Paying it Forward Pays Off

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Every time I write, it is my joy to introduce you to one or more of God’s children who have fallen in love with Him through the air waves of radio. And today is no different. I want you to meet Alex and Elsa. I know their testimony will thrill you:

It was a peaceful Sunday morning in San Salvador, the capital city of El Salvador. Alex Sanchez was sitting at home trying to make some sense out of his life. Then the thought came to him, “I’ll check out the Internet, maybe there will be something there that can fill this void in my life.” It wasn’t long before he stumbled across a Christian radio station. Could it be possible … could this message offer him the peace and happiness he was looking for?

He soon realized it was Radio Adventista. You can listen to the same programs he was listening to on the Internet at www.radioadventista965.com. This was a real problem for him because he and his wife were Baptists. Conflict! What should he do? He was not quite sure why, but he decided to keep listening because there was something about the programs that enticed him!

One day the announcer talked about a fundraising campaign to help the station stay on the air. It was a little strange, but Alex felt a desire to help financially even though he was not an Adventist. He decided to travel to the station in San Salvador and personally deliver his gift … again, out of the ordinary for Alex.

Upon his arrival he met the station director who said, “Allow me to give you a tour of our studios.”

Alex, by nature, is a shy person but the kindness and courtesy of Edwin Guzmán, the station director, won him over and he agreed to the tour. It was such a pleasant experience for him that he spent two hours talking with Edwin about how he had been blessed by the programs, and not only him, but his extended family who was now listening to the programs as well!

Soon, very strong bonds of friendship began to form between Edwin and Alex. One day Alex invited Edwin and his wife over for dinner. At dinner Alex and his wife, Elsa, confided that they
were unable to have children. The Guzman’s assured them that they would be praying for them and they also encouraged them to pray for the desire of their hearts as well.

The following day, during a program called *The Altar of Petitions* on Radio Adventista, Edwin, without saying their names, placed his friends on the station’s prayer list. Now every radio listener could join in prayer for the couple’s problem.

Edwin saw the Holy Spirit working in Alex and Elsa and He joined God at work by inviting them to the Miramonte Adventist church. Both were very encouraged when the pastor and the church family knelt down and earnestly prayed for their childless situation.

The rest, as they say, is history. Yes, you guessed it; Elsa’s lab test was positive! She could hardly control herself as she picked up the phone to call Alex and share the wonderful news. Baby Alexander came into this world in response to the faith and prayers of the family, the Guzman’s, the members of the church, and the Radio listeners.

Alex and Elsa have joined the Seventh-day Adventist church … along with little Alexander who is now one-year-old!

Because *AWR* is on the cutting edge of technology, we are reaching the world in more ways than just through the air waves. We are beginning to reach many language groups through the Internet and podcasting. But there is even more that *AWR’s* Internet programming is providing. What is it? It is outreach and it’s witnessing with a twist for God’s people.

Let’s assume you have a neighbor who moves in next door to you. You discover that they only speak Spanish, or one of another eighty languages we now have on the Internet, and you only speak English. I’m sure you will agree with me that they need to hear the gospel but since you don’t speak your neighbor’s language, what do you do? *AWR* has provided the perfect tool:

Simply go to *AWR*’s web site, www.awr.org/en/share select Spanish or the language of your choice and click to print out a beautiful invitation in your neighbor’s language. Here’s a portion of what the invitation says:

“There is a wonderful message of Peace and Happiness that has meant a lot to me, and I would like to share it with you. To listen to one or several of these messages in your own language – every day, if you like – simply visit www.awr.org/podcasts on your computer.”

Once you print it out, knock on their door, smile, and hand them their invitation inviting them to enjoy a new life in Christ. Simple and easy witnessing!

Thanks to your partnership with *AWR*, we now offer 80 different languages on the Internet. Just imagine, there are almost 2 billion Internet users in the world and now they have more opportunity than ever to discover salvation through *AWR* programing.

Every day people are listening to *AWR* on the radio, or through podcasts or the Internet, and as a result, they are committing their lives to our Savior. But in order to listen to the Advent message of salvation, stations must be built, quality programs must be produced, airtime must be purchased, and the list goes on.

We are nearing the final stretch toward home! Thank you for your financial support so God can
use the airwaves and podcasts to transform people like Alex and Elsa. The only way AWR can stay on the air is through your prayers and financial partnership. It's only because of your willingness to partner with AWR that almost 2 billion people on the Internet have the opportunity to hear the gospel message!

Yours in Christ's service,

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