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Sounding Out

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■■■ A Vision Becoming Reality

Says Chalmers Dobson

Our man in Africa, Joseph Kebbie, called us to say that he had with him Dr Conteh, director of *Radio Life Ventures*, a station based in Freetown, Sierra Leone and one of our programme outlets. Sierra Leone is emerging from years of civil war. It was great to have the opportunity to chat with someone so sympathetic to our ministry, and willing to air our material without charge.

Dr Conteh explained, "Radio Life Ventures' key focus is to bring the gospel to unreached groups—not just by using radio, but going into the remote villages with healthcare and improving sanitation, teaching preventive medicine and drilling water wells. Ours is just one of many ventures across Africa where Joseph and his friends are poised to get involved - integrating media, healthcare and training development."

He continued "The objective is for local people to be equipped to take over the outreach as a result of training and mentoring. There will be a focus on HIV/AIDS, and a ministry to AIDS orphans."

Joseph is part sponsored by our *Ministry Partners*. He has provided Christian media training in Cape Town, South Africa and Accra, Ghana. We are delighted to be associated with both HCJB and Radio Life Venture in their commendable vision. ■■



Dr Momodu Conteh and Joseph Kebbie (left)

PROPER SPEECH?

Asks GNB Chairman and Church Pastor Stephen Thompson



I visited one of our church small groups when the topic was, 'Proper Speech in Proverbs' - which has a lot to say about the use and abuse of the tongue. A group leader quoted a pastor who, referring to the hymn, 'O for a thousand tongues...' gave sincere expression to the hope that God would not answer this prayer for his congregation. They might use one of them to sing their 'great Redeemer's praise', he mused, but thought there was every chance they'd use the other 999 for slander, gossip and the rest, making the church worse than ever.

If we smile, perhaps it is partly because we recognise the sobering truth: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness" (James 3:9).

So, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight. . ." ■■



GOING LIVE...

From April we are broadcasting on FM across the Kisumu region of Kenya. The opportunity has been provided by a station without charge to us, as a trial. *Swahili* is the language of the area. It is with a certain amount of trepidation that the programme controller has taken *Word Alive* and *Finding the Plot*. Through the generosity of a supporter, *Swahili Bibles* will be offered to listeners. Please pray for this experiment. If sufficient numbers listen and understand enough to respond, the broadcasts in this difficult region might continue. ■■



■■■ DEFINING MOMENTS...

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.



Stephen Thompson will be one of our speakers at this year's GNB Conference. He is to be joined by Berni Dymet our affiliated Bible teacher based in Australia. Every week millions of people listen to Berni's broadcasts through over 700 radio outlets in 80 countries. Doug Barnett will also be with us. Doug is a UK GNB Associate with many years of experience in teaching God's Word internationally. Of course our own Director and Bible Teacher Derek Stringer will share the teaching as well.

Please plan now to join us as our Bible teachers extract biblical insights from real people in real life situations that will encourage and help us live a better Christian life. A worship band from Bilton, Rugby will once again help us in our worship.

WHEN? Friday evening 3 October to Sunday afternoon 5 October.

COST? £20 deposit per person, with the balance of £95/£105 by September.

2 people sharing a double room (ensuite) £115 each.

1 person in a room (ensuite) £125.

All rooms are with double beds, so we do not anticipate any single people sharing.

Day Visitors are welcome if you cannot make the whole weekend.

Saturday - £32 including refreshments, lunch and evening meal.

Sunday - £22 including refreshments and Sunday lunch.

PLEASE BOOK NOW -

Freephone **08000 92 78 92** Email: **info@gnba.net**

Or use the 'Connections' response form in this Sounding Out. ■■

■■■ A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS?

Stretching out for my deodorant spray, I spotted that the label displayed an amusing oxymoron, (*or to the more mature in years, a contradiction in terms*). At the top, boldly printed in red, was 'NEW'. Further down it stated, not quite so boldly, 'Original'. Which statement was to be believed? Did the can contain something new, or original? Could both descriptions be true?

We have at Good News Broadcasting a similar quandary. We wish to present Bible truths in up to date 'new' ways, but at the same time, the message must adhere to the original - God's love for the lost, and His desire for His children to be effective in their worship and service.

Through your prayers, your help and support, we seek to offer the original message in new ways.

