Have You Heard The News?

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AWR is broadcasting in well over 100 languages via the web and podcasts.

Arabic is now AWR's #1 most-requested language.

Saudi Arabia has the most podcast subscribers to those programs.

This is wonderful news because it means that, despite the massive restriction on promoting the gospel message in Saudi Arabia and many other countries, AWR is getting through and making a difference. I'm sure you are noticing that the world appears to be falling apart before our eyes. But what you are not seeing is that Christians are caught in the middle of the storm.

We may need to wait until eternity before we know the final results of how your gifts of love enable us to broadcast via shortwave and the Internet across the borders of
many restricted lands. BUT I can tell you this: Radio effectively reaches people!

Some people think that shortwave radio is a thing of the past, but God has proven them wrong! Listen to the testimonies of two people living in very difficult regions of the world.

It is so interesting to me how God works. He gives us the technology needed to reach people with His message—no matter where they live.

This gripping story arrived from a very remote part of an Asian country:

"Dear Sir, I am 20 years old now. Four years ago, one night I accidentally tuned to your radio program with my old radio. The program caught my attention. I continued to listen for about 2 months. I discovered the God I never knew before, then I decided to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord as you called on the radio. I then shared the news and the program with 5 close friends. They all started to listen to the program too, and then we decided to share it with other villagers.

"Then we got in trouble with the local authorities. The police forbid us to listen to the radio program and share it with other people. They threatened to throw us into the prison. They threatened to kick us out of school. They pressured our parents to stop us, otherwise they will not allow our families to stay in the government housing area. The police also threatened the community if they let us do what we are doing. My parents and my brothers threatened to disown me, and throw me out of the house.

"With all the pressures and heat of persecution, my group of friends discontinued and we scattered. I had to go into the jungle each night or in the early morning to listen to the radio programs alone. My parents did not know about this. After that my radio went dead. I tried to work and saved the money to buy chopping wood and bought another radio.

"Then 2 years ago my parents passed away. My brothers did not accept me anymore because they were afraid of the police. You don’t know how much the radio program has helped me to keep my sense and comforted my heart when I went through these ordeals. Thank you so much for all your hard work to bring the good news message to us. May God bless you."

- Name Withheld

Did you notice that the top priorities for this young person were firewood to keep warm and to help him cook and a radio to feed his soul? This story is not unusual. The persecution is great in many areas of the world, but they are finding the Lord of Peace through AWR.

Some people think shortwave is "old fashioned," but it is the only media that can reach across restricted borders, travel into guarded mountain passes, and permeate hearts and change lives, even when the Devil and the government does not want us
Thank you for “pressing together” in partnership with us. According to God, any portion you give to forward the gospel will be multiplied by Him!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you again.

Your partner in mission,

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AWR President

P.S. As restrictions on religious freedom become more stringent around the world, radio is more important for getting out the gospel message than ever before . . . AWR is making inroads into restricted borders and into truth- and hope-seeking hearts. Together with you, AWR is impacting lives for Christ. Thank you for sounding the trumpet-call to Life!