



# Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

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## EUROBIRD 9



From January listeners to satellite radio in Europe, the Middle East and even beyond have the opportunity to listen to *Word Alive* or *Finding the Plot* four times every day!

Initial discussions with Michael Schonborn of Radio Eden centred on the quality of our Bible based programmes. Michael's vision is to use an audio satellite stream aimed particularly at the Middle East, where satellite receivers are the major means of broadcast reception. He had been offered airtime on Eurobird 9 and believed he should take a step of faith. Listeners from Europe to the Western province of China have the ability to pick up broadcasts without censorship. He wanted our assurance that we would make programming available to Radio Eden.

Michael, already known to us through his *Radio 4 Uganda* station, said, "I am giving you half an hour in a six hours slot repeated three times daily. That will equate to a total of two hours per day . . . I will play *Word Alive* and *Finding the Plot* on alternate days. At the moment there are 15 radio stations and 130+ TV stations on the satellite. Whilst most programmes are aimed at the Middle East, Arabic and Indian languages which include Hindi, Urdu and Tamil are carried. A few channels broadcast in Russian, Portuguese, French, Chinese, Italian, Swedish, English and African languages."

Michael has generously agreed to donate airtime to us, but would welcome assistance from GNBA supporters. He and his wife have taken a giant leap of faith. We will be happy to pass on any gifts received which are designated for Radio Eden. ■■

## 'HEAVENLY MINDED AND EARTHLY GOOD'

▶ That is the theme for this year's GNBA Bible Teaching Conference. Once again we are using the great facilities at Swanwick, Derbyshire. **Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 30 October to 1 November.** Day visitors are welcome.

▶ Our special guest Teacher is **Derek Burnside** – Teaching Pastor at Belmont Chapel, Exeter and popular at European Torchbearer Bible Schools. **Russell Farnworth** also joins us – Formerly a Church Minister, now CEO of Trans World Radio (UK) and GNBA Board Member. Our own GNBA Associates will also teach – **Derek Stringer**, **Stephen Thompson** and **Doug Barnett**.



Derek Burnside and Penny

▶ Please reserve your place today on **FREEPHONE 08000 92 78 92**. Alternatively you can email or write. Email: [info@gnba.net](mailto:info@gnba.net)  
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## OUR MAN IN AFRICA . . .

### JOSEPH KEBBIE reports . . .

I'm sure most people have told you a Happy New Year but not from us in Africa. On behalf of the millions of people that hear the Good News of Jesus Christ through the sound teachings of Derek, I want to say a belated *Very Happy New Year to you*.

### THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA . . .

From wars to poverty, from being attacked by armed robbers to freedom. But in the mix of these very difficult times the Word of God that has been taught by Derek brought joy to the hearts of many Africans.



### SOME LETTERS . . .

- "Your programmes are highlights of our week!"
- "On Sunday last you again played a talk by Derek Stringer from GNBA, in the UK. Last year sometime, you very kindly sent us a few GNBA CDs which we listen to often. We find Derek Stringer particularly insightful - he seems to "get through" to us and his teaching is very thought-provoking."
- "From Radio Khwezi itself - and more specifically myself as a Presenter/Producer, I'm not sure how I would effectively reach my audience without the aid of the programmes you send. So, thank you and may God encourage and increase your work for His kingdom."
- "Hi ya Joseph, its real great working with you and airing such spiritual content on our station here in Uganda. People really take the short but important content keenly into their lives. They have shown a lot of interest, even extending more airings to almost every top of an hour. It's complicated here, in that 40% can hear English well but more are illiterate people."

### VISITS . . .

I visited South Africa, Lesotho and Kenya. During my time in Kenya I met with Joseph Bubahase who is helping with ministry work in East Africa. Based in Rwanda, Joseph is involved in making more contacts with radio stations. Our radio programmes are now airing in DR Congo and Rwanda.

### YOUR HELP . . .

Through the help of GNBA we are working on establishing a mini recording studio in Kigali. GNBA donated a good studio microphone and mixer which will be used. ■■



Joseph Kebbie handing over UK equipment

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



**BRAZIL . . .** Leandro reports that ten seminars were held in churches and public buildings. Hundreds of families committed to knowing Christ better. Leandro's recently published book – "Honed by God" shows how the Bible helps in God's process of conforming us to the image of Jesus Christ. Sales and appreciation have been wonderful. A newspaper has stated that this ministry is "one of the most influential in 2008 for its Bible exposition."



