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Gangster Experiences New Life

'Mark', until recently, was deeply burdened from years in the Mozambique military and lived adrift in a sea of meaninglessness as an armed gangster. One day, Mark woke up ready to go about his business of stealing. Little did he know his life was about to change. **That day, Mark stole a radio, and that radio was the instrument God used to bring Mark into the Kingdom.** (Continued p6)

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Becoming a member of *Wyreless*, the new way to link up with other friends of TWR and demonstrate your resolve to see the Gospel taken to as many people as possible across the globe.



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- Opportunities to get more involved
- News and updates via email and/or the bi-annual magazine *twrconnections*

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Mainframe

National Director's Update

Being a part of such a huge network across the globe with the united vision to share the gospel with as many people as possible to transform both lives and communities, is amazing.

This fact was driven home while at the 2010 Partners Conference. It was humbling meeting those who have served for many years, and in such challenging circumstances in other countries. It was also impressive learning of the new technological advances developed by the US, and also the Chinese internet ministry which continually captures the attention of thousands of Chinese youth.

Naturally my thoughts kept turning back to the mission fields of Australia, *and New Zealand* which are in **need of a Saviour** just as much as any other land, and wondering what role TWR might have back home. We need your prayers as we seek after God in knowing how He would use TWR in reaching out to the hearts of our women and children, and also our men.

Following the conference I was privileged to visit the TWR Indonesia (LTWR) ministry, and to see first-hand the tremendous results of the investment made in the Joint Holistic Project (JHP) pilot – more on p8. It was encouraging to meet those whose lives and communities are being transformed, and to engage with the LTWR team who are great to work with and support.

Back home, I believe that God has amazing things in store for the Australian ministry, and I'll be writing to you more about this in the months to come. And I would also encourage you each to invite others to share with us in the journey through *Wyreless* and also as *Project Hannah* prayer partners, as we do all we can in speaking hope to the world.



God Bless,

Garrison M Pearse
National Director



TWR's new home!

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I pray that God will take care of all your needs with the wonderful blessings that come from Christ Jesus!

Philippians 4:19

Taking on the media

There's no doubt that one of the key driving forces in society today is the media. In all its various forms both traditional and new, the power of the media is extraordinary. Yet how that power is used is in desperate need of significant change.

In response the *Australian Media Engagement Project (AMEP)* is an ambitious missional endeavor designed to bring long lasting change to the world of media in Australia through for AMEP components: Education, Encouragement, Equipping and Engagement.

Education of Christians in and for media vocations – A Master of Arts in Vocational Practice with a major in Media Studies, developed with Tabor College, is currently undergoing accreditation. Aimed at Christian professionals working in the Media, the course is designed to strengthen their Christian conduct, and enable them to act as agents of influence in and through their work.

Encouragement of Christians in media vocations aims at providing the much needed support through small groups in retaining Christian values in what is often

a market-driven, cut-throat and isolating profession, providing support, accountability, empowerment, networking, friendship and engagement, which in turn will also give rise to important initiatives in and through Christians in the media.

Equipping the church for wise use of the media is more important than ever in engaging the Media both Christian and mainstream, in raising its voice and addressing issues in appropriate and effective ways.

Engagement of the community through 'Peace' stories, is about counter-balancing all the stories of doom, gloom and titillation of our Society, with the immense supply of good news stories of people doing good things! Worthy things! It's all about drawing attention to the 'God stuff' that's out there.

AMEP is supported by Tabor College, Transforming Melbourne and TWR, in collaboration with Sophia Think Tank (a Bible Society VIC initiative). Enquiries – Sophia Think Tank (ST2) 0411 639 979

Project Hannah in Australia



Ros Atkinson and her team...

September 2009 saw the commencement of Project Hannah's radio program *Women of Hope (WoH)* being produced in Australia for International Ministry.

Ros Atkinson (who has worked with *Women of Hope* for many years as ESL editor) became the Producer of the International English scripts, which would then be 'audio produced' into a full half hour program in the head office studios in Cary, North Carolina.

Today these WoH scripts are currently translated and contextualised into 57 other languages and cultures worldwide by individual production teams in those countries.

Ros soon established the International Script Production Team of women, Fran James (who holds responsibility for the spiritual accuracy) Marj Beck, Kim Job and Stevie Wills, who meet regularly to pray, plan, find writers, and evaluate program scripts.

The team has now grown

to nine inclusive of one man (in Australia, the US, India & New Zealand) who write *Life Issues*, and *Soul Issues* that are then crafted into a full program script.

"There have been many more women who have contributed some wonderful 'one-off' pieces to suit certain themes – such as Motherhood – from a young mum with a 3 week old baby right through to a grandmother with three grown daughters and a number of grandchildren. All these women were also prepared to come to the recording studios at HCJB to voice their pieces, to be slotted into the overall audio produced in Cary. We are very grateful for the on-going kindness of HCJB in allowing both Bruce Every and Gerard Adriaanse to assist with recordings in their studios", writes Ros.

