



Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

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||| New Doors Open . . .



Every day Verdade Biblica in Brazil reaches thousands of rural communities which have no church. Leandro Tarrataca writes, "The ethnic groups spread out in the country and the less evangelised people in the major cities are also being reached through radio, internet and television. Due to a growing outreach capacity the meetings organised are growing from hundreds to thousands." Launching a new project before a crowd of

10,000 people in Mogi das Cruzes, Leandro said, "This project consists in a web TV, where Bible content will be delivered to the Portuguese speaking World."

In September Derek Stringer is the guest speaker at a family congress at Serra Negra, Brazil. It will be wonderful if he could take a special gift from the UK to help the strategic ministry of Verdade Biblica. Please will you consider contributing? |||



Derek teaching at a convention in Brazil, translated by Leandro Tarrataca, Director of Verdade Biblica.

||| Mid-Life Crisis? No Way!



- **GNBA (UK) has been in existence for almost 55 years.** Thank God we are not experiencing a 'mid-life' crisis. We continue to have bags of energy using radio to reach people with the gospel and teaching believers. That's good, because there are certainly plenty of opportunities. Each month new radio stations want our programmes. We are dependent upon the gifts of God's people. We honestly believe that it is a worthwhile investment to give of your prayer and finances.
- **Dr. Derek Stringer is our Director and Bible Teacher.** He is the featured speaker for many of our weekly radio programmes heard across the world. He fits his studio recording into a very busy preaching schedule. Derek is willing to visit your church. Just extend an invitation and if his schedule permits he will be happy to come
- **Phil Critchley is our Senior Producer.** Brenda, Phil's wife is a Producer/Presenter. She is also the person people talk to when calling our 'help-line'. Having served the Lord with missionary organisations FEBA and ECM, we are so glad that they are producing programmes for us. There is certainly plenty to keep them busy!
- **Joseph Kebbie is our African administrator.** A gifted producer and presenter in his own right, Joseph receives financial support from GNB (UK) as he plans, develops and follows up on our many African radio outlets. |||

Wanting an invitation? This is it!

If you have not yet booked for the GNB Conference please do pick up the phone and call our free number. We are praying that it will be a great time of enjoying good Bible teaching, worship and fellowship with a wide 'mix' of people. If you can't make the whole weekend join us for a day.

The Message

Defining Moments – using the experiences of key Bible characters.

The Speakers

Berni Dymet is an exciting speaker and writer. Living in Australia, he is the only non-American to be invited to Bible teach on some prestigious radio networks in the USA. His radio programme *A Different Perspective* is heard across most continents leading people to Christ and helping believers to grow in their faith. GNB Associates Stephen Thompson and Doug Barnett join Derek Stringer to complete the speaker team for the weekend.

The Worship Band

You will not fail to be drawn to worship God through the inspirational worship band from Bilton Evangelical Church, Rugby.

The Place

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.



The Dates

Friday evening October 3 to Sunday afternoon October 5. Day visitors are welcome.

The Cost

Weekend . . .

- 2 people sharing an ensuite double room is £115 each.
- 1 person in an ensuite room £125.
- (All rooms have double beds, so we do not anticipate any single people sharing)

Day Visitor . . .

- Saturday - £32 including refreshments, lunch and evening meal.
- Sunday - £22 including refreshments and dinner.

Registration

You can pay in full or give a deposit of £20 per person. Free-phone - 08000 92 78 92
Email - info@gnba.net
Response Form – on back page |||

THE ON-GOING CHOICE

One ancient manuscript credits Barabbas with a first name – 'Jesus'. It was a common name at the time, and it seems likely that Matthew used it in his gospel. Probably it was dropped from the greatest number of manuscripts out of a misplaced sense of reverence. You couldn't have a common criminal with the name 'Jesus' could you? Of course, that misses the point: Jesus so identified with sinners that it looked, to the natural eye, like he was one. He was 'numbered with the transgressors' (Isaiah 53:12).

Furthermore, 'Barabbas' means 'son of the father'. So, centre – stage in the last act of Matthew's gospel were two named 'Jesus', two sons of the father, and the crowd had to choose (Matt. 27:15).

We also have a choice. There are so many 'Jesuses' out there. Will we opt for the biblical Jesus, or one of human invention who goes easy on our sins?

Stephen Thompson is Pastor of King's Church, Boston Spa and Chairman of GNB. He regularly contributes to our Bible Focus radio broadcasts and is a featured speaker at this year's GNB Conference. ■■



Christianity Works!

