



Sounding Out

good news : broadcasting

October - December 2009

‘LIGHT OF THE TRUTH’ ...



‘KAMI’ is an Indonesian acronym meaning *Light of the Truth*, and the name of a ministry to the largest Muslim country in the world. Every day we provide an English language broadcast helping KAMI *turn on the light*. God is changing lives. Dr. Frans Silalahi has explained how a few pieces of studio equipment in an old building plus a handful of committed people came together – suddenly listeners from remote areas of this huge island nation were hearing the gospel. In just one month the listener response was 8,558 – *and that is not unusual!* ■■■

THE MOST LISTENED TO ...



Our programmes ranging from 1 to 45 minutes are taken by radio stations in many African countries. Joseph Kebbie (our man in Africa) tells us that some stations are now working with local pastors to respond to the feedback. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, our programmes are the most listened to Christian programme on Radio Maendeleo. Local pastors use them as a reference for their preaching. ■■■

‘THEY HAD FORGOTTEN HOW TO SMILE ...’



A ‘spin-off’ from radio and TV programmes in Poland is a camp organised by our partner ministry *Voice of the Gospel*. Physically able and disabled youth came together from many areas and various social backgrounds. The play time was great and the message of the gospel was welcomed. Henryk Dedo reports, “To everyone’s surprise, this year we managed to avoid visits to the nearest hospital. We had among us young people who had forgotten how to smile. Your gifts made it possible for us to give hope to all campers.” ■■■

Camper Comments –

“My dad was killed in an accident and mum left us soon after this. Now we are living in an orphanage. I would like to commit my life to God.”

“I have trouble at school. I was fired from the dance team because I wasn’t able to conform. I have seven siblings and I don’t know the surname of my father. I would like to trust God, but I’m afraid. I’ve been disappointed so many times.”

“I need changes. I know that this is something deeper this time, not just emotional experiences.”

THERE MAY BE A PLACE

Yes, it’s getting close to our scheduled Bible Teaching Conference – but there are usually some last minute cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances. Why not give us a call and see if a place is available? It would be good to have you join us.

The Details –

The Hayes Conference Centre,
Swanwick, Derbyshire.
October 30 to November 1
(Friday evening to Sunday afternoon)
Day visitors are welcome.

£125 per person. Single room occupancy £130.
Day Visitors including meals –
Saturday £35 and Sunday £23.

Contact – Freephone 08000 92 78 92
Please come and be part of
our conference.

ABOUT US ...

We are committed to reaching people with the gospel mainly through radio. Derek Stringer is the main radio ‘voice’. Dr. Stringer accepts invitations to speak at Church services and conferences.



Ministry Partners help keep our programmes ‘on air’. When you become a Ministry Partner you will receive a bi-monthly CD packed with biblical materials. Currently Derek is teaching through the book of Ezra. It has some great insights for discovering purpose and power for living. In an audio magazine format, there is something for everybody. It’s yours when you become a Ministry Partner. £30 per annum but preferably £5 per month will go a long way to helping us take the gospel where radio does it best.

If you don’t usually receive this bi-monthly Sounding Out let us know and we will send you a free copy regularly. There is also a catalogue of our books, CDs and much more – just ask.
FREEPHONE 08000 92 78 92. ■■■

WHERE CAN I LISTEN?

- Ask us on freephone **08000 92 78 92**
- Listen anytime on **www.gnba.net**



Don’t forget our twice monthly email news including a sermon transcript (usually from Derek). This is a popular resource. ■■■

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

It is GOOD and it is TRUE!

Gerald Thompson, publisher of *Bible Matters* has provided us with some great books which are a wonderful tool to promote a better understanding of the Bible. Gerald's son Geoff is the Pastor of Kingsway Chapel, Chester. He has written *What's It All About?* a book which gives outlines and things to think about covering every book of the Bible. We can offer these to our readers at substantial discounts. The money from book sales will be used to buy time on some strategic radio stations around the world.



