

The Big Picture

Here we are, already approaching the mid-point of the calendar year, so this is a good time to give you an overview of the whole ministry.



Spanish – Nathan Diaz, in Mexico City, creates programs for use on both radio and the internet. In the last couple of months we’ve added new stations in Mexico and Venezuela. Though it is losing ground, Catholicism in Latin culture still carries a level of authority not seen elsewhere. This gives rise to unique problems for Evangelicals. Giovana wrote from Spain to tell how her devout husband has begun telling their two children (ages 6 and 7) that God is not in the

Evangelical church their mother attends, but only in the Catholic church. Not surprisingly, they now prefer to go with their father to “be where God is.” Giovana asked for prayer and advice. Nathan encouraged her to not try to go head-to-head with her husband, but to demonstrate the love of Christ and speak often to the children of the love Jesus has for them and the fact that He died for their sins.

Arabic – The violence and unrest continue in many parts of the Arab World, but you know all that from exposure to the news media. However, there are other stories to be told: Khalil who works out of Lebanon has been following up an Iraqi refugee living in Jordan. The challenge is to find a local Christian church which will allow this Muslim seeker to come among them. In the meantime, they have fellowship on-line. Charles, working out of England, reported on his interactions with a Moroccan refugee in Spain. Ali has become a believer and requested a visit from a Christian who could provide him with a Bible and answer some questions. The follow up worker who visited him spoke with Ali’s aunt and she, too, is interested in accepting the Lord. In the meantime, another colleague working out of Marseilles, France, is counselling a new Algerian believer whose family is very strict. They won’t let her out of the house without a chaperone, so online fellowship is her only option.



Russia – Stories, both pro and con, regarding the Putin regime are dividing Russians. Those I’ve spoken to who have an ear to the ground there indicate that tension is growing. At the same time, our co-workers in Moscow are making progress. A new worker, Andrei, has joined them and they have redesigned the program to bring it up to date. It is now called “Plan ‘B’” with the “B” standing for “Bible.” The program emphasizes the fact that what is often humanity’s “Plan B” is God’s “Plan A.”



Guests join the program hosts to interact with listeners who are remarkably open about sharing the painful details of their lives. Alcohol and drugs continue to devastate lives and families. Frequently, listeners testify to the change God has made in their own lives and in the lives of their families. A significant number of believers are taking “social orphans” (children of addicts) into their homes to raise them in a godly environment.

Ukraine – Believers in devastated Eastern Ukraine have been giving Bibles and radios to soldiers fighting in the area. Victor, our contact for Far East Broadcasting, tells of meeting two soldiers who were part of a platoon that lost 75% of its men. After listening to the radio and reading the Bibles, both men accepted the Lord and are in touch with local Christians for fellowship.



On another occasion, Victor was in a meeting of civilians who have suffered the loss of property and loved ones in the conflict. He reported that 10 of these had decided to abandon the materialism and hedonism that dominated their lives before, when life was easy, and devote themselves to following the Lord Jesus Christ.

English – These days, we enjoy meeting the challenges associated with HopeStreamRadio. This online radio station which launched in February has proven to be an encouragement to many. Lots of positive comments are coming my way as I am out preaching in assemblies in Southern Ontario. I could try to describe it, but instead, I’ll just invite you to go to **HopeStreamRadio.com** where you can listen directly on the website or download a desktop or mobile player. Listen for yourself and make up your own mind!



Before signing off, I need to remind you that our fiscal year closes on June 30. We would count ourselves truly blessed if you were able to keep us in mind as we head into this count-down period. Though we have experienced it many times, God’s faithfulness always surprises us.

Your fellow-servant,

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