Berni Dymet has passed on a testimony from a rebel fighter in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Some weeks ago I was attending a peace conference in Goma, while in my hotel room I tuned to Radio Maendeleo! There was a programme "A Different Perspective" with Berni on. As I was listening to it, I realised that with no fear of God in the hearts of people, there will be no peace! No peace at all! I don't know if this was a revelation from God to me but this . . . [was] enough to take me to a turning point of my life as well as in my peace effort in this region . . . I left that room, as well as the conference I was attending as a changed man.

I've been on battle fields for 13 years now. I don't know how many people have died because of my gun, but what I know is that I decided to lay down my arms. . . I will make a decision to follow a way Jesus will lead me into after this process . . .

Please pray that I will be able to hear clearly what God wants me to do for the rest of my life . . . Berni, thank you for making this programme available to me and my own people. I can imagine how much energy you spend to make these programmes. I really don't see what else we can ask you for." ■■



Berni Dymet, GNB's Conference speaker 2008 and Director of Christianityworks.com in Australia

YOU CAN LISTEN . . .

Any Time

On the web – www.gnba.net

Word Alive

30 minute weekly Bible teaching broadcast. UK Schedule –

Saturday 6am. 7.30pm **Sunday** 5.30am **Monday** 2.00am . . . Premier (MW 1305, 1332, 1413. NTL/Virgin 968 Freeview 725 Sky 0123 DAB Premier On Line)

Sunday 2.30pm 11.30pm . . . TWR (Sky 0138)

Wednesday 5.30pm . . . Radio Star Country (Ireland MW 981)

Finding The Plot

30 minute weekly show for people to discover more about the gospel. UK Schedule –

Saturday 12.30pm 11.30pm . . . TWR (Sky 0138)

Bible Focus

A 10 minute programme developing a theme over 5 days. UK Schedule –

Weekdays 6.10am . . . TWR (Sky 0138)

Other programmes –

A Sideways Look - Bible events from a different perspective.

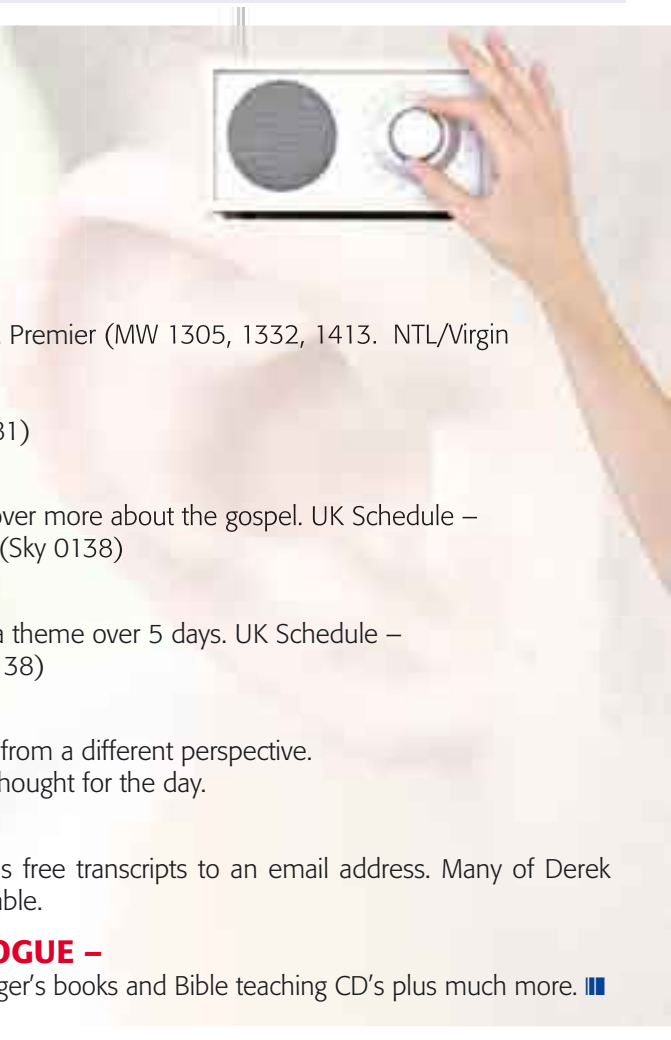
Something To Think About - Thought for the day.