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Smart hardback version – differs from example shown
£4.00 plus p&p £1.99

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Using a similar approach to our own Lynne Rushworth, Jill Gupta recounts Bible events from a bystander's point of view. An eye-catching book, full of colour graphics and photographs.

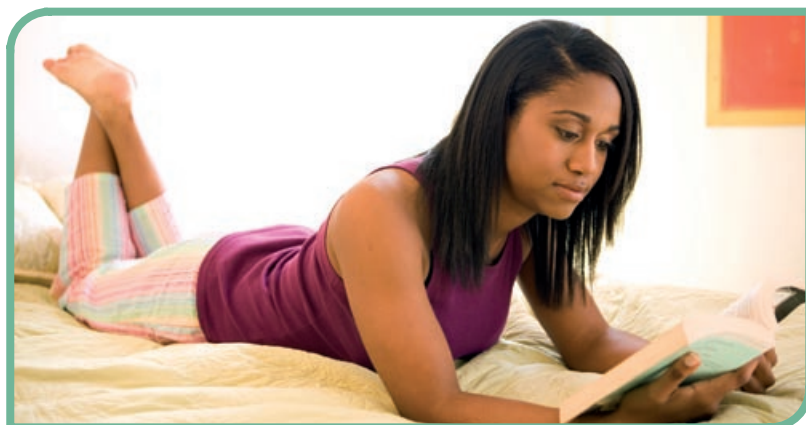
Usual Price £10 – OUR PRICE £3.50 plus p&p £2.99

ONE DAY I'LL SEE YOU

Peter Jackson has led a remarkable life. He overcame his blindness to become a wonderfully gifted pianist and evangelist – a man who brings spiritual sight to many. This is Peter's moving autobiography. In over 300 pages – you will not fail to be inspired by a man sold out to the Lord's service. **Usual Price £12.95 – OUR PRICE £3.50 plus p&p £2.99**



Gerald Thompson (left) of Bible Matters (Publishers) and Eric Escott (right) of Mission and Relief Logistics in Worthing. Eric is in charge of warehousing. He quickly loaded up the truck which Chalmers (centre) and Eunice Dobson (behind the camera) had hired to collect the books generously supplied by Gerald and Marjorie Thompson.



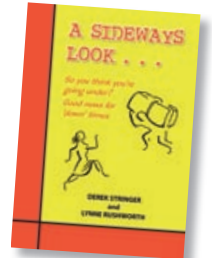
THIS YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS...

Derek Stringer and Lynne Rushworth are both radio broadcasters for GNBA. With a cover design by Ministry Partner Geoff Anders, they have collaborated in this small but highly relevant book...

A SIDEWAYS LOOK

Good moods and bad moods. Glad, sad and mad moods. They make us feel just great, or just blue. Elated or deflated. Because of them we have sunny days and gloomy days – hours of self-confidence or hours of self pity. Derek and Lynne show how we can overcome those 'down' times.

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SET FREE FOR FREEDOM

A new book by Derek Stringer, unlocking the key to Galatians and spontaneous Christian living. Comments on this Bible commentary –



"I didn't really understand the gospel. By reading this book it has given me a whole new grasp of how liberating being a real Christian can be."

"It's great to know how to lean on God and not fall flat on your face."

Usual Price £9.99 – OUR SPECIAL OFFER £6.99 plus p&p £1.99

SPECIAL CD BOXED SET OFFERS



ENCOUNTERING GOD –

The Book of Exodus comes alive. In ten 30-minute studies Derek Stringer explores Exodus 1 to 5 and wraps up the study with a key verse (33:18). Here is help for our spiritual journey drawn from the early experiences of God's people. **£12.50 plus p&p £1.99**

EXTRAVAGANT GRACE –

Berni Dymet was our special guest Bible teacher at the 2008 Conference. From Australia, his radio programme is heard on hundreds of stations around the world and it's changing people's lives. In ten messages each 10 minutes long, Berni will take you beyond the ordinary to the extraordinary of Christianity that works. **£6.50 plus p&p £1.49**