A steadily increasing number of GNB's supporters have recognised how very easy it is to boost their giving by 28%. Are you one of them? If so, thank you! If not, and you are a tax-payer, would you consider allowing us to recover Gift Aid on your donations? From April 6th the recoverable tax may fall to 25%, so the sooner we hear from you, the better! You don't even have to write - a call is sufficient, and we will write to you in confirmation. Could anything be easier? Don't forget our **Ministry Partners** receive bi-monthly a CD packed with biblical materials. £30 is the minimum subscription which enables us to mail out the CDs cost effectively. You will receive them without further payment if you already support at £100 or more per annum. Ministry Partners help keep our programmes on air.

So often in our history, bequests have come at the right time for needs. As the GNB board of Trustees seeks God's will over whether or not we should proceed with an extension of the Ranskill offices, a bequest has arrived that could go part way towards the building costs. This latest Will



Derek Stringer, Brenda Critchley and Chalmers Dobson review a programme script

from which we benefited was drawn up and executed nearly ten years ago. Would you be a part of God's provision for future generations by including us in *your* Will?

Chalmers Dobson is Business Manager and our bridge to the many radio stations around the world where our programmes are heard. ■■■

■■■ ARE YOU LISTENING?

Visit our website www.gnba.net and listen at any time of the day.

UCB (United Christian Broadcasters)

Word Alive	UCB Talk	Sky 0135
Bible Focus	UCB Talk	Sky 0135
Just a Minute	UCB UK DAB	Sky 0125 UCB UK

www.ucb.co.uk

Saturday	5.00pm
Sunday	5.15am 7.30pm
Monday to Friday	12.15am 7.15am 7.15pm
Daily	11.45pm
Daily	11.45pm

Premier Christian Radio

Word Alive	Medium Wave	1305, 1332, 1413
	or	NTL/Virgin 968
	or	Freeview 725
	or	Sky digital 0123
	or DAB	Premier on line

www.premier.org.uk

Saturday	6.00am 7.30pm
Sunday	5.30am
Monday	2.00am

TWR (Trans World Radio)

Word Alive	Sky 0138
Bible Focus	Sky 0138
Back to the Bible	Sky 0138
Finding the Plot	Sky 0138

www.twr.org.uk

Sundays	2.30pm 11.30pm
Weekdays	6.10am
Weekdays	12.30pm 9.45pm
Saturday	12.30pm 11.30pm

Radio Star Country (Ireland)

Word Alive	Medium Wave	981
Bible Focus	Medium Wave	981

Wednesdays	5.30pm
TBA	

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Something to Think About	Web only ftb
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www.flameccr.org.uk

Daily	Times vary
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Can't access any of the above channels? We offer a monthly Bible Focus CD on subscription, £18 per year or £30 for two years will deliver to your door a range of the month's output. What a bargain! ■■■

■■■ GREAT BIBLE QUESTIONS...



Derek Stringer's latest book is now published. The kind of questions asked back in Bible times are the same questions we ask today. Derek draws upon his own insights from scripture as well as using the wealth of experience from other writers and preachers. We have been given the gifts of life and time. This book helps us use them wisely.

Price £8.99 CODE DSB 94 ■■■

■ ■ ■ SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

Every day local radio stations use these short reflections on life supplied by Derek Stringer. The latest is Flame FM who are preparing to broadcast across the Wirral, but meantime can be heard on the web. We are now broadcasting daily in Indonesia where the station wanted Bible Focus as well as an ample supply of our 'shorts'.

Here is a sample . . .



"A man was lecturing in Latin America. He was using a translator, but to identify with his audience, he wanted to begin his talk by saying in Spanish, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." Arriving at the auditorium early he realised he didn't know the Spanish words for *ladies and gentlemen*. Being resourceful, he went to the toilets and looked at the signs on the two doors, and memorised those two words. When he was introduced, he said in Spanish, 'Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.' The audience went quiet. Again in Spanish he said, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen." People smiled and chuckled. Finally, someone told him that he had said, 'Good evening, bathrooms and broom closets!'"

There is a world of difference between someone who merely pays a visit and someone who "speaks your language". And it's more than just knowing the proper vocabulary. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, there are some people who can comfort you, but there are others who truly "speak your language" because they've experienced a loss themselves. If your marriage seems to be falling apart, there are some people who can give you advice, but there are others who truly "speak your language" because they have faced the same difficulties. If you're struggling to make ends meet, there are some people who can lend a hand, but there are others who truly "speak your language" because they have known hard times in their lives.

