Faith comes by hearing

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Uy is from Cambodia, a country of roughly 15 million people today. Uy joined the Khmer Rouge – the Communist Party of Kampuchea – when he was only sixteen years old.

Like many others, Uy cannot read or write. As he tells it...

“I wasted my youth serving as a soldier in a lost cause and now I was reaping my terrible neglect.”

But, thankfully, our Heavenly Father does not abandon His children to their mistakes; He takes us from where we are and leads step by step in our relationship with Him!

Uy needed someone to tell him the story of Jesus; he had to hear it, because he cannot read it for himself!

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
(King James 2000 Bible)

One day Uy and his family heard the The Voice of Love, an AWR program broadcast in the Khmer language each night. As they continued to listen to the broadcast, they began to learn more and more about God’s love for them and His wonderful plan of salvation. You see, thousands of miles away, Pastor Sophat Sorn – the AWR Khmer producer – records these programs in his home in the United States, which we broadcast from our shortwave station on the island of Guam. Little did Pastor Sorn know that Uy would be one of the thousands of listeners who would be touched by the power of the message and respond to his call over the radio waves.
Just a few weeks ago, on March 30, Easter Sabbath, more than a decade after that first encounter with the story of Jesus on Adventist World Radio, Uy, his wife and his young son, experienced the power of the resurrection in Jesus as they were baptized in the presence of their new church family!

Uy told Kim Seng, the Adventist Mission media director in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia:

“My life in the past was like a dead man, but now I live again with a new life. I have peace, hope and joy in my heart. Thank you Jesus.”

Kim Seng rightly says:

“Although around 97 percent of the population in Cambodia is Buddhist [and] the battle with unseen principalities and powers is very real, yet it seems that where the darkness is the deepest, the power and love of God comes through the strongest!”

The story of Uy Ravy is an incredible testimony to the wonderful love of our Creator God. How good it is to be an Adventist and know that He is coming back again soon for all those who love Him.

Uy’s story is a powerful proof that God is reaching people in the most remote areas with the message of hope through Adventist World Radio.

AWR’s shortwave station on Guam is probably the most powerful instrument the church has to reach the BILLIONS of souls in Asia. Since World War II, the military installation on the island is one of the most strategically-important U.S. bases in the Pacific. Even though to western travelers it may just be a remote shadow in the vast Pacific Ocean, away from the beaten paths of popular vacation destinations, Guam is once again in the headlines.

This is precisely because North Korea – probably the most reclusive country in the world – has placed Guam in its nuclear crosshairs in its recent warring. And yet, we as Christians have a message of love and reconciliation for all people, including our brothers and sisters in North Korea! “For God so loved the world ….” There is not one square inch of planet Earth excluded from God’s love!

I do not believe I am overstating when I say that AWR’s broadcasts from our shortwave station on Guam is one of the church’s most strategic tools during these final days of the spiritual warfare in the Great Controversy. Shortwave radio broadcasts reach billions of people in Asia – people like Uy in Cambodia – with the three angels’ message.

While we may not fully understand how the final days of this earth will play out, what we do know is that the time is ripe, the leaves of the fig tree in the parable are sprouting, and springtime is around the corner!

Jesus is coming soon!

We are not overly concerned about any human threat to our station on Guam, but
we must be vigilant nonetheless. We ARE concerned about the short time we have to tell the world that the end is near!

The enemy knows the extent of what God is doing through our station on Guam, so we cherish your prayers for the staff and the entire station as it silently sends the light through the clouds as radio signals, reaching homes and hearts thousands of miles away, hungering for hope and salvation.

Recently an AWR partner called me and said he wanted to make a matching gift challenge of $3,000 for Guam. So, you can double your gift by giving now. Simply note “Guam” or “project #55” when you make a gift. Or, if your wish to give so others like Uy can hear the good news of the gospel, simply add “Asia” or “#57” in the comments.

Thank you for being a faithful prayer warrior and financial partner enabling AWR to reach into the darkest corners of the world.

Stay faithful in Jesus,

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