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This famous musician grew up in the church, but left at an early age to find his fame and fortune. He became a famous Grammy nominated singer, songwriter, and composer whose concerts fill stadiums with tens of thousands of adoring fans. Videos of him performing in concert are all over You Tube and his songs are sung by other popular musicians. Yet, in spite of his success, this superstar musician was lonely. Even when he was surrounded by 50,000 adoring fans. Read how God recently helped him find true happiness and success.  Read More

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You likely will not recognize this popular musician, but most Brazilians know Marcos Soares by his stage name Marquinhos Marval. He is a famous Grammy nominated singer, songwriter, and composer whose concerts fill stadiums with tens of thousands of adoring fans.

In addition to his own successful 25-year performing career, Marcos has written and composed songs for some of Brazil’s most famous artists. This year, one of the top hits for Carnival was a song Marcos had written for another popular group.

Yet, in spite of all his worldly success, Marcos was a very lonely and unhappy man. You wouldn't know this by seeing him perform in concert—smiling, energetic, charismatic. But when the lights went off, the darkness overwhelmed him. Listen to Marcos describe the enveloping despair he experienced at the peak of his success.

“When people attended my shows they arrived dressed very nice. After the concert, however, they were drunk, drugged, and half naked. I felt that I was the cause of the whole mess, because many of my songs are about drinking and sex. I felt very guilty about what I was doing to them.

“'In addition to the guilt, I could do concerts surrounded by 50,000 people and still feel lonely. It was a magical world for the two hours of the show, but when it was over, I went back to my hotel all alone. One year, I spent only 68 days at home. The rest of the time I was on the road. As a result, I have a 15 year-old daughter with whom I’ve never spent a single Christmas. No matter how much fame I achieved I was still feeling very empty.'

Many prominent performers experience similar feelings. Unable to live with the terrible loneliness and guilt, they try to kill their pain with alcohol and drugs. More than a few destroy themselves in the process.

This might have been Marcos’ destiny, if not for a praying mother and your support of Hope Channel. Each month God makes your gifts tangible in the lives of searching men and women. Because of your partnership, Hope Channel was in the right place at the right time to answer the prayers of Marcos’ mother, Clélia, and bring her son back to Jesus and the church.

You see, Marcos grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist home where he was taught the truth about God, salvation, and the Sabbath. As a young man, however, he walked away from it all to seek fame and wealth. This broke his mother’s heart. Clélia knew that no amount of worldly success could buy her son real happiness. So, for 25 years, this devoted mother kept a tireless prayer vigil for her son’s return to Jesus.

But how was God to reach Marcos? His celebrity lifestyle insulated him from anyone who might try to share Bible truth. This is where God used your faithful support of Hope Channel to win this superstar celebrity to Christ. Listen as Marcos shares what happened next…

'I came home late one night after a concert to find Sandra, my wife, watching Hope Channel. I ignored what was on television and went to bed. In the morning, however, Sandra told me she had watched a very interesting channel and said, 'I think it is by the Seventh-day Adventists.'

“The next night, when I arrived home, Sandra was again watching Hope Channel. I pretended not to be interested, but after Sandra went to bed, I stayed up to watch."

Thus began a journey back to God as Marcos became a regular Hope Channel viewer. In fact, he became such an ardent fan that he even left Hope Channel on at night as he slept! In the process, Marcos discovered our programs taught truths so powerful that they remarkably changed his life. He says,

“Hope Channel has made a big difference in my life. I have returned to my family, my wife, and to Jesus. Now I am really starting to live!”

On Sabbath, February 26, 2011, Marcos again stood in front of a crowded auditorium, but this was no performance. This was the real thing—Marcos publically dedicated his life to Jesus in the waters of baptism.

You can understand that Marcos’ baptism was a huge event for everyone. A mother tearfully witnessed a quarter century of fervent prayers answered. A wife welcomed her husband home. A teenage daughter got her father back. And a legion of fans and church members witnessed God bring a much loved celebrity to Jesus through Hope Channel.

