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Sounding Out

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■■■ FINDING THE PLOT

Our latest programme is *Finding the Plot* – a half hour programme designed to be used weekly.

We already have expressions of interest from radio stations here in the UK and across the world.

Whilst the main speaker is Dr Derek Stringer, a feature of interest to programme controllers is the participation of Mark Prentice, an actor who has appeared in a range of popular TV series including *Emmerdale* and *Coronation Street*. He is joined by Rebecca Kelly our producer shared with BBC Manchester. Rebecca had responsibility for production of the first set, and did a very good job.

The titles also look promising, and include - *What's so amazing about Grace? Is there hope when I have messed up? What makes Heaven happy? How to return to God, The parable of the pouting son, Is there hope for my broken heart? I'll never get out of this world alive, The extreme love of God.*

The aim is to reach out to those on the periphery of Christian life; to challenge and encourage listeners to take the next step, moving off the margins into mainstream faith and a closer walk with God. ■■



Mark and Sally Prentice with their children Emily and James

■■■ Straight Talking . . .



Radio stations have asked us for five minute talks to be used at prime times within breakfast shows. The first request came from Peter Wilson, founder of Day One Radio on the DAB network in the Midlands. Derek Stringer has designed lively exchanges within a five minute programme that contained no 'top and tail' identification of the GNBA speakers, instead being introduced by the station's own presenter. Our first set of programmes feature a discussion between two doctors – one of Theology and the other of Medicine.

It appears we could have a hit on our hands! Please pray with us that we may access fresh outlets with this material. We are already in discussion with a large local hospital radio station contact as well as our more customary outlets.

Catchy titles will include: *Is God Fair? Pressures of Life, A Bout With Doubt, The Grip of Fear, Church Going, Is it Necessary? The Fear of the Future, The Fear of Rejection, What if? Who Killed Jesus?* ■■

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We are an international interdenominational ministry reaching unbelievers with the Gospel of Christ and developing spiritual maturity in believers.

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We offer more than 80 different radio programmes in 25 languages using 14 studios.

• **What We Need . . .**

More *Ministry Partners* who will pray and give. An annual subscription of £30 will go a long way to helping us. In return you will receive a bi-monthly CD packed with samples of our programmes, a Bible teaching message from Dr. Stringer, and an insider view on the latest ministry news. If you give £100 per annum you will automatically receive this CD.

• **Thinking Of The Future . . .**

Our supporters who are now in heaven have played a crucial role in today's expanding ministry. Without their bequests much that we do now would be restricted. Will you help us in the future?

• **Free Offer . . .**

"It's a marvellous resource" . . . "I am always fed" . . . "This is a resource for my group Bible study" - Just a handful of many comments about our free transcripts sent to email addresses. All Derek Stringer's Word Alive and Bible Focus programmes are available as well as many sermons. Give us your email and we'll send you details. ■■

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE KING'S PARK Details on page 2 . . .

Change is in the air

A Turkmen broadcast was initiated in 2001 after more than a decade of prayer for an opportunity to minister there. Because Christians are in a very small minority and have encountered severe persecution, our programming is produced outside the country. Access to the country has been very difficult to gain. A new President was recently elected. He promises to open the Internet to more people. It is likely that this is a breakthrough for getting the Gospel into Turkmenistan. Now is a prime time to pray for new inroads! ■■



Mandarin radio ministry, China

Several evangelical groups transmit radio programmes into Mainland China. Yet many Chinese believers are confused as to how to apply God's Word to everyday life. Our International Division, in partnership with Trans World Radio, has created a daily, 30-minute programme called *Discover A Beautiful Life* to help Chinese believers understand the relevance of the Bible. Shallow understanding of the Scriptures threatens especially new and sometimes isolated believers. *Discover A Beautiful Life* continually emphasises the practical application of biblical principles. Topics such as marriage, family relationships, Christians in the workplace and managing money are explored. Listener response and contact with house church leadership networks indicate

that *Discover A Beautiful Life* has about 10 million daily listeners! A complementary web site in Mandarin enables us to provide listeners with web casts and downloadable notes of our programmes. We also distribute teaching CDs from within the country. China's ongoing preparation for the 2008 Summer Olympics provides a timely opportunity for ministry—in part because the Chinese government is less likely to interfere at a time when the world is watching. Pray for the success of our focus on the growing cities of China after years of fruitful efforts in the rural areas. ■■



Ministry made difficult

Increasing anti-Christian sentiment is making outreach hard for our staff in Sri Lanka as civil war threatens to resume. Christian workers frequently are taken into custody as they minister in new areas and people are afraid to attend Christian meetings because of the possibility of arrest. Anti-Christian sentiment is also forcing Christian broadcasters off the air. The *Back to the Bible* programme was priced off one station recently and we will have to work hard to regain the audience. Derek Stringer will be visiting in the autumn to conduct (among other meetings) a Pastors' Conference for the National Evangelical Alliance. ■■

ARE YOU COMING TO THE KING'S PARK?

King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton, is a new venue for the GNB Bible Conference.

The date is also a little earlier than usual – **7 to 9 September**. We do hope that you will be able to come. Our own Bible Teachers - Derek Stringer, Stephen Thompson and Doug Barnett will be joined by special guest Rob Whittaker, the Principal of Capernwray Bible School.



