



**"Look at the nations and watch, and be utterly amazed.  
For I am going to do something in your days that you would  
not believe, even if you were told." (Habakkuk 1:5)**

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Dear Friend,

There are experiences in our lives that grow our faith and prepare us for greater service. Two stand out in my mind that I want to share with you, because they strengthened my faith in the power of God and His willingness to answer earnest prayer. They also taught me to live by faith and expect miracles.

### MY MOTHER'S PRAYER

The year was 1976, and we were missionaries in the Congo. There were warring factions in the country and unrest in neighboring countries. I was returning from a trip to Kenya, anxious to get home to my wife, Kathy, and children, Bracken and Denae. However, car problems delayed my reaching the ferry in time, so I stopped for the night at a village near the border of Botswana, close to Victoria Falls.

I was asleep in my car when a noise outside awakened me. Surrounding the car were 20 soldiers, all pointing their AK47s directly at me! This was bad. People tended to disappear in such encounters. The leader demanded that I get out of the car, and I tried to explain that I was an American missionary. I reached to get my passport, but he shouted, "STOP!" At that moment, I heard all 20 machine guns being cocked and thought my life was about to end. They took me to their headquarters, but—inexplicably—let me go!

A few years later back in America, I shared my story at a church in Oregon and sent a copy to my parents, who were dairy farmers in Oklahoma. My mother wanted to know the exact date and time of that incident. When I told her, she knew why they'd let me go. One night, she'd awakened from a deep sleep, feeling terribly distressed about my safety. She'd knelt and fervently prayed for me for almost an hour, until peace returned to her heart. When looking at the dates, we realized she had prayed just hours before my fateful encounter.



*From the tiny island of Guam, God sends messages of love  
via AWR's "steel preachers."*

## THE CAN OPENER THAT DIDN'T WORK

It was 1984, and we were back in the Congo after two years in America. I needed to make a trip to South Africa to purchase supplies and a new truck for the mission, so we decided to make it a family trip. On Friday afternoon we again arrived at Victoria Falls and decided to camp there for the Sabbath.

We had a wonderful Sabbath together, and in the afternoon, as it was getting hot, we parked the van in the shade, opened the windows, and took a nap. I awoke to see a man reaching through the window and snatching our video camera. I jumped out and hollered at him. As he ran, he dropped the camera and disappeared into the bush. We praised God for protecting our things.

The next morning, we decided to treat ourselves to one of the cans of vegetarian hot dogs that we had brought from the US for special occasions. But when I tried to open the can, the can opener wouldn't work, no matter how hard I tried. Finally, I asked my wife to get my small army can opener from my briefcase in the back of the van. She went to look for it, but there was no briefcase. That's when we realized the thief from the day before had stolen our briefcase! This was serious, because inside was the cashier's check for \$50,000 to purchase the new truck, plus my passport and countless letters that had been given to me to mail in South Africa.

We searched the area, but found nothing. We prayed earnestly, asking God to protect the mission funds. Then I remembered hearing that sometimes when people steal something like a briefcase, they dump the incriminating contents as soon as possible. So we kept searching. I walked along the Zambezi River above the falls, and there, under a tree, I saw some papers. I ran over, and found the contents of my briefcase scattered on the ground! All the envelopes had been opened and searched. All of them, that is, except the envelope with the cashier's check. It was still intact with the check inside. I also found my passport under some papers. And the can opener? It always worked after that!

## NEW CHALLENGES, MORE PRAYER

Now, 30 years and many more miracles later, God has brought us to Adventist World Radio and to some of our most exciting challenges yet.

There are more than 800 radio stations around the world transmitting God's end-time message, and AWR's broadcasts are heard in more than 100 languages! Our powerful shortwave radio station in Guam penetrates the world's most forbidden places in over 30 languages, reaching 1/3 of the entire world! Praise God!

God is using AWR to reach the unreachable. We face enormous challenges, but God has taught us to expect miracles. Here are some of our latest projects and challenges:

- 1) A few weeks ago, we were back in Africa at **Victoria Falls**. We are building—near the place where the thief stole the briefcase—an AWR Radio Station that will broadcast to **Zambia, Namibia** and **Botswana**. We will build two other radio stations in Zambia and six repeater stations at a cost of \$200,000. We will use the stations to prepare the way, then return and hold 40–50 evangelistic AWR360° meetings in the Victoria Falls area.



2) We are now investigating a unique opportunity to buy AM radio time to reach into **North Korea**. In the past, we've been able to reach North Korea only with shortwave radio, but now we are hoping to use not only short-wave, but AM radio and social media as well.



3) The worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church is asking AWR to help evangelize **Japan**. This is where AWR360° shines, as we focus on bringing listeners from broadcast to baptism! We recently took 50 Japanese pastors and lay people to the island of Mindoro, Philippines, so that each could hold an evangelistic series. Not one of them had ever done public evangelism before in their lives. More than 1,400 souls were baptized as a result, including several villages that as a group requested baptism after hearing AWR broadcasts. The Japanese pastors and lay people are now on fire and eager to share this mountaintop experience next year in Japan in an upcoming event called *All Japan 2018 Maranatha*.



In preparation, AWR has agreed to air special outreach programming on the most popular FM station in Tokyo, which is syndicated to all of Japan. This is a first for AWR, and we plan to do it for two years, at a cost of \$1 million per year.

4) We have not forgotten Mindoro in the Philippines, where until now AWR broadcast through nine different stations. Now, plans are underway to build one radio station with an antenna tall enough to cover the whole area. This will simplify operations and reduce long-term costs significantly. The cost will be approximately \$90,000.



5) We have just added a new project for China, where AWR plans to distribute 5,000 solar-powered radios to each of the 19 media center sites. I will share more exciting details soon.

6) During the next two years AWR360° will assist with more than 30,000 evangelistic events across Africa, India, Japan and the Philippines, opening the way with special radio programs. The events will bring precious new believers into our Church family. This is AWR360° — from Broadcast to Baptism!



Yes, these are enormous projects, but God has been working amazing miracles to bring them together. We at Adventist World Radio feel that Jesus is coming very soon, and He is calling us to step out in faith and not only expect miracles, but to be the miracle that someone is praying for!

Will you join us and be a part of that miracle? If so, just return the enclosed card with your gift. Let us together light up the world with the glory of God's truth.

And remember to include your prayer requests. Just like my mother's prayers were answered more than 30 years ago and my life was spared by a more than gracious God, our same God will answer your prayers today!





Thank you for making a difference. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of Adventist World Radio. When we work together to reach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, we can expect miracles!

Yours in the blessed hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Duane McKey'.

Duane McKey  
President



P.S. God hears the earnest prayers of all who call on Him, and He is opening doors for Adventist World Radio to reach the seemingly-unreachable places of the world with the gospel message. There are truly no walls, no borders, and no limits to what God can do and is doing through AWR!

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