Changing Lives

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You may find it difficult, but try to place yourself in the shoes – or sandals – of these people:

The family huddled in the corner of their make-shift home—adjacent to the city dump: All seven family members had finished their demanding labors for the day, eaten their meager bowl of rice, and were now resting on the dirt floor in the darkness, enjoying the shortwave program on their battery-powered radio. What were they listening to you ask? *Adventist World Radio (AWR).*
He had been tuning the radio dial to the BBC news while tending his herd of goats on the hillside when something caught his attention – a man spoke of the Creator God. He was not familiar that particular god. Oh yes, he worshiped hundreds of gods in India but he did not know this God, and so he listened. Strangely, his heart thrilled at what he heard. After some time had passed, he decided to share the news with his brother who was working in the rice paddy. Out of breath he said, “You must listen to AWR.” The two men listened together for days and soon gave their hearts to Jesus. Life for them would never be the same, nor would it be for the many others in their Hindu village who were told, “You must listen to AWR.”

Countless wrinkles betrayed her age, but, then again, it could have been the difficult years of surviving under the thumb of Communism. Even if you thought there could be a God, you dare not voice your thoughts to anyone – some comrades did that, and they were never seen again. The country has long since changed but this dear Babushka (Grandmother in Russian) had held her questions so tightly within her that they no longer seemed to matter – until the day she was tuning her radio to her favorite FM station and “accidentally” discovered AWR. It was a miracle; the announcer seemed to read her heart. The thoughts of God that had smoldered so deeply within her broke into open flames. Her joy was like that of a 10 year-old – “There is a God and He loves me!”

The preceding stories are composite stories – the lives of many AWR listeners combined. I hear their stories repeated over and over, no matter where I travel. They represent the massive numbers of “seekers” who are hurting, questioning, searching, and literally starving for answers to life’s burdens and fears.
As your mission radio, AWR shares the amazing love of God with a world population, most of which have never even heard of the name of Jesus Christ.

Your financial gift will rescue many people from the brink of eternal disaster and place them, one day soon, on the shores of eternity! The investment of your mission dollars with AWR will win souls for Jesus Christ!

Thank you in advance for your continued prayers and financial support.

In His Service,

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