Stretching Our Reach

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In Asia alone there are more than a billion people who live in areas that must be reached with our shortwave radio broadcast in order to receive the good news of salvation.

Many people in the world cannot afford a TV set or a computer, and even if they could, in many rural areas they don’t have electricity.

However, many people can afford a solar-powered shortwave radio to keep them connected to the Voice of Hope. And, as you know, AWR has a radio give-away program to help targeted people groups who cannot afford even a battery—let along the entire radio. This is the reason why AWR is upgrading and increasing our shortwave broadcast capability on the island of Guam—shortwave is the only way many people in China, Vietnam, North Korea, Indonesia, and other Asian countries will hear the Advent message.

Driven by our burden to reach more people for Christ as quickly as possible, AWR has taken a leap of faith and is expanding our broadcast reach from the tiny island of Guam.

The Solution
We are upgrading one of the existing antenna/curtain arrays and adding an additional antenna/curtain array. This will enable AWR to reach all of Asia at once during prime broadcasting hours with the best signal possible. These Mighty Steel Preachers are massive! Each massive curtain is the size of a football field-wide and just as tall—all five of them aimed at Asia!

I want to share a few letters from Asia—people who accepted Christ because of you:

“I believe that your name is well known all over the country. We think that your sermons have been anointed. A lot of us wanted to write to you but could not because we live in a very remote area, where transportation is very difficult. I am using this opportunity to tell you about the native people who live here. Each building shelters 5 families of about 5 members each. So each building houses about 25 to 30 persons. If they have a radio, then at night they would gather around a fire and listen to your broadcast. Also many in the area voluntarily came to us to profess their faith after listening to your radio broadcast.”
- Bo Ngoong, Vietnam

This is the life of shortwave radio! For countless numbers, it is their only opportunity to grasp eternity! Listening is a family and village affair! When one person hears the message of life, many more are soon gathered around the radio, as the following two listener letters attest.

“Our whole family enjoys listening to Voice of Hope. Sometimes we listen to your broadcast while picking cotton in the field. Thank you for your good work! May God bless all of you at AWR!”
- Xu, Jiangsu Province, China

“Most of our brothers and sisters here didn’t have a chance to go to school. I only went to a primary school. Now I just read Bible for them. We all depend on listening to the gospel radio program to learn the Bible and know Jesus. We live far away in a mountain area. I have to walk 60 miles to the nearest post office to mail this letter. Church is more than 100 miles away so we go there once or twice a year.”
- Jiang, Gansu Province, China

Right now, these countries are being “short-changed” because of Guam’s limited capabilities, but with your help, all 5 Mighty Steel Preachers will be sharing Jesus Christ! They will be powerfully calling to Atheists, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Animists to discover the joy of knowing Jesus Christ!

China is one of AWR’s major mission-critical regions that must be covered more powerfully by this project. As you can see from today’s listener letters, people are hungering for the gospel and are responding to the broadcasts, but we must, and can do more.
I earnestly invite you to partner prayerfully and financially with the AWR team to make this exciting expansion a bold reality—striking fear into the heart of the Devil’s kingdom! There are so many people like Bo, Xu, and Jiang who desperately need to hear God’s message of hope—setting them free from the clutches of evil.

Thank you in advance for being a part of this grand and important milestone in proclaiming the last day message of hope to China, North Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, and beyond!

Your partner in mission,

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