Reaching the Unreachable

May 23, 2011

You are probably aware that much of today’s earth-shaking news centers on North Africa and the Middle East. I am continually asked if AWR is making a difference in the vast Muslim areas of the world. I can answer that question by including two sentences from a listener’s letter:

“People in Kabul (Afghanistan) don’t dare to buy a Bible. Instead, they get together in cellars secretly and listen to the Christian radio programs and discuss it afterward, having a sort of Bible study. I really know the strong effect of Christian radio and what it means to the people there.”

We can all rejoice that this listener’s life was changed with your help and AWR’s. His world was turned upside down when his two brothers and two sons were killed in the Afghan war. He writes from Iran:

“I came to a neighboring country and I want to wash my soul and body from all that is in the past. Your programs have caused me to believe that Jesus loves me and cares for me. As you know, if I commit my life to Jesus Christ, I may lose my life... However, I want to become a Christian even if difficulty comes for me.”

Shrouded in the darkness of night, crouched behind bolted doors and at times, covered over by exotic blankets, people are secretly listening to Adventist World Radio as incense fills the air.

It is rare to receive letters from this part of the world for many reasons including safety issues...
but some listeners still risk all to tell us of their new-found joy:

“For a few months now, my family and I have been listening to each one of your programs. They make our hearts to come alive again . . . In our city and country that has been torn apart by war, where there is no peace or trust among the people, where everyone is worried if they can keep themselves alive for one more day, the message of Jesus Christ is our only light. I have sincerely trusted in His Word, and I am following Him.”

In spite of his deep poverty, a sixteen-year-old refugee writes:

“I lost my mother and father and at times have lived in the park…Your radio program caused me to write to you and count you as a good friend. I want to know more about this Jesus…I know that if I follow Him, I will have a beacon of hope to cling to in this sea of pain and sorrow. How can I become a Christian?”

Radio is changing lives across the Muslim world and will continue to do so as long as there are funds to keep AWR on the air. Purchasing “airtime” does not sound glamorous BUT the results are! You have had the opportunity to sample just a “taste” of the results that we receive from this exotic land.

Thank you for your continued partnership with Adventist World Radio. Your special gift today will help reach the Muslim world for Christ.

Yours in Christ’s service,

Dowell Chow
AWR President

Adventist World Radio > 12501 Old Columbia Pike • Silver Spring MD 20904 USA > 1-800-337-4297 > www.awr.org
Copyright © 2011 by Adventist World Radio, a ministry of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists®.
All rights reserved.