Arsenio is an engineer by trade and his wife, Stella, is a medical doctor. They live in a far northern area of the Philippines. Some time ago, Stella was assigned to work at a remote district hospital in the mountains. This hospital is not like the hospitals you and I would normally envision, it’s more like a clinic. But it does serve the major emergency needs of the region.

On many occasions, Arsenio would accompany Stella on her journey to this back-country, small mountain community. While she was working at the clinic, he would walk the roads to exercise and occupy his time.

On his daily journeys, He began to notice—or should I say hear---something very interesting. On Sundays, at 12:30 in the afternoon, he always heard the same song coming from the homes, “Lift up the Trumpet and Loud Let it Ring, Jesus is coming again,” It was the same week after week.

Why did this song gain his attention? You see, this is the signature song our AWR program speakers play each Sunday afternoon when the program airs on AM Radio DZJC. It got him to thinking—he always saw children scurrying up and down the hills, running everywhere, so he decided to start a Bible class for the kids. Stella told him that she “would help him when she didn’t have patients.”
She continued, “Soon, the word began to get around about the classes. We had adults who listened to the radio programs who now wanted to join the children’s class. One fellow told my husband that he was listening to the radio broadcasts every week and that it was a really different doctrine than what he had been used to. He even said that he felt something different when he was listening. So, all the more we were inspired to start a new adult class in the evenings.”

“The class had many people just full of questions because of the radio programs … questions about the Sabbath and other doctrinal issues.” They were eager to talk with an Adventist.

“When there were emergency cases I could not join my husband in lecturing to the adult class but the radio broadcasts were really helpful because the people would listen intently to the radio programs. Then Arsenio would answer any questions they had.”

Arsenio said, “When we needed anything, we just had to pray for it and everything was provided. We were in need of supplies so we prayed. God found us a seven volume set of Bible pamphlets that we copied and could share with everybody … problem solved! God always provided everything we needed,”

**Help was on the way**

Eventually, Pastor Mani from AWR came to our area of work and held evangelistic meetings. Many people accepted the Lord and now a little church has been constructed thanks to Rholly, a businessman member of another SDA church. Another denomination started a church next door but they seem to have run out of money. “Maybe we can buy it soon if they don’t have the money to finish it. This congregation is growing and they will need the room.”

There is little doubt that God is changing hearts and lives through the power of AWR radio. If God would take you on a journey around the world so you could listen in, I am sure you would discover people in their homes who are searching for answers. And, in many of these homes, you would hear AWR—the true gospel message—streaming out of radios, just like Arsenio did.
I can’t tell you how exciting it is to meet and pray with new believers who trace their beginnings in Christ via Adventist World Radio. I hope you realize it is because of your prayers and financial support that these people have been able to hear the life-saving message of hope.

I know that you are deeply aware that the coming of Christ is near. As never before, AWR has the unique opportunity to blanket millions of listeners with the Advent message of hope but it can only happen with your help!

Thank you in advance for your financial partnership which will enable AWR to keep this great message encircling the globe.

In His Service,

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AWR President