Thanks to Ros and her dedicated team the *Women of Hope* program continues to reach the woman of the third world who has no effective resources for their

daily life and who needs friendship, compassion and understanding from her 'sisters'. She needs to know that God made her, that He loves her and has a plan for her life. She can have *hope!*

Prayer Intercessors

Join the many intercessors praying daily for the plight of women facing challenges in sometimes horrible circumstances?

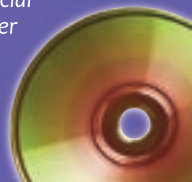
Join the Global Prayer Movement of **Project Hannah**, and receive a monthly prayer diary. *Return your details today using the **Connect Me** form.*

Women of Hope CD

Thousands have been blessed through the *Women of Hope* program Australian edition. Such gems can now be yours through the first released CD featuring *Extra Love Required*, *Not The Hot Flushes* and *Not The Hot Flushes 2*. Order your CD today using the **Connect Me** form for the special introductory offer of only...

\$9.95

(Incl. of P&H)



Americas – loud and clear

A cattleman by the name of Alfredo showed up at the office. He believes in God, having had a Catholic influence in the rural school where he was educated, but he's never been affiliated with any church nor did he have any knowledge of the Gospel. The man told me that by 'coincidence' he and his wife tuned into the Cuban devotional program last year. They were impressed to hear such a message originating in Cuba.

Since that time, Alfredo and his family have listened to all the programs in Spanish coming from Bonaire, and **they have come close to the Lord and to faith in Him**. He has become a promoter of TWR – he's aware of 15 other families who also have begun to daily listen.

The interesting thing about this story is that on the map where TWR keeps track of listeners, his area is completely blank. He insists that in his valley TWR can be heard very clearly.



The TWR representative filled a suitcase of literature for him and others who listen to TWR in his valley. Alfredo was also introduced to a house church in one of the districts of Havana – his first visit to an evangelical church.

Cuba



Africa – words of hope

Cover Story cont'd...

Mark said, "When I turned on the radio, I was looking for any station. I found TWR. I listened to programs in different languages. One program called me to pay attention. It was the program, *Weherya MwaYesu* (Words of Hope). Pastor Mutilima was talking about crime and all kinds of sins. The pastor said that those who live in sin are enemies of Jesus and they will be judged on the last coming of Jesus". This got Mark thinking and he read the passage in Revelation:

'murderers, immoral... idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.'
(Revelation 21:7-8)."

Mark placed his faith in Jesus and immediately set out to do the work of evangelism. "I told this message to my three other group members." The result? **The whole gang took Jesus into their lives and are testifying about His second coming to others.**

Listener, Mozambique



Europe – meaningful programs

I became a believer in my old age, at 71, and was baptized in 2008. My wife has been a believer for a long time, but I could not turn to God easily. I was a member of the Communist Party for 33 years, and that has so much influence on one's convictions. Now I am always listening to your radio programs from Estonia and would like to say that your two hours are most meaningful to me. **I receive your programs with my whole heart and soul.** They give me so much knowledge and encouragement in the Spirit. I am taking my first steps and I need all you give in your programs.

Listener, Russia



Asia – meaningful programs

My brothers and I used to rob forest travelers. At night we entered villages and stole food and animals. The police would round us up, put us in jail, and torture us. My wife suffered three miscarriages. We were depressed and in despair. We went to many doctors and, since I had no money, I borrowed heavily. To pay these debts, I used to rob falling into a vicious cycle of crime and debt. We began calling on all possible gods, but a deafening silence met our pleas and prayers. My nephew introduced me to your program. I listened to it one day and felt an indescribable peace envelop me. **I started listening regularly and the Word of God began working in my heart.** Whenever I was about to commit a crime, I felt an invisible presence restraining me. Please pray for me.

Listener, India

Middle East –Bringing Light to Dark Places

In Saudi Arabia, I read and studied our holy book and performed my religious duties but there was a great void that filled me. What robbed me of sleep was that I never knew what my fate after death would be. I needed God Himself to reveal the truth to me! As I was reading the holy book I came across a verse that spoke about the prophet Jesus. Curiosity grew – I knew I could learn about Him through reading the Bible, but I didn't know how

to obtain one. I cried out to God, "Show me the truth!" God answered my prayer through the radio! I came across TWR, broadcasting Christian programs in the Arabic language.

Who would ever have thought that in a country like mine, where neither a Bible nor a church is an option, **a Christian radio station would penetrate the walls and be the Bible and the Church to thirsty and hungry souls?!**

Listener, Saudi Arabia

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Flat Out for God

Tribute to **Bob Stokes**... 1915 - 2010

It was in late 1963 that Bob Stokes first met with Ralph Freed in Monte Carlo and was engaged as the Australian representative for Trans World Radio, commencing 1964.

