



FRONTLINE MISSION REPORT

BY DAVID GATES



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Dear GMI family,

Many of you have expressed concern that for several months you have not heard from me. This is because I have been so busy with supporting new mission developments around the world that I have been unable to write the normal mission reports. Please forgive me. Here is a short update.

God is blessing all Adventist media projects in such a way that it is clear that God is calling his people to join him in the finishing work in preparation for the Loud Cry through the power of the Holy Spirit. God is blessing the efforts of AWR, ATN, 3ABN, GMI networks, and many others that are sacrificing to put the truth on the air. We must learn to follow the Lamb now if we intend to follow Him later.

Both in our written communications as well as on our media networks there will be an increased focus in waking up God's people to the shortness of time and our responsibilities to reach the world. God's people must be wholly identified with God's mission to save souls if they are to save their own soul. It doesn't matter if you work in one of our projects, or another. Just get involved with your time and money in God's work.

For thirteen years we have avoided any direct appeals for help or resources since we wanted to show the world what God could do through prayer alone. The work has exploded across the world, financed only through prayer. There is now no excuse for anyone to remain uninvolved because of lack of resources.

"Satan is now seeking to hold God's people in a state of inactivity, to keep them from acting their part in spreading the truth, that they may at last be weighed in the balance and found wanting." Test I, p. 260.

In our intent to encourage your involvement in God's work, some will no doubt interpret our new focus as fund-raising. Please know that this is not our intent since we are seeking to encourage involvement in ANY ministry or church mission work. The willingness of our 250 missionaries to risk everything definitely makes a lot of people uncomfortable. Yet, we cannot be saved in our comfort zone. Our new network, soon to be available in each Adventist home in North America, will be a harsh reality TV, which will seek to awaken us to get involved and save lives before night comes when no man can work. Keep your eye on www.Mission-TV.org

The battle to wake up God's people before it is too late is a severe one. It is Satan's worst nightmare come true.

We appreciate your prayers.

NEW TELEVISION NETWORKS

FRENCH TV NOW ON THE AIR: For the first time in history, there is now an Adventist French Television network on the air broadcasting across the Americas and Europe from Martinique since last week (Television de la Famille. Soon to cover Canada and Africa. Contact Tania Francois-Haugrin tania.francois-haugrin@orange.fr)

ITALIAN TV OPPORTUNITY: After several years of hard work, God has suddenly opened the way to reach millions by open TV and the majority of Italy by satellite. Following this article, I am including the letter from the Italian media team. Please pray for them and if you feel impressed by God to sacrificially help in Italy, please do so. (Contact: Manuela Lucarelli manuluc@yahoo.com)

OTHER TV NETWORKS

Across Europe, the Americas and Asia, messages of straight unmixed truth and God's peace through heavenly music are being broadcast on satellite in eight languages and will soon be available to each home.

LIGHT CHANNEL – Romanian: www.lightchannel.ro

LIGHT CHANNEL – German: www.lightchannel.de

LIGHT CHANNEL – Hungarian: www.ltvhu.org

HCBN PHILIPPINES – English/Tagalog: www.hcbn.org

HCBN ASIA – On the air. Five to six Asian languages.

HCBN PACIFIC – Coming soon out of Australia.

GLOBAL FAMILY NETWORK – Caribbean English: www.globalfamilynetwork.net

RED ADVENIR – Spanish: www.redadvenir.org

TEXAS SPANISH TV NETWORK

In February, we had an opportunity to lease stations across Texas for the purpose of broadcasting ADvenir Spanish television to the public. We moved forward, each month not knowing how we would cover the expensive invoice. After six months, the network has grown to include 8 cities. Only a miracle each month has paid the bill so far. According to “The Flame”, published by the Texas Conference, Spanish churches are having people just walk off the street asking for baptism. Though GMI is experiencing the most difficult financial period in its history, we praise God that at the same time, we have experienced some of the greatest growth during the same time period.

We don't know how long God will continue to bless us with a miracle each month. However, we know we can trust Him and that the Gospel will fill the entire world even during the time that the crisis deepens. Please pray for the Texas TV network, and for the souls being reached.

OTHER FRONTLINE NEWS

ANDES HIGHLANDS OPENS MEDICAL AVIATION PROGRAM: For the first time in history, an Adventist medical airplane lands high in the Andes mountains along lake Titicaca. Accompanied by the First Vice-president of the Bolivian Senate, and our mission pilot Steve Wilson from Andrews University, I had the privilege of landing our donated Turbo Cessna 182 along Lake Titicaca at 13,500 feet elevation. Encouraged by the Bolivian government, our medical aviation services are opening runways across the highlands from 13-16,000 feet above sea level bringing God's love to each remote village that opens a runway. A second turbo-charged plane is needed.

CRISIS TO DEEPEN SHORTLY: The global financial crisis which began in September of 2008 is about to become much, much worse. It is only through God's mercy that we are still functioning with some normality. Our liberties and free use of resources for God are about to end. This world, is soon to become a very different one, and we will have to do under extreme difficulties that which we failed to do during days of peace. Let us not waste a single day.

EXCITING NEW MISSION DVDs AVAILABLE: Please note that Gospel Ministries International has released a new front line missions double-density DVD loaded with 25 tremendous short documentaries that will touch your heart, inspire you and even make you cry. Contact GMI for a free copy of the DVD called:

- "Having Nothing...Having it All".

Other new free DVDs include:

- Extreme Neglect *and*
- Growing your Ministry During Financially Impossible Times.

From the front lines of the battlefield,

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OPPORTUNITY IN ITALY: PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE PROJECT OF AN ADVENTIST TV

Written by Andrea Ricci (andrea.ricci@shell.com)

More or less, an year ago, a little group of Italian brothers start to pray asking the Lord to give them the opportunity to open a television which will broadcast our clear message of peace to the Italian people.

The group started as well to collect information about how to make the project real. During the research for information, the Lord has put on our way an expert (his name is Fabrizio) who has already helped to start tens of Satellite and Terrestrial Televisions in Italy.

Fabrizio has already confessed to us to feel a supernatural power compelling him to work on this project. He is giving us precious counseling about how to make our dreams a reality.

Two weeks ago Fabrizio introduced to us the owner of a Local Televisione Network covering more or less the 10% of the Italian population. This man, the owner, has been really impressed with our project and after little more than a week, he came out with an offering that we were not expecting and that we never asked for.

He's offering us the opportunity to give birth a satellite channel and terrestrial as well. In addition, he offers the following opportunities:

- * Use of their equipments, their know-how and employees to learn how to manage a television channel.
- * Use of his connections with the government to obtain all necessary licenses and grants that we will need for the project.

Fabrizio has told us that what he is charging is less than he is really paying for, then this is a miracle and a great deal.

The challenge is that the owner needs an answer in two days and if the answer is yes, we have to give him an advance of 50,000 euros by August 20th.

The time is close because he is already paying the satellite band and has another opportunity to give it away, instead of us.

Dear brothers in the Lord, we ask you to pray for us and for this project because it is clear that the Lord has been leading till now, giving us this opportunity, but we didn't think it would have come so quickly.

So now we need more light to understand what are the next steps forward.

"God's faithful people have always been aggressive missionaries, consecrating their resources to the honor of His name, and wisely using their talents in His service...They were not to wait for the people to come to them; they were to go to the people with their message." AA, p. 109, 28.

"To every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the tidings of pardon through Christ are to be carried. Not with tame. Lifeless utterances is the message to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring utterances...Not merely in a few places, but throughout the world, messages of mercy are needed." GW, p. 29.

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