5 BIBLE CHARACTERS –

Recorded before a specially invited audience, GNB Associate Doug Barnett introduces us to some key Bible characters. An interesting and inspirational study, communicated in Doug's warm and winsome manner. Five 10 minute messages. **£3.50 plus p&p 90p**

HEARTLINE

When Derek Stringer visited the 'Heartline' studio in the Philippines he was impressed by the dedication of the Back to the Bible radio team. He spent time in the studio with Clem Guillermo and friends. Heartline is a 90-minute telephone counselling programme. It is the longest running Christian broadcast in the country. It is on 'air' each week day evening. On the day that Derek visited he noted a long list of calls and text messages to be answered later that evening. Derek had the pleasure of teaching at a special retreat for radio staff. He was the key-note speaker at the National Assembly for churches and missions. He taught at Bible schools and preached in some of the larger churches. *Sounding Out* readers and *Ministry Partners* had given a love-gift for the valuable radio ministry. Derek was able to pass this on at a special team, board and sponsors' meal where he was the after-dinner speaker. Clem writes: "Thank you so much for all the blessings you brought into our ministry. Your financial help, your spiritual insights and messages truly helped a lot." ■■



TIME GOES SO FAST ...



"My oldest daughter will be 18 in October!" writes Leandro Tarrataca, our Associate in Brazil. "My middle son wants to become a soccer player, though he's *thinking* about becoming a Bible Teacher – Oh well! My youngest daughter is speaking fluent English and Portuguese, thanks to the good work of my dear wife. Yes, time goes by so fast. Recently I met by 'chance' a lady with whom I shared the gospel 21 years ago! Her son is a pastor and she is the grandmother of a wonderful family. When first I met her it was so different. In fact, on the day of my visit there was a major family fight and her daughter was threatening her husband and children with a knife. I told them, "I came here to tell you about the peace that Jesus can offer to you and your family." The knife was dropped and tears were shed. You can imagine my joy meeting this family 21 years later and seeing what the gospel has done to change a whole family."

Leandro leads Verdade Biblica. His radio and TV teaching has helped many families struggling with drug addiction issues. The influence goes beyond Brazil reaching places like Angola. Please pray about the new *Mobile Phone Ministry*. The team are facing some legal issues that they need to solve. ■■

'MADE AT RANSKILL ...'



Here's a twist on the 'Made In Japan' slogan – we export to Japan! B-JAPAN is the only Japanese 24/7 Christian radio station. We give them a ten-minute weekday programme for people who like to listen in English. Tim Selander writes: "We have our own satellite and cable channels. Other ministries air within Japan by purchasing a few minutes a day from commercial AM/FM stations. Since the church is so small, there is relatively little material to help Christians grow, so we have a full line up of Bible message programmes for them. We get a pretty good response for Japan."

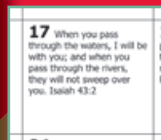
Examples –

"When you talked about the importance of praise in our daily lives, it made me – who had become only a Sunday Christian – feel like I was looking at myself in the mirror. I want to once again start reading my Bible and praying." (Male listener)

"I always listen to your broadcast. Listening today made me realise how far I've drifted from putting Jesus first in my life. Thank you." (Female listener) ■■

IT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY ...

YES, the 2010 Scripture Text Calendar is on sale now!



Created at our office, we have incorporated your suggestions. As well as room for jottings under the daily Bible text, there is a full extra page for notes. Beautiful photographs (*supplied by the GNB team and supporters*) make this a wonderful calendar to have for yourself or to pass on to a friend.

It may be the only way some people will read the Bible!

Order copies by using the contact details on this page.

Calendars cost £3.50 plus postage 90p each for up to £4.99, £1.70 above. ■■

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TEAM GNBA (GB) . . .

Derek Stringer – National Director. All dates for radio recording at Ranskill plus: OCTOBER [4-5: Cardiff, Church Anniversary Celebrations] [11: Enfield Baptist Church] [17-26: South Devon, Conferences and Services] [30-31: GNB Conference] NOVEMBER [1: GNB Conf.] [7-8: Coventry Church Anniversary] [15, 22, 29: Sheffield, Services] [30: Capernwray Bible School]

Chalmers Dobson – Business Manager. All dates at Ranskill networking with radio stations etc.