FREE TRANSCRIPTS –

Most programmes are offered as free transcripts to an email address. Many of Derek Stringer's sermons are also available.

FREE RESOURCES CATALOGUE –

We carry a full range of Derek Stringer's books and Bible teaching CD's plus much more. ■■





Reviewing Our Effectiveness . . .

GNB Business Manager Chalmers Dobson evaluates . . .

Involved in ministry we prayerfully review our effectiveness.

Those who support GNB may do the same, as they consider the stewardship of their abilities and finances. As I was writing a letter of thanks two comments in response to our programmes came to mind.

"I wanted to say how much I enjoyed today's 'Word Alive' teaching on the first Beatitude (Blessed are the poor in spirit). I find that Derek teaches in a really straightforward way and the messages are always challenging, but without being dogmatic. May God bless you all and continue to use your ministry." (Bruce)

"My wife and I live in the Midlands of Natal, South Africa, and we recently received 2 CD's from a local Christian radio station covering Ephesians. We would like to let you know that they have been a great blessing to us, and with repeated listening we appreciate them all the more! We thank you heartily for this and pray that God continues to bless you in your work." (Richard and Marie)

GNB flourishes as fresh 'doors' open. We are grateful for your support. It's a delight to pass on to other needy offices around the world funds generously designated for them. We can't stress too highly how vital the assistance has proved in Ecuador and will be in Brazil this September.

Thank you for helping us maintain and advance the distribution of our programmes through gifts and legacies. Investments in heaven carry no risk.

Can we be complacent? Never! As the demand for programmes grows, so do demands on our resources. In the last few weeks, we have undertaken a review of our supporter base. It has highlighted an interesting feature. We have very few churches recorded. Some supporters do pass on to their church information from us, but we long for a coordinated network of prayer – for staff, stations and the millions of listeners touched by God's Word.

We need your help. Would you supply contact details for your church? If you already act as co-ordinator, perhaps you would let us know the church you represent, and whether you need additional copies of *Sounding Out* for distribution? ■■

A GREAT GIFT . . .

Boxed CD sets –



Strategies For Living

As you live the Christian life in today's society, you may feel a bit like an acrobat walking gingerly across a tightrope. Derek Stringer offers you tips that will help you keep your balance. Drawing insights from 1 Samuel 17 and Nehemiah 4, in two 30-minute studies he addresses such questions as: 'Handling Our Fears' and 'Handling Our Rubble.'

£3.50 (CODE DS101)

Jude

It may be a little New Testament epistle but it touches on topics we can't afford to ignore. In four 30-minute studies Derek Stringer walks through the 25 verses explaining how to defend the faith and how to survive in the last days.

£6.50 (CODE DS102)

Inner Freedom

Derek Stringer taught a series of 16 30-minute messages through Galatians on Word Alive finishing on April 19. We continue to get reports of God's blessing through this series. Therefore, we are making it available again.

£18.50 (CODE DS98)

Fruit Of The Spirit

If you can't hear Stephen Thompson at the GNB Conference you can listen to a sample of his teaching. Maybe you could do both! A fresh look at a vital subject. Five 10-minute messages.

£3.50 (CODE ST03)

Keep On Praying

A sentiment we may endorse but need help to do. Peter Anderson offers wise advice. Five 10-minute messages.

£3.50 (CODE PA07)

Deuteronomy

GNB Presenter/Producer Brenda Critchley gets to explain topics to motivate and challenge. Here are insightful studies to help deepen your spiritual walk. Ten 10-minute messages.

£6.50 (CODE BC03)

BOOKS BY DEREK STRINGER . . .

Reigning In Life . . . Practical help from 1 & 2 Kings to live wisely. **£7.99** (CODE DSB55)

Lessons From A Rainbow . . . Live as a stalwart of faith and ready for Christ's Second Coming. **£4.99** (CODE DSB89)

Over Conquer . . . Tried and tested biblical insights when facing insecurity, discontentment and worry. **£7.99** (CODE DSB 93)

Great Bible Questions . . . 16 questions the Bible asks us! It also supplies the answer. Knowing it changes us for the better. **£8.99** (CODE DSB 94) ■■

PRAYER FOCUS

August 2-8 . . . Pray for staff at Ranskill. Ask God's blessing for our broadcasts including the short programmes, *A Sideways Look* and *Something To Think About*.

Word Alive - More Than Happiness: The State Of The Heart.

Finding The Plot - The Feet Of Jesus.

