

***“Reaching the Nation and Beyond”***



**Spotlight on Radio Station Personnel**



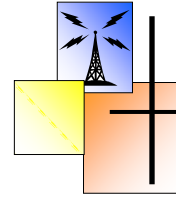
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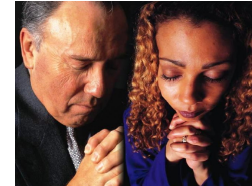


# ST JAMES CHURCH RADIO MINISTRY

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Dear Partners in Praying,

It's that time again when we bring you a news update regarding the Radio Ministry, plus a reminder about items for prayer.



In the book *“How to pray”* - the best of John Wesley on prayer - he says that the sin of omission which he feels is most frequently practised, is the neglect of prayer. May none of us ever be guilty of this.

Another distribution of 12 of Bishop Frank's messages recently took place and with it came a wonderful surprise. When we visited **Radio West Coast** at Vredenburg, we found that they had run out of messages a couple of weeks earlier. In addition to the Sunday broadcasts, they also have what they referred to as a 'graveyard shift', where they broadcast from midnight through the night. They use Bishop Frank's messages on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during these night hours, using a **different** message on each occasion. No wonder they ran short.

Ken asked who would listen to the radio at that time of night and Martha Douman, the Station Manager, explained that a number of fish factories in the area have a night shift, as does the huge Namaqua Sands project, so there are plenty of listeners who hear the messages. Praise the Lord!

Back at home Ken spent the next two days preparing earlier messages for them dating back to before November 2007 when they began using our material. That same week we made a second trip to Vredenburg to deliver the 42 extra messages and Martha was delighted.

### General

Amongst other news and items of information that filter through to us from time to time, was the encouraging news that, in spite of the general decline in radio listenership, figures for listeners to community radio are significantly up, from 20,1% to 22,5%. Total community radio now attracts 7,037 million listeners, an increase from 6,259 million the previous year. And it is on community radio - both Christian and secular - that Bishop Frank's messages are being broadcast on a regular basis.

Between the community radio stations and the Internet, our Lord has blessed him with an enormous congregation which far outstrips anything he has previously experienced in his ministry.

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From another source we received news about Afghanistan which stressed the importance of radio. There is no easy entry for Christians into that country, but a growing number of Afghans are seeking to follow Christ. Many seekers and believers throughout that country are listening to Christian radio programs. Some use MP3 players to study the Scriptures. One man proudly displayed his MP3 player and said, "This is my Bible, this is my teacher."

When we enjoy the privilege of fellowship with other Christians as we meet together to study God's Word, let us remember those who are deprived of this liberty and whose only spiritual lifeline is often Christian programs on the radio. Radio is an effectual way of reaching hungry souls.

We have made contact with a couple who are missionaries in Mozambique. They are working amongst a very remote population group and are experiencing the Lord at work in people's lives. 15% of the population speak Portuguese and the rest Makua Naharra. A radio project has been launched and they have asked for prayer so that the "official processes" will go smoothly.

God willing, they hope to be in Cape Town in December and have suggested that we meet for a chat and prayer together.

### Radio Station News

As you know, Bishop Frank's messages are being broadcast over **Revival Gospel Radio** in Cameroon. The country has a population of 18 million people with two major languages - French and English. What a wonderful opportunity to have been able to get Bishop Frank's messages into that country and for the Bishop to have personally met Rev. Tembi Alfred, Director of the radio station when he paid a brief visit to Cape Town some time ago.



At the moment the situation still looks bleak regarding **Radio Kingfisher** in Port Elizabeth. In one of the many communications we receive on an ongoing basis from the Association of Christian Broadcasters, was an item regarding this radio station. It said: "... they have re-structured and re-launched with a less preachy, more Christian worldview format."

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Perhaps that is why they have discarded Bishop Frank's messages. Please keep praying about this. We have not ruled out a personal visit to the radio station should the opportunity present itself.

We are thrilled to report that **Radio Gamka** at Beaufort West have had their licence granted and are now operating. At the moment they are broadcasting in Afrikaans and Xhosa only. The man who started and runs this radio station is a full-time school teacher and he is currently struggling to cope with both challenges. We plan to give him a while to find his footing and then hope to pay him a personal visit. In these circumstances, other types of communication can be so impersonal.

After having had to move accommodation a number of times, **Whale Coast FM** at Hermanus are excited about moving to permanent premises at the Craft Village. Construction is still in progress, so they will have to broadcast "around the building work" in the meantime. If all goes well, their new studio will be ready shortly.

Before breakfast on the day I finished writing this letter, we received a phone call from **Good News Community Radio** in the Canelands of KZN. In spite of having received the latest Release of 12 messages, they needed more. Because of the enthusiastic response from listeners, they now broadcast Bishop Frank's messages EVERY DAY. Wonderful news!

Later that same day we received an e-mail from **Whale Coast FM**, Hermanus, also requesting more messages. They broadcast Bishop Frank's messages on Sunday mornings between 9 and 9.30 and on Thursday nights between 9 and 9.30.

### In Conclusion

In "The Weapon of prayer" by Edward M. Bounds, he says: "*God's cause does not suffer through lack of Divine ability, but by reason of the lack of prayer-ability in man.*"

Martin Luther was a man of prayer and God used him to bring about the Reformation of the fifteenth century. The secret of his extraordinary activity is found in this statement: "*I have so much work to do that I cannot get along without giving three hours daily of my best time in prayer.*" Now **there** is a challenge for all of us.

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