Stephen Thompson – GNB Chairman & Associate. All dates at King's Church, Boston Spa plus: October 30-November 1, GNB Conference.

Phil Critchley – GNB Senior Producer. All dates at Ranskill giving oversight to a wide range of Christian content programmes.

Brenda Critchley – Producer/Presenter. All dates at Ranskill where she multi-tasks, including responding to telephone responses to the radio programmes.

Joseph Kebbie is our associate in Africa. Based in Ghana, Joseph distributes our programmes to a growing network of stations spread across the continent.

Lynne Rushworth is a 'volunteer'. She writes and presents the radio programme *A Sideways Look* – different 'takes' on Bible

stories. She has co-authored a new book with Derek Stringer.

Elaine Parkinson is another 'volunteer'. She has compiled and edited much of our 2010 Calendar and other publications.

Margaret Dawkins, another volunteer, spends many hours sorting used stamps received from supporters. £250 received so far this year!

Pauline Stringer, Derek's wife, is also a 'volunteer'. She assists in a variety of different ways at the Ranskill office.

Phil Tunncliffe is a valued 'volunteer' with audio and visual presentations. He assists Derek with 'tech' matters!

MEDIA DIRECTOR – Watch this space! We have a new person joining the team from January.

Doug Barnett – Associate and Bible Focus Broadcaster. OCTOBER [4: Salisbury, Services] [5-9 Torquay, Brunel Manor Conference] [11: Seven Kings, Services] [N. Allerton, Services] [18: Boston Spa, Services] [20: Christchurch, Alpha] [Martock, Services] [30-31: GNB Conference] NOVEMBER [1: GNB Conf.] [3: Strouden Park, Service] [5: Ringwood, Service] [8: Cardiff, Service] [22: Walsall, Service] [29: West Moors, Service]

Bill Gibb – Associate. OCTOBER [1: Nash, Ladies] [8: Ravensden, GNB] [10-11: Lowestoft, Services] [18: Bedford, Service] [25: Southend, Service] [28: Wigston, Service] NOVEMBER [1 Wilden, Service] [8: Ravensden, Service] [15: Shoeburyness, Services] [20: Bedford, Prayer Event]

Additional Current Broadcasters –

Finding The Plot – Jane Moxon, Susan Carne, David Holme, Lily Brightwell, Richard and Amy Wardman, Sujith Alex, Jonathan Ginever.

Bible Focus – Peter Anderson, Berni Dymet, John Newton-Webb, Geoff Bennett, Vinny Commons. ■■

PRAYER FUEL

- **Monday** – Presenters and Communicators.
- **Tuesday** – Technical and Administration.
- **Wednesday** – Volunteers and Listeners.
- **Thursday** – Increase Supporters.
- **Friday** – Management and International Associates.
- **Saturday** – Daily Programmes (1 to 45 minutes) listened to in 60 countries ■■

LAST WORD

Over the years, I have collected thousands of anecdotes. A few of them are so significant that I continue to be reminded of them. This is a great one –

A Chinese parable tells of an old man who had a small farm overshadowed by a towering mountain. One day he got the notion to get rid of the mountain. With the help of his wife and sons, he began hacking at the rocks. A neighbour scoffed, "You will never finish the job, old man! There are not enough days in the year for you to do it." The man replied, "I am not as foolish as you think, my friend. I may be old and feeble, but after I am gone, my sons will continue to peck away at the mountain. Then their sons and their sons will do the same. Since the mountain cannot grow – *someday* it will be level with the ground."

God's work often takes hundreds of years with each generation doing a little bit more until finally God's work is completed. *The mountain cannot grow* -- and every chip I take out of the mountain makes it that much smaller, and in time, the mountain will be gone. I hope that if you are facing mountains in your life that this parable will serve as an encouragement to you.

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Thank you for helping us in the work that we do.

Derek Stringer

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