After his daughter played a violin tribute for her father, the pastor gently laid Marcos under the water as cameras flashed, recording the spiritual commitment of one of Brazil’s most popular performers. Those at his baptism were also blessed to hear Marcos sing a couple of new beautiful songs that are much different than the type that made him famous. Songs of hope and God’s love for us. View the video of Marcos’ baptism and hear him sing his new songs.

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Today, Marcos uses his celebrity status to tell others about Christ by singing at evangelistic meetings and bringing his musician friends to church on Sabbath. Popular Brazilian groups like Banda Calypso and others have appeared on Hope Channel to tell the world how Marcos’ newly found faith is blessing them.

Marcos’ conversion is another thrilling example of how you are personally winning souls for God’s kingdom with every gift you send to Hope Channel. Marcos found Christ in his own home because Hope Channel is extremely easy to receive in Brazil. In addition to satellite and Internet, we have more than 350 local television stations rebroadcasting Hope Channel 24 hours a day to millions of Brazilians. This includes Sao Paulo, the fifth largest city in the world with a population of more than 20 million!

While we rejoice in these successes, there is much more we can do and must do. World population is increasing faster than the church can keep up with by using traditional evangelistic methods alone. By this time next year, the number of people on this planet will reach 7 billion. Add to this the large cities where people live in locked, high-rise apartment buildings and gated communities, and you begin to see the only real method to successfully reach the world’s masses with God’s last-day message is television and the Internet.

Hope Channel effectively maximizes these two technologies to bypass the physical and geo-political barriers that shut out God’s truth. But we can’t do it alone. Your support is necessary right now to reach more people than ever with two powerful new channels.

In the month of May, you helped us launch Hope Channel India to the second largest country in the world. As a result, 1.2 billion more people, steeped in generations of superstition and pagan traditions, can find Bible truth!

Of course, you recognize that it takes much more than the simple “flip of a switch” to give more than a billion people God’s Word. Before a channel ever shows up on a single television, studios must be built and equipped, television crews trained, truth-filled programs created, and a thousand more details cared for.

But please note this very important fact—none of this can happen without first receiving your generous financial support. It is crucial that we hear from you today. We have followed God’s lead to take these two bold actions to carry the last day gospel to all the world before Jesus returns. But we can’t complete these steps without your direct involvement.

Not only did we launch Hope Channel India in May, but on July 1 we started broadcasting to China, the most populated nation on the planet!

This is a new day for God’s church—to reach more than one-third of the global population 24 hours a day in their own languages! It has never been done before, but it can’t happen unless you show your support by sending your most sacrificial gift today.

We have entered the summer when many people travel and gifts to Hope Channel slow down. As you can see, by launching the two most important channels the church has ever known, the work of God is not going on vacation. This makes it vital that we hear from you. We cannot afford to cut back should gifts decline this summer. Your support will accomplish the greatest amount of good for God’s work at this critically important time. Your gift of $10, $20, $50, or more will make a big difference for God’s work especially at this time of the year when donations are traditionally down. It’s easy to give, just visit our fast, secure gift page and let us know that you want to share in giving the final message of Jesus to the world.

Thank you for your prayers and support that helps people like Marcos find peace and salvation. When you make your contribution, you will receive a free download of Gary’s new sermon A Faith to Live By. This practical message will challenge you to develop a faith that will not only sustain you in this life, but will also grant you an eternal life.

Together with you—taking the gospel to all the world,

Brad Thorp  Gary Gibbs

PS: As you can imagine, Marcos was not an easy person to win. No celebrity is. But because Hope Channel was in his home, God was able to reach Marcos’ heart. How many more celebrities, as well as “regular” people, are ready to accept the gospel if you and I can put it in their homes? Your gift this month will make this a reality for more than 2.5 billion people as we launch Hope Channel China, India, and expand our Internet outreach. Please let us know you approve of reaching the world with God’s last day message by making your contribution (link to donation page) today.