Who's Keeping Score?

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In the wake of the 10-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, I believe it is fitting that I share this story with you:

As a Maoist Terrorist, the philosophy that drove Prakash’s every move was that “Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.”

By the time he reached his early 20’s he had mercilessly killed many innocent people. He had been taught to torture or to kill anyone who did not follow his orders and accept the teachings of his political party. As commander of his area, his word was law!

Years earlier, he had left his home and mother behind, hiding and raiding with his troops in the mountains. The rebel army continually trained to become more and more proficient in the art of war. Their skills became finally tuned, they were not afraid of anything. They would attack the strongest military post without hesitation.

When these rebels were in need of food or money, they would simply enter a village and take what they wanted. His stated goal in life was, “to rescue the country from evil people”.

Do you see what the Devil has done? Good becomes evil and evil is portrayed as being good.

One day they entered an Adventist Church with plans to steal all of the offering, terrorize the members and burn down the church but God had other ideas. When Prakash asked the pastor for the money, the pastor was not afraid, but responded, “You can take all of our money, but if you give your life to Jesus, He is going to change you totally.”

At the time, he thought little of the pastor’s words but some of his friends deserted his command
and joined the church. Now he began to think about the pastor’s courage and his words, “Jesus is going to change you totally.” On occasion, he would talk to some of his former rebel friends who joined the church and he could see character changes in them.

As thoughts and conflict raged in his mind, he found AWR’s program on the radio called Ashako Bani. He liked what he heard because it talked about this “Jesus” and soon his life did indeed change, just as the pastor said it would.

The Holy Spirit continued to work on his heart through the airwaves. He soon became convinced that human life was precious and he could no longer torture anyone, or, even worse, take someone’s life. He decided he must leave the rebels but he had taken an oath and now he started receiving real threats, “You will be killed if you do not keep your promises and your oath”, they said. But because of his new found friend Jesus, Prakash said, “I was not fearful at all”.

His mother saw the change in him and now she too is a believer in Jesus Christ.

Prakash stayed in continual touch with our studio personnel and on one Friday, he phoned and shared, "I truly believe in SDA’s beliefs because you teach from the Bible, you are caring people, and you people do not criticize others."

He says, “I am a regular listener to your programs every evening and I am telling many of my friends to listen to your programs as well. He says: ‘Because of your programs, now the word of God has reached far and near, so far, and so remote as my village, and people all around have come to know about the True God. It has been able to win many souls to God, we are very fortunate to listen from our place and we greatly appreciate it.’

Prakash was recently baptized! The score is: The Devil 0 and God Won!

Despite the evil in this world, because of your generosity, AWR is reaching people like Prakash across the globe, broadcasting thousands of hours each day on AM, FM, Short Wave, Internet and Podcasting. Radio continues to be one of the most effective tools to reach those who have been blinded by the Devils deceptions.

We are called to, “Go into all the world”. Perhaps you cannot go across the world or, maybe, even across town, but you can go everywhere the airwaves of AWR go by partnering with us to help finish the work God has directed us to do.

You can’t see airtime, you can’t feel it, but like the Holy Spirit, you can see its results. You just finished reading the amazing testimony of a killer terrorist who was recently baptized...the direct result of airtime.

I thank you with all of my heart for your gifts of love that keep this Advent message of hope beaming across planet earth calling everyone to a friendship with Jesus. Without your help, souls would be lost for eternity!

May our Lord keep you in the palm of His hand,

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