Bible Focus - Stephen Thompson: The Fruit Of The Spirit.

August 9-15 . . . Pray for wisdom and creativity for producers and our contact with listeners.

Word Alive - More Than Happiness: Finding Your Missing Peace.

Finding The Plot - Not An End But A Beginning

Bible Focus - Geoff Bennett: Isaiah (Part 7)

August 16-22 . . . Pray for more GNB Ministry Partners as we take up new opportunities. Thank God that our long time Associate Bryan Bignall is recovering from ill health.

Word Alive - More Than Happiness: Portrait Of A Christian.

Finding The Plot - How To Answer A Sarcastic Sceptic

Bible Focus - Geoff Bennett: Isaiah (Part 8)

August 23-29 . . . Pray for our transcripts, books and CDs as they resource and equip many people.

Word Alive - More Than Happiness: The Utter Foolishness Of Worry

Finding The Plot - Worry

Bible Focus - Peter Anderson: Keep On Praying

August 30-September 5 . . . Pray for Joseph

Kebbie as he coordinates our African broadcasts.

Word Alive - Strategies For Living: Handling Our Fears

Finding The Plot - Matthew: Rot In The Family Tree

Bible Focus - Geoff Bennett: Isaiah (Part 9)

September 6-12 . . . Pray for Derek Stringer as he travels to preach at strategic conferences in Brazil.

Word Alive - Strategies For Living: Handling Our Rubble

Finding The Plot - Matthew: Joseph's Journey Of Faith

Bible Focus - Geoff Bennett: Isaiah (Part 10)

September 13-19 . . . Pray for similar ministries to our own across the world such as Ecuador, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

Word Alive - Jude: Defending The Faith

Finding The Plot - Matthew: Travelling Light

Bible Focus - Brenda Critchley: Deuteronomy (Part 1)

September 20-26 . . . Pray for the radio and TV ministry of Glos Ewangelii in Poland. Ask for God's wisdom as Chalmers Dobson keeps contact with new radio outlets.

Word Alive - Jude: You Already Know This, But...

Finding The Plot - Matthew: The Way Preparer

Bible Focus - Brenda Critchley: Deuteronomy (Part 2)

September 27-October 3 . . . Pray for sufficient regular giving for ourselves with enough left over to benefit a wider ministry.

Word Alive - Jude: Shepherds In Name Only

Finding The Plot - Matthew: Baptism And Temptation

Bible Focus - Tony Horsfall: How To Live

GNB ASSOCIATE DIARIES

DEREK STRINGER

August - The whole month is given over to radio recording, writing and preparing for strategic international conferences in the Autumn.

September - 6-8 Cardiff (Services) 18-25 Brazil (Conferences) 27 East Markham (GNB Board) 28 Worktop (Services)

STEPHEN THOMPSON - All dates for King's Church, Boston Spa

September - 7 Knaresborough (Gracious St. Methodist Church)

BILL GIBB

August - 3 The Haven & Ravensden 17 Colnworth 30-31 Lowestoft (Mission)

September - 28 Renhold (Mission)

PETER ANDERSON

August - 3 Leicester (Little Hill) 10 Fleckney (Baptist) 12-19 Bulgaria (Church Opening)

September - 5-12 Bulgaria (Evangelistic in new church) 21 Leicester (Knighton) 25 Leicester (Little Hill)

DOUG BARNETT

August - 3 Ferndown, Dorset (Pinehurst Chapel) 9-23 Cyprus

September - 13-14 Cardiff (Ainon Baptist) 21 Ringwood (Poulner Baptist) 23 Christchurch (Priory Church) 28 Chingford (Sewardstone Evangelical)

CONNECTIONS

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Traumatised But Thankful

Joseph Kebbie writes from Ghana

Thank God for my return to Accra after a working visit in Liberia. I conducted training for two radio stations. I am happy to report that *Bible Focus* and *Something To Think About* will go to 'air' in Liberia and reach most of West Africa.

We had an incident that could have ended my life and the lives of many other foreign nationals. At about 2 a.m. on Saturday (July 12) gun men broke into the guest house. Heavily armed with machetes and guns, the men first got to my door and tried to saw it open. Through divine intervention they left but locked me in. They forced other doors open and made away with computers, money and other valuables. A female expatriate was wounded but not seriously. Personnel from of the U.N. mission came to our rescue three hours after the robbers had left.

I am now back in Ghana and keep playing the 'video' in my mind. Thank you for your prayers.