Radio Still Works

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If you are like I am, when I’m driving, radio is a great way to hear local news and to keep in touch with world events but for much of the world it is their life-line. Radio is their primary source of information.

I hear it all the time in many countries, “I was tuning to the BBC News and I came across AWR’s program and my life changed”. It isn’t long before these listeners share this good news with family and friends who ultimately form an AWR listener group in their village; this becomes the way they celebrate church each Sabbath. This scenario is continually repeated around the world.

Such is the story of Makena, a listener in Kenya. She lives in the village of Wikililye and runs a small farm. Makena was already a senior leader in another church. But one day she listened to Wikwatyo (“Hope”) FM radio station and heard a message about the seventh-day Sabbath—the true day of worship. This surprised her, so she called the radio station and spoke to Pastor Kioko, the speaker of the program.
After speaking to our producer, Pastor Kioko, she became a faithful listener to AWR. As a diligent Bible student, note-taker and listener, she began using her notes to teach others. To date, seven people have been baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church due to her witnessing, and I am sure there are more to come!

When Makena learned God’s Advent message of hope from AWR, she was set on fire by the Holy Spirit. She is even conducting Bible study meetings with a pastor from one of the Sunday churches who is very interested in learning the Sabbath message.

Makena’s story is being repeated in many other areas by other listeners in Kenya. Within the listening area of Wikwatyo FM alone, there are now 20 listener clubs (also called “AWR Churches”)! Recently, 20 new believers where baptized! I must tell you that this phenomenon of AWR Churches is not confined to Kenya alone; it has spread to many other places around the world.

**Being Productive**

Radio is known to be one of the most cost-effective ways to reach and spread the gospel message to the greatest number of people in the 10/40 Window and in many other countries around the world.

Currently, AWR is broadcasting in nearly 100 languages, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. AWR is reaching areas of the world where missionaries and mission groups often cannot enter,

Although not registered on the church books, there are people in many parts of the world who consider themselves Adventist church members – our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Because of your partnership with AWR, their names are now on the books of heaven!**

A group of young listeners from Somalia wrote, saying:

*We listen every day to the AWR programs in the Somali language and we have accepted Jesus as our Savior. There is no Seventh-day Adventist Church in our village, but we believe we ARE a church!*

Oh, yes, these young people ARE, indeed, a church! Because “church” is more than a building or a structure, it is the believers who as “living stones,” are building on the true Foundation, Jesus Christ!

Stories like Makena’s don’t just happen by accident. They happen because your heart was touched by God to support this last day work of calling the lost to Jesus Christ.

Yes, radio is reaching many people unreachable through other means, and because of your gifts of love, it is working powerfully around the world. Thank you for being a key partner in this mission to reach the world for Christ through AWR. Without your prayers and financial support, AWR could not be the soul-winner agency for Christ
that it has become!

Stay faithful in Jesus,

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