Rob Whittaker

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Voice of the Gospel

GNB (UK) helped launch *Voice of the Gospel* several years ago. It now specialises in highly creative media outreach and "personal touch" evangelism in reaching Polish society with the Good News. A brand new television documentary is receiving rave reviews from Polish media outlets. Its aim is to present the difference Jesus Christ can make to viewers. Radio programmes air regularly over prison radio networks to thousands of prisoners. Evangelistic booklets and recorded testimonies of lives changed by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ have been distributed nationwide in high school "drug prevention" assemblies. Seasonal youth camps provide another means of reaching Poland's teens with the Gospel. Regular participants include handicapped and dysfunctional youth and others typically marginalised by society. ■■



“If you can catch the tail . . .”



Derek Stringer

Derek Stringer takes another 'side-ways' look at life

The story is told of a young man who wished to marry the farmer's beautiful daughter. Looking him over the farmer said, "Go stand out in that field and I'm going to release three bulls, one at a time. If you can catch the tail of any one of the three bulls, you can marry my daughter." The young man waited for the first bull. The barn door opened and out ran the biggest, meanest-looking bull he had ever seen. He decided that one of the next bulls had to be a better choice, so he ran away letting the bull pass through the back gate. The barn door opened again. Unbelievable. He had never seen a bull so big and fierce in his life as it eyed him. Whatever the next bull was like, it had to be a better choice than this one. He ran to the fence and let the bull pass out the back gate. The door opened a third time. A smile came across his face. This was the weakest, scrawniest little bull he had ever seen. This one was his bull. As the bull came running by, he positioned himself and jumped at just the exact moment. He grabbed... but the bull had no tail!

Life is full of opportunities. Some will be easy to take advantage of, some will be difficult. But once we let them pass (often in hopes of something better), those opportunities may never again be available.

The same thing is true of opportunities to serve Christ. God often opens doors - opportunities to speak up for Him to someone who is hurting or in need, opportunities to make an impact on the world around us. If we allow them to pass by, perhaps because we are waiting for something easier to come along, we may miss out on them altogether.

All missionary organisations ask for your prayers, and we are no exception. God is opening many new doors of opportunity. Your support means so much to us. May you also take advantage of the doors God opens for you!

DR DEREK STRINGER is the National Director and Bible Teacher for GNB. Derek accepts invitations to speak at Church services and conferences both nationally and internationally. Please pray for his busy itinerary in between the writing and recording schedule. Full details of his schedule is in the free GNB April/May Prayer Focus. We will send you a printed copy or you can download a copy through our website. ■■

Our man in Africa steps out in faith

Increasing commitments to serving us caused a dilemma for Joseph Kebbie. Could he continue his voluntary teaching for Media Village? A difficult choice, as his accommodation was included. Our support is modest compared with the cost of copying and distributing all our programmes across the African continent. Conferences would need to be attended, how could they be funded? Joseph is familiar with living life on a shoe-string. He had been a Liberian refugee and had spent time living in the back of a car.

Joseph asked for God to guide and open the right doors. He did in a quite remarkable way. Accommodation was found, and he was asked to run courses for an Academy in Cape Town. He would be paid an allowance, would have wide opportunities to network with others in media, and his new employers were very happy for him to continue his GNB involvement. One last challenge was the withdrawal of Joseph's South African visa, which had been granted for working at Media Village only. He was warned that these things can take a long time to achieve. Not for Joseph! Within days, he was granted a new visa lasting through to 2009. A real answer to prayer.

At the time of writing, Joseph was representing us at a Christian Broadcasters' conference in Namibia. A great opportunity to identify yet more stations wanting to take our programmes.

If you are able to help sustain Joseph in his work, please contact us. ■■



Joseph Kebbie (centre) with delegates from Zambia, Namibia and South Africa at the African Christian Broadcasters' conference

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THE RETURN – A lot of interest was shown in these messages when broadcast. But then, the topic of the return Of Christ has a fascination. Derek Stringer uses the words of Jesus in Matthew 24-25 as the basis for explaining – *The signs of the Second Coming. The Rise and Fall of the Antichrist. Why Christ May Come At Any Moment* . . . and a lot more. 4 CD boxed set with eight 30-minute messages. **Price £10.50 (CODE DS87)**

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BEATITUDES – Congratulations! You can experience something deeper than happiness, you can be blessed. Angela Mills is new to our Bible Focus radio programme. She speaks with warmth and insight. 1 CD with five 10-minute messages. **Price £3.50 (CODE AM01)**

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

People are finding Christ and many are growing to spiritual maturity. Here is a brief selection of quotes recently logged.

"I am isolated in my Christian beliefs both in my family and community. You truly feed a hungry soul." - "I am not a Christian yet but what you have said really helps me make sense of matters. I will follow this up." - "I have just started going to Church. I've found what you've said helps enormously as I struggle to understand." - "Very uplifting." - "A friend uses the Bible Focus CD's in a prison." - "Word Alive is my favourite radio programme." - "I listen to you at home or in the car. Thank you for the wonderful job that you are doing." - "Your transcripts mean a lot to me." - "Your programme meant an awful lot to me." - "Very, very interesting. Explains things clearly."

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