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Some Thoughts For Today

If Jesus were to be on social media today, I wonder how many followers He would have.

Simon Peter and Andrew were doing what they did almost every day—they were out fishing. They were fishermen. Fishing was their livelihood and probably their family business for generations.

Matthew wrote that one day Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee as Simon Peter and his brother Andrew were casting their nets. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” They left their nets and followed Him.

Jesus walked a bit further where He saw James and John out in a boat with their father Zebedee getting ready to cast their nets. Jesus called out to them. They too immediately left and followed Jesus.

I am always astounded by the immediate obedience of these four fisherman. They didn't check their schedules. They didn't make excuses. They didn't even go home to wrap things up or pack. They left everything—their livelihood, their nets, and even their father Zebedee in the boat, to follow Jesus.

But I don't think these four fisherman dropped everything because they were impulsive, or even simply tired of fishing. I think it is because their eyes weren't just focused on earthly things. **They were looking heavenward—eagerly waiting for the day when God would fulfill His promises**

The Apostle John recalled how Andrew had been one of John the Baptist's disciples. Andrew was with John the Baptist when he pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Andrew immediately left to follow Jesus and spent the day with Him. Afterwards, Andrew went looking for his brother Simon to tell him they had found the Messiah, the Christ. Then Andrew took Simon to meet Jesus for himself, and it was during that encounter Jesus gave Simon his new name, Peter.

So when Jesus called these fishermen to leave their nets, follow Him, and fish for men instead, they didn't hesitate. Here was the Messiah Himself—the very one they had read about in the Scriptures—who they were eagerly expecting! **Jesus was asking them to follow Him. How could you refuse an invitation like that. In fact, why would you?**

We live in a world today where success is often measured by the number of followers. Social media and websites will do anything to get our attention in pursuit of more clicks and likes.

I don't know how many followers Jesus would have on His Twitter feed or Facebook page today.

In the midst of the busyness of life and the noise of everything clamoring for our attention, **I pray that you will be able to lift your eyes towards heaven as we eagerly await the return of our Savior.** And I pray you hear Jesus' voice calling out to you today as you walk with Him.

Article written by Daniel Enns, President of Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB World Radio)

WORLD NEWS

Nigeria

Nigeria is roughly 50% Muslim and 50% Christian. The majority of Muslims live in the North and the South is mainly Christian. For Christians living in the Middle Belt and the North persecution is rife. Christian communities are targeted in "religious cleansing" assaults by Boko Haram and attacks by militant Fulani herdsmen.

Since 2015, violence has killed more than 7,000 Christians with thousands more maimed or kidnapped. After the massacre of 21 believers at a wedding, a church leader said, "it is as if the lives of Christians no longer matter". Boko Haram seems to be seeking to cleanse its territory of any Christian presence.

Algeria

Women of Hope team members say that it is impossible to hold someone's hand through the phone, embrace, or hand them a tissue to dry their tears during lockdown. However, while people had to stay at home, they had more time to listen to the radio.

In Algeria, many Kabyle women have been given knowledge about the Bible in their mother tongue. A lot of women testify that they have learned not only Biblical knowledge but also practical ways of how to deal with fear and oppression.

The *Women of Hope* Kabyle Team seeks to encourage and walk with Kabyle women through the challenges they face. With the recently launched website and now the Facebook page, TWR says that opportunities to interact with the audience are increasing. Contact: twr@twr.org.uk

India

In India, Radio Stations provide a vital means of communication. Feta India runs the Udaan Radio Project, broadcasting on shortwave from Wednesday to Sunday and on medium wave on Monday and Tuesday throughout North India. The word "Udaan" means "fly high" in Hindi, and the team is reaching out in the field to serve many. Contact: lifegivingmedia@feba.org.uk

Afghanistan

Open Doors reports that a thousand more Christians were killed for their faith in 2021 than in 2020. Six hundred more churches were attacked or closed. And Afghanistan is now No. 1 on the 2022 World Watch List (WWL), the annual accounting from Open Doors of the top 50 countries where it is most dangerous and difficult to be a Christian.

Since Open Doors began its tally in 1992, North Korea has led the ranking. But since Afghanistan's takeover by the Taliban last August, Afghan believers have had to leave their country or relocate internally. Many lost everything they had, notes the report, while house churches were closed in their wake.

"Before the Taliban, it was not great, but it was good," said one evacuated Afghan, requesting anonymity in hopes that he may one day return. "Now Christians are living in fear, in secret, totally underground."

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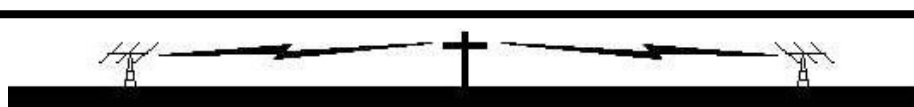
Canada

Square One World Media celebrates 75 years of ministry in 2022. Their first radio programme (*Gospel Light Hour*) aired live on February 23, 1947, the initiative of several students at Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg. To preach on the radio, to share the Gospel in English, and to do it without financial backing was a daring move in 1947, but they felt God's leading to share the Gospel with the people around them in a language they could understand.

Today, Square One produces multiple media projects in seven languages, for a variety of platforms and people all around the world can hear the Gospel in a language they can understand.

Contact: Shoab Ebadi at info@s1wm.com

Editor's Note: I encourage you to send to me stories of missionary activity and information. Prayer needs and reasons for thanksgiving are always welcome. We do have "Missionary" in our name!



