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VOICES FROM AFRICA

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Zambia, where AWR is involved in an unprecedented evangelistic thrust, with over 1,000 evangelistic meetings being held all at one time in one city! Never before has this been done!

But wait, I will tell you more about that later. First, though, let me take you to North Africa, where floods of refugees are pouring into refugee camps, hoping to cross the Mediterranean in search of a better life. In January of this year, Dowell Chow, Kent Sharpe, Kathy, and myself were in Spain, getting reports of our six radio stations on the Spanish islands and territories. An article just published in one of the most-read papers in Spain highlights the reality of the constant massive human displacement from North Africa and the sub-Saharan countries to southern Europe. Spain is the closest European country to Africa. AWR's six FM stations are smack dab in the middle of these movements. We are blessed to have programming in six languages, so that almost all of these migrants are being reached in one way or another!

Now let me take you to southern Africa, where just two weeks ago Retha Beselaar walked into one of our churches in Pretoria, South Africa, announcing that she had found the truth. She continued to share with Pastor Pieter Swanepoel how her father is a Dutch Reform pastor, but for 22 years she had been searching for truth. Retha shared how she has two master's degrees and a PhD in counseling. She then announced that she had finally ended her quest for truth by listening to Neville Neveling's sermons on her cell phone. Kathy and I were so excited when we heard this!



AWR is now using cell phones to reach listeners around the world!



After searching 22 years, Retha found the Truth by way of cell phone evangelism.

NOW THE REST OF THE STORY:

Just over a year ago, we were in Livingstone, Zambia, where we are right now. We were looking for an affordable hotel; however, the hotel where we had stayed before was all booked. Then I looked on the Internet and found a room at the Taita Falcon Lodge, located just below Victoria Falls, an hour's drive into the bush.



When Kathy and I met Antoinette, we discovered the reason God prompted us to book a room so far from our meetings.

We wondered why we had booked a place so far out of town, as we had to drive into Livingstone to meet with the pastors to plan for this year's "AWR360° — Broadcast to Baptism" event. The next morning, we discovered why we were there. Kathy went to talk to the manager, Antoinette, who is from South Africa. We were very surprised when we saw Antoinette seated at the bar reading her Bible. She said to Kathy, "I just love studying prophecy." She then said, "I told my husband, 'We have been going to church on the wrong day.' He responded to me, 'I know that!'"

After further conversation, we learned that she had been taking Bible studies on WhatsApp, listening

to Neville Neveling's audio sermons. Neville is from Namibia. After further investigation, Kathy remembered that Neville had recently gone to Georgia in Eastern Europe with us. He went with Jonathan Zirkle, who was the site coordinator, and Neville had preached his first evangelistic sermons. This was our AWR/TMI thrust, where we had held more than 4,000 evangelistic meetings a couple of months earlier. Neville had previously figured out how to do Sabbath school and church for isolated people using WhatsApp with audio files.

While flying back to Namibia from Georgia, he said to himself, "I can use WhatsApp to do evangelistic meetings using the Revelation of Hope sermons." So, for the last year, Neville has teamed up with AWR and has trained hundreds of people to do AWR cell phone evangelism in Japan, the Philippines, India, the U.S., and all across South Africa. He just finished a series where more than 10,000 listened and shared the sermons and over 6,000 from all over the world have requested baptism. These are the same sermons on WhatsApp that Retha Beselaar has been listening to on her cell phone in Pretoria!



But what about Antoinette? This past Sabbath, we were back in Livingstone for a huge baptism, and I had the privilege of baptizing Antoinette! We praise the Lord how He had us go far out in the country the year before to meet Antoinette, and how she shared with us how she was studying prophecy using WhatsApp on her cell phone. We learned of what Neville was doing and got in touch with him. Now he's working with others, teaching them how to do AWR360° cell phone evangelism.



Antoinette couldn't hide her enthusiasm as I had the honor of baptizing her in Livingstone.

Up in Lusaka and over in Victoria Falls, all together, 17,969 were baptized through 1,075 AWR360° evangelistic meetings! And they said it couldn't be done! That's right, we were told by many that you cannot do evangelism in Zambia during the coldest month of the year — June. However, as my friend

Pastor Hamoonga said, "God is the Master of all seasons, humanly speaking. It is unbelievable what God did!" Almost 18,000 baptisms! Zambian church leaders tell us that 80% are directly related to AWR broadcasts.

By the way, the country of Zambia is giving us radio licenses for seven new radio and booster stations. These licenses will enable us to reach most of Zambia, some parts of Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, the Congo, and Mozambique! This is truly a God thing!

Back to Pretoria, South Africa, we are partnering with the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division and the Elofs-

dale Church to build an AWR broadcasting studio. This will most likely become a second Center for Digital Evangelism. From here, we will broadcast 24/7 on the Internet to the world. We will broadcast 24/7 on satellite radio to the southern two-thirds of Africa. We will also broadcast through cell phones to one of the largest countries on earth. I wish I could say more about this project. We will continue to broadcast on cell phones to the world! Suffice it to say, it is unbelievable how God is using AWR through modern technology as we use all media platforms — from shortwave radio to the internet.



Nearly 18,000 people were baptized in Zambia during our recent AWR360° evangelistic series!



When I was a young missionary, I was at a large meeting in Kinshasa, Congo (DRC). The preacher said, “Years ago, America and Europe sent missionaries to Africa to tell us about Jesus; SOMEDAY, Africa will send missionaries to the world to tell the world about Jesus!” I did not understand then, but I do now! And as I reflect about SOMEDAY, SOMEDAY always comes ... and SOMEDAY JESUS WILL COME! And TODAY we pray, even so come, Lord Jesus!

Please also pray for 50 Seventh-day Adventists in a maximum-security prison in Zambia. Our video team — Cami Oetman, Robert Stotz, and Nick and Kirsten Knecht — met them on Friday. These prisoners are on death row, awaiting execution by hanging. They were not Seventh-day Adventists when they entered the prison, but they all have become Adventists while listening to AWR!

Actually, there are 870 Adventist prisoners there who have all recently been baptized due to our AWR broadcasts — 70 of whom were baptized last Sabbath! Phenomenal! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH JESUS!



Through AWR, 50 Zambian inmates have found “New Life” on death row.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please know that every dollar of your donations goes for AWR evangelism around the world. You are making a difference in the life of people like Antoinette, and in entire villages as they learn Bible truths through AWR’s outreach programs! This would not be possible without your generosity. Thank you for being a blessing.

I cannot believe what God is doing around the world through your support of “AWR360° — Broadcast to Baptism.” Surely, Jesus is COMING VERY SOON!

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

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

Duane McKey
President



Please watch our AWR videos and share them. They will encourage your fellow members as they watch and listen to the amazing things God is doing around the world through AWR360°.