**ECUADOR . . .** David writes, "It seems that raising funds is becoming our main goal as a ministry, but we have to realise that sharing the Word using mass media must be our main goal. God continues to change lives through His own Word."



**POLAND . . .** In October 2008, Voice of the Gospel lost their main financial support from Back to the Bible USA and Canada. That covered 60% of their monthly operating costs. From a human point of view it was impossible for them to survive. Henryk writes, "With gratefulness and humility I report that each week more than 140,000 Poles listen to our Gospel broadcasts on 42 commercial and Catholic radio stations. Hundreds of young people participate in preventive, anti-addiction meetings we organise in schools. Also, prisoners in 147 penitentiaries hear testimonies through the prison internal networks. Uncertain of our future my personal 'break-point' came when a 5-year-old boy handed me his pocket money for the ministry. We are still outside our financial safety-zone but we are learning how God starts to act when our possibilities finish." ■■



Henryk

## WORTH IT . . .

"I've just read the first two chapters – it was worth buying for this . . ."

A comment about Derek Stringer's recently published book, **THE 'HOW TO' OF CHRISTIANITY**. Read on and you will find ten more chapters explaining how to react to suffering, manage temptation, pray, tackle bad news . . . It's worth it to keep reading!  
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## MUSIC CAN OPEN DOORS . . .

The **New Christian Music Radio Show** of 2 hours per week is produced in conjunction with Good News Broadcasting (GB), and syndicated to over 310 radio stations. It's available in half-hour 'stand alone' segments featuring tracks from NCM's monthly discs.

Paul Davis, the man behind NCM is always on the lookout for new outlets as he and his team seek to reach out to the lost with the good news of the Gospel. The music-based programmes Paul and presenter Andy Humphries create are widely accepted, often by stations which would not carry Bible teaching. ■■



## A SELECTION OF COMMENTS FROM UK PROGRAMMES . . .

### ✓ Hope FM (Bournemouth) –

"We are a church for the community and the kind of teaching we get is with that in mind. Consequently, we don't get the depth we feel we are now getting. That's not a criticism but a way of saying to you – thank you so much."

"I listened this morning. Excellent. This adds something to Hope FM they need."

"I think Hope is trying hard as a community radio station. But they certainly need programmes like yours – it adds a lot."

### ✓ Bill Anderson at Revival FM reports –

"Your programmes are hugely accepted in Scotland. We are using Word Alive, Finding The Plot and Something To Think About. Now we are determined to use the One Minute Messages as well. We are very thankful to you, and are delighted with the quality of your programmes. They have lifted our output and given 'Revival' a great boost after over two years on air. People are listening from Glasgow and Edinburgh up to Dundee!"

### ✓ Premier Christian Radio –

"I enjoy the broadcasts . . . I tend to catch the Saturday morning broadcast most weeks."

"The transcripts you have sent me this year I have redirected to brothers/sisters serving our Lord in numerous countries . . . I wish to thank you for encouraging me to find a place of worship."

### ✓ TWR –

"So glad that Finding The Plot has a couple of slots each Saturday on TWR. Word Alive is nicely placed for us on a Sunday afternoon too. Thanks."

### ✓ Messages from Pastors –

"Up to the usual very high standard. The talks are very helpful and on target. Thank you very much and God bless you."

"Most of my congregation listen to Word Alive and love it. It keeps feeding the flock those 'extras' they need."

### ✓ At the end of a phone –

**Following our broadcasts we often have people telephoning the office. Usually they will talk with Brenda Critchley –**

"I am calling on behalf of my daughter [name given] who suffers from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She finds the programmes on Premier very encouraging. The format is excellent."

"I was a backslidden Christian for many years and have recently come back to the faith . . . I particularly look forward to listening to Word Alive. Your programme is superb and gives me real hope. I also listen to the repeats. It's a great blessing and I want to tell you – you are doing a great job."

"Thank you for strengthening me in my walk with Jesus. I have been listening to you on Premier for three years and you have been such a blessing to me."

**Some people leave a message without any contact details. At our weekday morning staff meetings, we pray for all who contact us. ■■**

## CHANGING THE SIGNS



For many people, life doesn't make sense – "Why has this happened, what is wrong with my life and our world?"

In December 1944 an event happened that could have changed the outcome of World War II. The Allied army was experiencing success and moving steadily across Western Europe. At this point a counter attack was launched, the decisive battle which became known as the "Battle of the Bulge". Why was this battle almost lost? It seems that a few days before, German soldiers dressed in American uniforms had been parachuted behind the allied forces lines. Their mission was to drive where the Allied army was expected to travel and either take down the signs or move them to point the wrong way. The result was that the Allied army almost lost this battle.