From Ray— K4LWJ

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ our risen Lord whom we serve!

In spite of our age the Lord keeps us going. Joshua 13:1 “When Joshua had grown old, the LORD said to him, “You are now very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over.” NIV There is still a great need to reach isolated areas with God’s Word by radio.

During the last 9 months God has sent Ray to Colombia twice and to Bolivia and Peru. April 21st he heads to Bolivia again. The project is to oversee the installation of a FM broadcast station for a church 1 hour from Santa Cruz. This is being requested by another mission.

We lived in Santa Cruz, Bolivia in 1999-2007. There are technicians that I know. One is Julio that I worked with and trained for 7 years. He is now a teacher at the Evangelical University. The FM station will be broadcasting in Spanish and Quechua.

Also the Rector/President of the Evangelical University is requesting engineering help to construct a recording and radio control studio in the near future. They are training students in media and radio production.

I would appreciate your prayers for safety and good health. Traveling with COVID restrictions can be a challenge. I just got my second booster!

Your being part of our team with prayer and support is very much appreciated!

God’s blessing,

Ray and Doris Rising

Also From Bolivia

Last month on April 12th Mosoj Chaski celebrated 23 years of ministry.

This station, using the Quechua language, broadcasts via short-wave, and can be heard in southern Peru, northern Chile, and Argentina. Some people have responded from Brazil. It can now be heard live via the Internet and Facebook in even more places.

An Opportunity for Service NOMADS

NOMADS offers several types of projects....each with different purposes.

Three Week Projects

Most NOMADS projects are three weeks in length. These projects have an assigned NOMADS leader and everyone on the team is there for 3 weeks. Teams on these projects are typically working at churches, children’s homes, camping and retreat centers or colleges, and RV parking is usually at the work site.

Projects are available for signups throughout the year, using our project management software in the member's area of our website. Winter is the season in which projects are in highest demand and so signups can be tight.

Disaster Rebuilding Projects

Disaster Rebuilding (DR) Projects are established after devastating hurricanes or other natural disasters occur. They run longer than 3 weeks, and some times for more than 20 weeks at each site and for year after year as recovery continues.

These projects allow participants to sign up for as little as one week or for as many weeks as a NOMAD would like to work. These projects are led by specially trained Disaster Rebuilding team leaders. These projects are announced to our members as soon as the details are firmed up. Signups for DR Projects are also available in the private Member's Area of our website.

Drop-In Projects

Drop-In projects can be established with agencies who have previously hosted NOMADS teams. A list of the Drop-In Opportunities is in the Member area of the web site. .

Their Web site is: <https://www.nomadsumc.org/>

(Information provided by Frank AGØM)



ARMS NEWS and INFORMATION

AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

Financial Report

June 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

Opening Balance

June 1, 2021 \$ 6,766.39

Income

Dues	\$	500.00
Gifts	\$	98.00
Tracts and Pins	\$	7.25

Total Income \$ 605.25

Expenses

Computer/ Internet	\$191.00
Office Supplies	\$ 11.00
Postage	\$37.10
Printing/Copies	\$16.400

Total Operating \$ 255.50

Closing Balance April 30, 2022 \$ 7,116.14

Of this balance, \$1,006.40 is in a fund in memory of WØQCB, a long time leader in the Midwest Section



ARMS Membership now stands at 127 total.

Missionary Members 8

Dues Paying Members 119

We have added a number of new members over the past several months. We hope they feel welcome and we encourage our long-time members to make them feel that way. We are a FELLOWHSIP!

Remember our membership year runs from June 1 through to May 31. If you have a questions about how you stand, drop me a note, and I'd be glad to give you that information.

Roger—w0zmu@outlook.com

ARMS Treasurer

To All my brothers and sisters in Christ...

Never did I even guess that memorizing the first Chapter of James in 1987 would come in so handy one day. So though I haven't always considered it pure joy when I have faced trials of many kinds, I find His Grace and His Providence immeasurably joyful after the last 3 1/2 days in the hospital. The Lord has carried me through this and there is yet quite a bit to get through now and on into the rest of this year.

Back on Easter Sunday I began having a measurable hearing loss and then a slow continuing hearing loss. I also began having a strong headache 24/7. I also began to notice that I would see double when I was tired or when I rose in the morning.

Last Friday when I saw the ophthalmologist, I was seeing double nearly all the time. On Saturday morning when I arose and couldn't focus due to the double vision being 100% of the time. I called the ophthalmologist again and they suggested I immediately go to the Emergency Room.

To get to the punch line, the diagnosis was manifold. First, I had evidence of a subdural hematoma in my brain, which wasn't the singular cause but was thought to be one. Second, there was evidence of meningitis in my brain which explains the odd illness I had just prior to Easter Sunday. Finally, the malady was indeed caused by either a break, stretch or bruised nerve in my brain stem that affected my left eye.

My desire is that all who receive this would please pray that no matter the outcome, that I learn to find my strength in our Lord, to trust Him no matter what the outcome is and to indeed as I learned in the Book Of James, to consider it pure joy whenever I face trials of many kinds and to see it through to develop the perseverance that He promises us will come by trusting in His Word, so that I may be mature and complete in Him.

I also hope that the trials you may be going through or will go through will also find you being encouraged by how Our Lord has encouraged me.

Thank you for your prayers!

Dennis KKØDJ

(one of the Midwest Net Controls)