Born August 12, 1915 in Bridgend, South Wales – Robert Henry Stokes, the eldest of 3 boys to Wilfred and Lillian Stokes was to become a man of God, whose impact for the Kingdom was felt across the globe.

A larrikin, author, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, missionary, radio host, adventurer, comic, pianist, composer, photographer, evangelist, preacher, leader, pioneer, salesman, friend to many, builder, story teller and mentor, *Bob was one of a kind* – enthusiastic, passionate, energetic, ‘embarrassing’ and inspiring.

Within his 95 years, Bob had married Cynthia (1937) and had six children. Tragically two died very young Rosemary (4 months) and Joy (18 months). He served in the United Kingdom, Fiji, India, Australia and New Zealand and preached in many other countries around the world. He established TWR in Australia and New Zealand (1964) and helped developed TWR in the UK (1968), helped developed Youth for Christ Australia, worked with the



Billy Graham Crusade, and became personal friends with Billy and many other notable figures such as George Beverley Shea and TWR founder Paul Freed.

Often in trouble as a child, he was the stuff of legends. From boyhood escapades that saw him fall off a 40 meter cliff chasing his brothers only to land on huge seaweed mound, to crashing through the top of Granny’s prized glass house, from careering through an earthquake to save his family, to smashing his leg on coral while trying to take a photo and being chased by a wild goat to be then stitched up with a blunt needle by the light of a dim kerosene lamp then had to be carried on the back of a truck to preach to the Fijians. *“Bob never does things by halves”* Granny would say when he was a boy. *“He will either go out flat out for God or for the devil!”*

Whoever knew Bob would have been blessed by

his humour and raucous laughter even at a TWR board meeting as reflected by one time Chair, Kevin Hooper. “Bob was already old by the time I met him” said Kevin. “He was struggling with his health, but he always had a quick wit that would drop in a dry comment now and then during a board meeting, and have us all laughing – the loudest being Bob himself and often relieving built up tension. At other times, Bob would even fall asleep which was quite frustrating, requiring a re-briefing just so a decision could be made.”

Both challenging and motivating, there was no doubt that he was a *true servant of the Living God* and always ready to share the hope that was within him through Christ. Born out of his considerable life experiences his messages are still found in his writings, *‘More Precious than Gold’*, *‘Gems of Grace’*, *‘More Gems of Grace’*, *‘Conflict, Conquest & the Second Coming’*, *‘Repentance, Revival & the Holy Spirit’*, *‘To God be the Glory’*, *‘Battling with Bereavement’*, and *‘Confused but not Confounded’*.

Much loved and respected by many, Bob is survived by his children Peter, Jill, Ruth and Jennie. 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Across the Waves

Transforming Indonesia

Since January 2000, TWR Indonesia – **Lembaga Pelayanan Tresna Wedharing Rahayu** (LTWR), has been bringing messages of hope to the people of Indonesia in partnership with 121 local AM and FM radio stations, and in SW – supporting the mission of the Church to transform lives and communities.

Like any TWR ministry partner, LTWR broadcasts gospel messages and other discipleship, community development and special needs programs, speaking hope to millions of lives every day. Knowing no cultural, geographical, religious or political boundaries LTWR is also reaching out through video ministry, listener groups, micro business loans, health seminars, pastor leadership training and children educational aids.

In 2009, TWR Indonesia and TWR Australia established the Joint Holistic Project (JHP) to help develop these various elements of ministry in order to broaden the coverage and increase the impact from *across the waves* into genuine ‘on the ground’ transformation, working in partnership with local churches and para-church agencies in growing the Kingdom. TWR Australia is committed to working with LTWR until 2013 in establishing the JHP, and is now seeking the support of Indonesian congregations in Australia, along with other churches to invest in the harvest, and help countless unbelievers to come to Christ.

The results of the pilot year have been very encouraging with many life transformations.



After becoming a Christian, her Muslim husband abandoned her and the children. Thanks to the support of LTWR, a new livelihood was made possible to feed the family and bless others.

During Oct/Nov 2010

two of our Indonesian friends will be in Australia, and your church is invited to learn more about this amazing journey, across the waves! To have these special guests at your church, contact 1300 123 897 – bookings are essential.



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Engaging and supporting
the international
ministry of TWR
through prayer...



