

Dear Friends, Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

As I was reading the Scriptures, I was touched so much with the words of God when He said in Rom. 5:6, *For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a righteous person someone would even dare to die. But God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Dear friends, when we remember Easter time, we must also remember that Jesus Christ took my place on the cross...often we forget that. Also, many times I ask myself, what am I doing for Him? He loved me first when I was completely far away from Him...today, when I follow Him, how does my life honor Him? That is my very short reflection on His word....

Dear friends, speaking of our ministry, many people think that radio is everywhere the same and has the same influence over people...it is not like this. There are three different kinds of radio waves—FM radio waves travel by line-of-sight and only carry short distances because of the curvature of the earth. AM radio waves are transmitted by the earth's surface skin and can travel a little further, but both can only be heard well in the country in which they are transmitted. Many countries still use FM and AM for their own political purposes and this makes them subject to political control by that country. On the other hand, shortwave radio waves reflect off the upper surface of the atmosphere so they carry over large distances and cross national borders (even around the world)!

So, dear friends, most of our transmissions are on shortwave (SW) radio (three of them), and what I love most of all is that shortwave radio does not have borders, and no one can control our preaching (even Putin with his powerful KGB tools). We also have a growing number of local FM stations and some AM transmissions. We use satellite (two) and internet online (three) transmissions, too.



Are you aware of the Shortwave Radio Resurgence right now?

Despite new technologies such as cable, satellite and the Internet, shortwave radio is actually experiencing resurgence with a growth in shortwave radio audiences.

Around the world there are at least 600 million shortwave radio sets. The vast lands of the former Soviet Union, China, India, and many countries in Africa and South America still use this technology. I read just recently that in China 400,000 new radios are being manufactured monthly.

I often use a SW for listening to the BBC and other stations for news around the world. Yes, the latest research shows that the number of shortwave listeners is growing worldwide. For example, 80% of Zimbabwean households with radios have shortwave and in parts of India that number is 90%. It is not just developing countries that listen to short wave. A recent survey from the BBC revealed that 97% of business travelers listen to the World Service.

Why is shortwave so important?

1. The many social changes, political situations (especially international terrorism), and lack of funding because of the worldwide economic crisis have affected field missionary work.
2. TV is not readily available or affordable to most of the population in many countries.
3. Also, illiteracy makes literature distribution fairly ineffective, but radio is more effective than ever!



Friends, do you know that shortwave (SW) radio unlocks many doors?

- Do you know that in closed countries, (closed not only by communistic ideology but also by some religions) radio, especially Christian broadcasting, is the main source of encouragement and teaching?
- Do you know that radio crosses political, religious, and geographical barriers reaching remote areas and supplements or even takes the place of the work of missionaries? (That is what the letters of the listeners tell us over and over.)
- Many times it serves as the "local church" where one is not available.
- Also, I must say that it is the most cost effective, powerful, and charming mass communication tool.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we very often forget that listening to the radio in the USA and listening to the radio in Africa, India, or Russia is not the same! In the USA and Europe we have hundreds of stations and many Christians programs...so many we do not even listen to them...Most of them have lost the authority, warmth, passion, and, especially, the charm they had before!

So, dear friends, we must not forget all those people who have never heard the Gospel; nor should we forget our brothers and sisters who even have no church. For many of them the Christian radio stations are a church, a song of worship, a Bible teacher, and a fellowship....

- Please, pray for that kind of radio!
- Please, when you give your offering to God, think and pray for our Christian radio stations and pray for our brothers and sister, who need the Bread of Life!
- Also, please, pray for our coworkers in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.
- Especially pray for remote areas like Crimea, the Urals, the vast land of Siberia and far eastern Russia. Some of these areas and regions are really forgotten by the Russian and Ukrainian governments. There are thousands of families who don't know the Lord, and the Lord gives us an opportunity to preach the Gospel to them!
- Pray for the broadcasting of our two Radio programs... (One is FAM - "For all military people" and the other "Reflection"- Reflections from the Bible).

• There are eight radio stations we are using today. Today I encourage you to pray for our satellite station in Moscow. This is a radio program via satellite to all the Moscow area (an area comprised of 23 million people) and also the far eastern area of Russia (approximately 20 million people).



- Also, please, pray for my trip of four weeks in April to Belarus, Ukraine, and Armenia where I will be preaching and teaching in different churches. Pray for a possible preaching opportunity on the army base in Orsha where we are planning to use a local radio station for broadcasting our programs.

Dear friends, most of all, we praise our God because He gave us this opportunity and this incredible tool to preach – THE RADIO!

What would we do without His salvation and mercy to us? He gave His life for me – what can I do for Him? Blessing to all of you, dear friends! Have a blessed Easter time!

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