks for encouraging feedback from <i>Word Alive</i> .	Pray for new listeners to discover <i>Word Alive</i> today.	Please pray for wisdom in stewarding GNB funds.	Pray for office efficiency during the holiday period.
MONDAY	Praise God for the new Radio Listening Clubs at EBCoM.	Pray for Camila as she settles in to working from home.	Pray for the expansion of the Radio Listening Clubs in Malawi.	Pray for wisdom for the Board of Directors.
TUESDAY	Pray for Tom as he prepares Bible teaching material.	Please pray for the GNB Board of Directors.	Please pray for Eamonn in the production of <i>Bible Focus</i> .	Please pray that more listeners would discover <i>Sermonise</i> .
WEDNESDAY	Please pray for Neville Patterson.	Please pray for more listeners to become supporters.	Pray for Henryk Dedo and <i>Voice of the Gospel</i> , Poland.	Please pray that the reach of our Bible teaching would increase.
THURSDAY	Pray that new people will tune in this Easter.	Please pray for Mel as she maintains the website.	Please pray that Tom would be invited to visit new churches.	Please pray for opportunities to partner with other missions.
FRIDAY	Pray for the spiritual growth of the students at EBCoM.	Give thanks for the success of <i>The Bible OverBrew</i> .	Pray that God would provide finances to sustain GNB.	Pray for Tom in the weekly programme production.
SATURDAY	Pray that God would speak through <i>Word Alive</i> today.	Pray for more broadcasting opportunities abroad.	Please pray for more guests for the <i>Sermonise</i> podcast.	Give thanks to God for using GNB to send out His word.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12

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: Radioplayer App on Amazon Firestick,
Sky Q, Sky Glass, Sky Stream
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*, *Streams*
and *The Bible OverBrew* on Spotify or your podcast app.



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