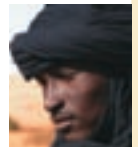
October

- Wk 1 Search for new Missional self-supporting personnel for TWR Australia
Increase of listener groups in third world countries
- Wk 2 Sufficient funds to upgrade the transmitters at Guam
Servant Leadership training in Asia and Europe
- Wk 3 Mr Lauren Libby, TWR International President, for wisdom and strength
Supporting churches and ministries affected by the global economic crisis
- Wk 4 **Happy Children's Garden** program in Cambodia
For Australian Christians to respond to God's call to International service



November

- Wk 1 TWR Australian Board Strategic Planning Review
For men hearing **Project Hannah** programs who need to reform
- Wk 2 Indonesian JHP support engagement visit in Australia
Right to Live Russian radio program uncovering the devastation of abortion
- Wk 3 Safety and good health of TWR workers across all countries
Change of listening parent's hearts considering selling their children
- Wk 4 **Light of Life** radio program for illiterate Riffi Berbers in North Africa
Listeners rejected by their family and community for becoming a Christian



December

- Wk 1 National Director, Garrison Pearse in following God's potential for TWR Australia
Safety and good weather for necessary maintenance on TWR's towers worldwide
- Wk 2 Increased engagement through TWR appeals for missions
Listeners who are freed spiritually but confined physically in prison
- Wk 3 Effective leadership of Emmanuel Mbennah, International Director, Africa
Seekers from other faiths interested in the teachings of Jesus
- Wk 4 **Solid Ground** (Tierra Firme) program addressing issues in Latin America
Wisdom and safety for believers in closed countries wanting to share their faith



January

- Wk 1 **Wyreless** – Australian National TWR Network
The countless children forced into international sex trafficking
- Wk 2 Investment grants for Missional outreach in Australia
Managing your Environment holistic care program in Africa
- Wk 3 Indonesians benefiting through the **JHP** 3 year program
Comfort for listeners whose lives have been torn apart by war
- Wk 4 **Youth in Mind** Arabic program for Syrian young people
Love to overcome stigma for those suffering HIV/AIDS



February

- Wk 1 Project Hannah International Script Production Team, Melbourne
Holistic program partnerships between TWR and Christian agencies
- Wk 2 Provision to purchase radios, bibles and church kits in Asia
Roma Gypsy families to hear stories of Jesus through solar radios
- Wk 3 The children of TWR missionaries across the globe
School resources provided to students in Paraguay and Indonesia
- Wk 4 **Women of Hope** programs across all nations
Australian Media Engagement Program



March

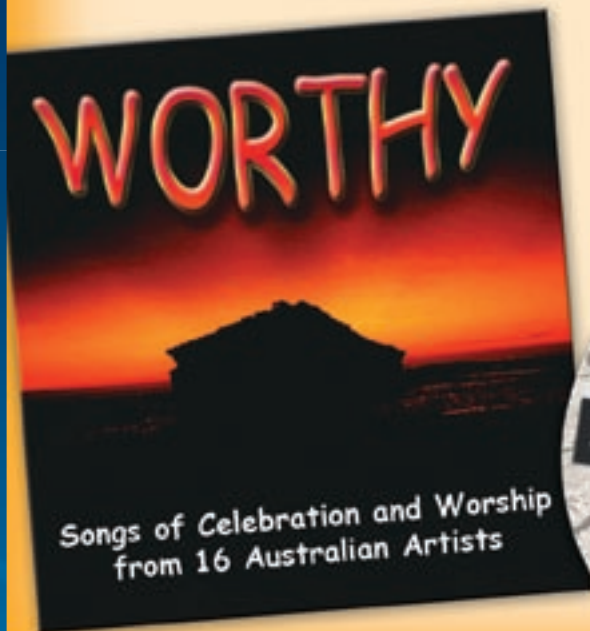
- Wk 1 TWR Australia Advisory Network members
Technological advancements in sharing the gospel
- Wk 2 China support engagement visit to Australia
Safety for staff on international business travel
- Wk 3 Marli Spieker, Project Hannah Founder, for sustainable health and ministry
Translation of TWR programs into languages/dialects not yet accessed
- Wk 4 **Thru the Bible** radio program, teaching the Word of God worldwide
Development of ministries to reach out and help with men's issues



Songs of Celebration & Worship from 16 Australian Artists

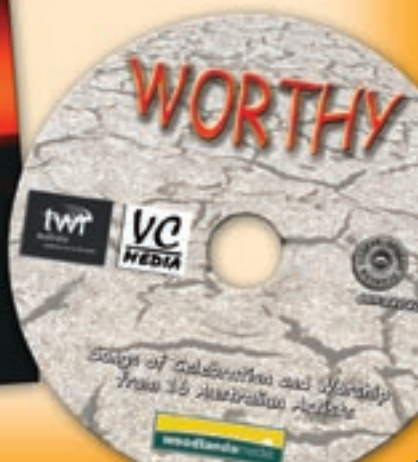
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If you have good marketing and fundraising skills, are organised and flexible, and have a passion for souls and a calling on your life for mission, then consider this opportunity.

To help get things on the move, this Missional Service opportunity for 3-4 days p/w, will require raising your own support for 12-18 months.

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