That's why the incarnation of Christ is very important. Jesus took on flesh and blood so that we would understand that God "speaks our language." He didn't just come for a visit . . . He was one of us, and he understands.

God's Word puts it like this: "We do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Have a good day! ■ ■ ■



STILL ROOTING FOR ECUADOR!



Thank you to those who have given in support of our affiliate office in Ecuador. We still have some way to go before we hand over the gifts in May, so here are a few statistics to remind you of the challenges and opportunities.

La Biblia Dice . . .

- Supplies radio programmes to 450 stations in 18 countries.
- Has five websites to maintain, each one offers Bible teaching, transcripts and other assistance.
- Counselling and study materials are provided.

The burden falling on the Quito team is almost unimaginable. That's why our prayers and gifts from the UK will mean so much. **Derek Stringer** has been invited to speak at a key Bible Conference in May. It will be wonderful if he could travel with a good gift to help our partner broadcasters as they reach out to 8.6% of the world's population. There are fifty two, *yes fifty two*, cities containing over a million inhabitants within range of their broadcasts. What an incredible mission field! ■ ■



PLEASE PRAY . . .

APRIL/MAY

* Word Alive with Derek Stringer

April 1-25 Inner Freedom (Galatians)
26-May 31 How To Combat Worry

* Bible Focus

April 7-11 Key Words (Derek Stringer)
14-18 Ephesians (The late John Breeze)
21-May 2 Pathway With God (Peter Anderson)
5-30 Acts (Derek Stringer)

* Finding The Plot (Derek & guests)

April 5-11 Gambling – Is It Harmless Fun?
12-18 How Life Can Be Lived With Significance
19-25 When Crying Achieves Something
26-May 2 When Doubts Won't Go Away
3-9 What Really Pleases Jesus
10-16 A God Experience
17-23 The Humour Of Jesus
25-31 The Future Without Fear

UK STAFF . . .

Pray for the production team as programmes are made and distributed around the world.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION . . .

Ask God to give wisdom to the Directors of national ministries as they face many pressures. In some cases even the danger of arrest because they belong to a Christian organisation.

GNB ASSOCIATES . . .

Derek Stringer

All other dates for radio recording.

April

1-3 Lincoln, Nebraska USA (Leadership Conference)
4-5 Wild Rose, Wisconsin USA (Conference)
6 Roscoe, Illinois USA (Church services)
11-13 Nantwich (Evangelising British Villages Conference)
19-25 Holsbybrunn, SWEDEN (Bible School)
26 East Markham, Nottinghamshire (GNB Board)
27 Rugby (Bilton Evang. Church)

May

1-12 ECUADOR (Conferences)
18 Worksop (Christ Church Anglican)
25-30 Capernwray (Bible School)

Stephen Thompson

May

18 Wealstun Prison

All dates for King's Church Boston Spa

Doug Barnett

April

2, 21-23 London (Nflame Trust lectures)
6 Twynham (Community Church)
13 Ringwood (Baptist services)
20 Newport, Wales (Liswery Baptist)
27 Boston Spa (Elim Church)



May

1 Ringwood (Baptist services)
2-4 Ashford (Church weekend)
10-28 LEBANON

Peter Anderson

April

2, 29 Leicester (Braunston Hall)
6 Chippenham (Lady Field Chapel)
15, 17 Leicester (Knighton Free Church)
21 Swindon (UFM Worldwide)
15-27 Newport, Wales (Mission meetings)

May

4 Leicester (Oadby Baptist)
8, 15, 29 Leicester (Free Church)

Bill Gibb

April

10, 13 Shoebury (Evangelical Church)
27 Roxton (Congregational Church)

May

3-4 Lowerstoft (Commodore Mission)
11 Bedford (Reynolds Chapel)
18 Bedford (The Haven) ■■

IT'S A GIFT!

Bible teaching programmes are gift boxed as CD sets.



- **How To Combat Worry** (Derek Stringer) 8 30-minute messages. **£10.50** (CODE DS99)
- **Galatians** (Derek Stringer) 16 30-minute messages. **£18.50** (CODE DS98)
- **Ephesians** (in memory of a much loved broadcaster the late John Breeze) 5 10-minute messages **£3.50** (CODE JB03) ■■

IT'S FREE!

We offer free transcripts of radio programmes and many of Derek Stringer's sermons to your email address. ■■



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