Set Free in Nepal

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Are you a bit puzzled by that statement? It’s not what we would normally hear someone say in North America. These are the words of Lalmati as she talked to our producer in Nepal. She is a regular listener to Ashako Bani, an AWR program broadcast from the Gorkha FM station at the foothills of the majestic Himalayas in Central Nepal.

Lalmati phones almost every evening after the program and says those very words: “Today’s presentation was so very good, it was just like eating meat and rice.” Saying “meat and rice” is like saying, “Your program really fed me today.”

Listen to her words as told to our program producer in Nepal:
“I am now 52 years old and have been listening to your program for the last 3 years. I listen to it every evening without fail. When you pray, I pray—I actually kneel down and pray—that is the best part. I like it when you pray for all the listeners, their physical sickness, and for their spiritual wellbeing. Thank you.”

“More than that, I like your stories and sermons. Before I began to listen, our lives and the lives of our family members were not good. There was not enough food and the children were not in the proper path. I was suffering from many physical problems. I had severe back pain and suffered from the devil’s attacks very often. Before I started listening to your programs, I made liquor at home and sold it to the people…there was no peace at home. But now everything has settled down. I am very much thankful to God for making it possible.”

Isn’t it exciting to realize that your prayers and financial partnership with AWR have been responsible for MANY listeners (like Lalmati) being set free from the old life of superstition and evil? She is now a growing Christian because she has the daily AWR FM radio program to strengthen her convictions and faith in Christ, and in the Seventh-day Adventist message.

For some time now, AWR has been purchasing airtime on many Hindu FM stations in Nepal. Today, there are 26 of them! It has been so successful that we started to formulate plans to do the same in India. You see, there are about a half billion people living within the confines of the cities of India. These people don’t normally listen to our shortwave programs, so we have been working to buy airtime on select FM stations in some of India’s biggest cities, and God is opening the way!

We have experienced many roadblocks, including religious issues on getting our programs approved in a predominantly Hindu nation. BUT God is opening the way! As of this writing, we are now broadcasting programs on FM stations in 11 cities in eight languages including the recent FM station in Aizawl, Mizoram airing Meitei, Mizo and Kol Borok languages. These cities include Mumbai, with a metropolitan population estimated at around 20,000,000 people.

This is the reason for my letter.

We are potentially blanketing close to 70,000,000 people on those 11 stations and we want to do more! That’s where you come in; as a faithful partner we need your help. The cost is only $60 per program, per station. A gift of $6,000 will sponsor the programs for one month in all 11 major cities. Notice, I said “the cost is only.” When you calculate the number of potential listeners in Mumbai, for instance, that would be less than 3 cents per 10,000 people!

The people of India worship millions of gods, because they have a hunger within them that can only be filled by the One True God. Your financial gift will enable AWR to broadcast the Advent message of Jesus Christ to millions of people and, just like Lalmati, lives will be changed for eternity!
Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support. Together, we can change India for our Lord!

In His Service,

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