What's the point? We live in a time when many of the signposts have been torn down or changed. Should we really wonder why for many people life doesn't make sense! If the signs are changed there is no way we can find our direction. It is our privilege to use radio to point people to Christ as the Way, Truth and Life. It is our joy when we hear from many how they are discovering a true direction for their lives.

Thank you so much as you act in prayer and give financially. It is definitely making a difference to a lot of people.

**DR DEREK STRINGER is Director/ Bible Teacher for GNBA (GB). Derek accepts invitations to speak at Church services and conferences nationally and internationally. Please pray for his very busy itinerary in between the recording and writing schedules. ■■**



## LISTENING IN THE UK? ASK US ON FREEPHONE 08000 92 78 92

GNB is broadcasting nationally on Christian Premier and Trans World Radio. Local radio outlets include Hope FM in the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch area, Revival FM in Central Scotland, and Radio Star Country in Ireland.

- **LISTEN ANYTIME OF THE DAY ON [www.gnba.net](http://www.gnba.net)**
- **MINISTRY PARTNER** - By becoming a GNB MINISTRY PARTNER you help us keep our programmes on the air reaching people that only radio can touch. Ministry Partners subscribe at least £30 per annum (or our preferred £5 per month) and receive a GNB CD bi-monthly. The CDs are packed with biblical material to inspire and inform. You will become a Ministry Partner automatically when supporting at £100 or more per annum.
- **TRANSCRIPTS** - Derek Stringer's sermons and programmes can be yours. They are sent to an email address.
- **SOUNDING OUT** - Please ask us for more of our bi-monthly news letters to use with friends. They are sent free of charge. ■■

## RESOURCES...

**Listen to Bible teaching and pass it on.  
Boxed CD sets – an ideal gift.**



**PHILIPPIANS** - "Don't miss the joy", says Derek Stringer. In a Word Alive series of 14 30-minute messages he shows how Paul never did, even though life was hard and demanding. In a careful analysis of Paul's epistle we discover the timelessness of Paul's message for today, including a word for the worrier. **£16.50 (CODE DS107)**

**THE RETURN** - Have you questions about the return of Christ? In 8 30-minute messages, based on the words of Jesus in Matthew 24-25, Derek Stringer gives 'Six Signs Of The Second Coming'. Talks about 'The Rise And Fall Of The Antichrist'. Includes insights on 'Why Christ May Come At Any Moment' – plus a whole lot more, including practical teaching on what this should mean for a believer. This Word Alive radio series created a lot of interest when first broadcast. We are making the CDs available at **£10.50 (CODE DS87)**

**POWER THROUGH WEAKNESS** - *Live by faith! Please God! Enjoy an authentic Christian experience* – These are just some of the themes of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. In 30 10-minute messages, Derek Stringer goes straight through the epistle with personal applications of the key topics. You could use this material for a month of personal devotions, or as a 'starter' for a group Bible study. **£14.50 (CODE BF23)**

**EPHESIANS 1** - In 5 10-minute messages, Steve Watson focuses on the key life-changing truths that introduce this great letter. **£3.50 (CODE SW01)**

**YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TWINS** - Pastor, GNB Chairman, Radio Broadcaster – Stephen Thompson has an interesting and helpful 'take' on the famous twins of the Bible. 5 10-minute messages. **£3.50 (CODE ST04)**

**CHANGED LIVES** - GNB Producer and Presenter – Brenda Critchley gets to the core issues of how our lives can spiritually get better. 5 10-minute messages. **£3.50 (CODE BC04)**

**SAINTS** - Geoff Bennett taught in a Bible School and spent many years radio broadcasting through GNB. Here is a sample of why his ministry has been so acceptable and a real blessing. **£3.50 (CODE GB01)**

**DANIEL, A MAN OF INTEGRITY** - GNB Associate – Peter Anderson takes a careful look at a godly and great man. 5 10-minute messages. **£3.50 (CODE PA08) ■■**



Finding the Plot interviewees - workers with the Church's Mission to the Jews

# LET'S PRAY! . . .

**February 1-7 . . .** Joseph Kebbie in Africa. He asks that we pray for God to open more doors for our radio shows. Also, there is a need for more equipment for the recording studio in Kigali. Please pray for our GNB Associates. Please pray for our Producers and Presenters - Brenda Critchley, Jane Moxon, David Holme, Lynne Rushworth, Elaine Parkinson, Richard and Amy Wardman, plus others who contribute from time to time.

