

Making Life better Christian station benefits youth, others

A new Christian radio station – especially catered for youth. That was the vision for Pastor *David who clung to his dream through three years of ill health and a growing outreach to orphans and young pastors that took up most of his time.

His vision for radio began to take shape in late 2005 when he attended a weeklong workshop for station managers run by HCJB Global Voice's staff members in Southeast Asia, John Brewer and Janice Reid.



But David's hopes were plagued by the very real commitments of his ministry – preaching in seven small house churches every Sunday, nurturing 12 orphans who had recently come to live in his house, and mentoring up-and-coming young pastors wanting to join him in his outreach. How could he add a radio station to his list of responsibilities? This would be a full-time commitment, requiring hours of focused service.

Then things got worst. David began to suffer from health problems: stomach ulcers, liver problems and more. He was placed on a strict regime of medications and bed rest. How could he plunge into the frantic work of starting a radio station in this condition?

David wondered whether his dream of a radio station would ever be realized, but the Lord was in control. In time, David's preaching responsibilities were taken over by some of the young pastors he had been mentoring. His orphans settled into their new home and required less attention. The medications helped alleviate his health problems, and he again felt able to take on new tasks. So back to his initial dream – a radio station for youth!

The station was born this February, blessed by the attendance of not only David and his family, but also the 21 orphans now at his house and several others who had prayed faithfully with him throughout the years. After the dedication, the orphans were interviewed on air, initiating an important part of David's vision for this ministry.

David's plan for this station is twofold: to reach out to the youth of his city, and to reach in, providing his orphans and others at local high schools with vital life skills as they join the team and host radio programs.

Working with Reid, an HCJB Global Voice trainer, David and his radio staff are working to develop a curriculum that will help young people who get involved with the station and its strategic outreach.

Growing in confidence and gaining skills that will help them in their future lives, these young announcers are influencing their city and even their country as they move into the future, becoming a voice of hope for a country in despair, steeped in Islam and other religions.

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Fiji

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Radio Planting – Fiji

HCJB Global – New Zealand, in partnership with Radio Light in Fiji, has been allowed to deliver radios to prisoners across the island nation. In 2007, the HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Ind., sent fixed- turned, solar- power SonSet Radios to Fiji, and several radios ended up in local prisons.

Now Fiji is requesting that more radios be sent specifically to the prisons because guards have noticed a change in the inmates. On July 9, 2008 HCJB Global and Radio light held a presentation ceremony inside Fiji's maximum- security prison.



Until that day, the prison had never allowed women to enter, ceremonies to be held or photographs to be taken within its walls! During the ceremony there was a time of fellowship with speeches from distinguished guests, singing performances from the prisoners, and a *meke* – a traditional Fijian dance. The new commissioner of prisons in Fiji is a Christian who wants to bring down barriers and make the prisons open to God, transforming the lives of the prisoners.

In addition to the prisons, HCJB Global and Radio Light have delivered radios to other locations throughout Fiji. The sets have been given to people in hospitals and individuals who cannot afford to purchase a radio. As the project progresses, HCJB Global – New Zealand continues to raise money to spread the gospel in the hard-to-reach places around the world. So far the Technology Center has sent 100 radios to New Zealand for distribution in Fiji, and an additional 8,000 SonSet radios are being shipped from the manufacturer in China for worldwide distribution.

Praise

- Praise God for the recent **Regional Council Meetings in Singapore** which involved regional staff and leaders. Valuable team building took place along with discussion of present and future ministry in the region and a successful leadership training session was conducted by Dr. Tim Tomlinson (HCJB Global Board Member and Training Director).
- We are thankful for God's kind people who have provided the way for radio stations to be built, programs to be produced and His name to be glorified again and again this past year.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the Balzers as they are on HMA (home ministry assignment).
- Pray for the Tottons' plans for short trip HMA/work trip in Jan 09. Rising costs in Singapore and weakening of the \$NZ requires increased support.
- Pray for continued funds for the Gateway to Indonesia project.

Radio Planting: a growing worldwide outreach

Asia Pacific

Radio Outlets: 62

Partners: 20

Countries: 12

Updates

- 28 local stations operated by four partners have been started in Indonesia since 2003. Through these stations many people come to Christ yearly. Some become Christians at listeners' rallies or at counseling centers operated by many of the stations. In one community, at least 27 churches began as a result of the broadcasts.
- 10 FM stations plus a low-power shortwave station are on the air in the Wantok Radio Light network based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Plans are to add another 20 stations.
- Radio School of mission, an annual training program held in Singapore since 2005, held its more advanced course for the first time this year with 14 students from across the region.
- Working with Gud Nius Redio, UCB Pacific Partners and Rhema Family Church in Honiara, Solomon Islands, an emergency medical response team from HCJB Global Hands in Ecuador helped with relief efforts following a tsunami on April, 2007.