**February 8-14 . . .** Leandro in Brazil where national supporters have been 'hit' by the global financial crisis. The Brazil ministry is launching new web tools in order to encourage people into the Bible, and more important, to understand the difference between religious engagement and relationship. Please pray for our UK programmes heard across the world and many in remote locations.

**February 15-21 . . .** David in Ecuador needing wisdom to adjust to the demands of ministry with increasingly limited resources. Please pray for all who stand by us with prayer and financial support. For Chalmers Dobson as he connects with radio stations. For Phil Critchley, our Senior Producer.

**February 22-28 . . .** Henryk in Poland with a unique media ministry reaching people with the Gospel.

**March 1-7 . . .** Frans in Indonesia continues to see wonderful results in an Islamic country.

**March 8-14 . . .** Berni in Australia continues to advance the gospel through his effective radio programmes. The UK shares Joseph's time with him (Christianity-Works) and HCJB (Africa).

**March 15-21 . . .** Bob in Canada asks us for prayer for Back to the Bible offices. Because of the economic difficulties, these are difficult days for non-profit organisations around the globe. The Canadian office of Back to the Bible is trying to increase giving by 75% to help the international ministries with which they remain associated. This does not include the UK, Poland or Australia - these ministries are media missionary organisations in their own right. However, please pray for the UK as we also try to do what we can to be a support to the wider ministry.

**March 22-28 . . .** We need more Ministry Partners supporting us for the increasing opportunities. Please pray for the programme and sermon transcripts that are used around the world.

**March 29-April 4 . . .** Derek Stringer records for radio as well as travelling extensively to preach and teach God's Word. Please pray for his safety and health as he serves Christ. ■■

# ASSOCIATES

**DEREK STRINGER - all dates for radio recording at Ranskill - plus** [Feb.1, 8, 15, 22, Christ Church Anglican, Worksop] [March 1, Chelmsford services] [March 8, Witney services] [March 15 Street services] [March 21/22, Warsaw, Poland media meeting and service] [March 27/29, Exmouth Dinas Powys 'Church Away']

**STEPHEN THOMPSON - all dates at King's Church, Boston Spa - plus** [Feb.1, Altofts services]

**PETER ANDERSON** [Feb.1, Hose Baptist] [Feb.15, Carley Baptist, Leicester] [Feb.22, Friar Lane Baptist, Leicester] [March 2, Birmingham] [March 4, Knighton Evangelical Church] [March 15, 29 Laburnum Community Church, Leicester] [March 20/22 SANDS Swanwick Conference Centre]

**DOUG BARNETT** [Feb.1/4, Dubai Spiritual Formation Conference] [Feb.8, Twynham Church] [Feb.10, Nflame Trust, London] [Feb.17, Strouden Park Chapel, Bournemouth] [Feb.21/22, Newtownbreda, Belfast] [March 1, Twynham Church] [March 2, Dudley Men's Evening] [March 5, Nflame Trust, London lecture] [March 8, Harnham, Salisbury services] [March 12, Poulner Baptist Chapel, Ringwood] [March 14/15, Cromer Christian Fellowship] [March 20/22 S. Ruislip Baptist Week-end] [March 28/29, Wolverhampton]

**BILL GIBB** [Feb.5, Zion Baptist, Ravensden] [Feb.20, Senior YL Support, Bedford] [Feb.22, The Haven, Bedford] [Feb.25, Little Stoughton Baptist] [March 1, Wilden Chapel] [March 8, Roxton Congregational Church]

**DAVID LOGACHO - all dates for radio recording and church leadership in Ecuador - plus** [Feb.2/4, Berean Bible Institute, Pifo] [Feb. 13, Milagro services] [Feb. 14/15, Santo Domingo services] [March 7/8, Ambato services] ■■

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## FINAL WORD

**Henryk Dedo, Director of our associate ministry Voice of the Gospel, Poland.**

"Each of us desires to see God acting in unusual ways in our lives. However we often forget that we may see miraculous acts of God only when facing impossibilities.

It is in the character of our nature that we want to be safe, to control our own destiny. The more we control things the more we feel secure. But the problem is that the more I depend on my abilities the less opportunity remains for God to act. God can't effectively act in my own safety zone. We can see God doing what is impossible only outside of our safety zone. He acts in the cross zone.

**At Voice of the Gospel Foundation we are experiencing such actions and such a God." ■■**