A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE "WHERE GOD IS BLESSING" BROADCASTING NETWORK

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I have been greatly privileged to come under the influence of some of the godliest of the Lord's servants. I am thankful the Lord allowed certain ones to cross my life's path at specific times in my spiritual formation.

One of these was the founder of the Where God Is Blessing Broadcasting Network, Jack LeGrand. I was a young man, new to the staff at Glen Iris when the license was granted by the FCC to allow WGIB to go on the air. The only problem was that there were absolutely no funds for the purchase of the necessary equipment to build the station and begin broadcasting. Many years of application to the FCC and thousands of dollars in legal fees left nothing to fund the station. While there was no debt, there were no resources. All that Dr. LeGrand had was a license. A benefactor had promised to provide all the necessary money to facilitate the station. Weeks before the license was granted, this friend was killed in a tragic plane crash. It seemed all hope was gone in that catastrophe.

Dr. LeGrand asked me to accompany him as we went from bank to bank seeking a loan for the necessary funds. There was a window of time to get the funding, or the license would be lost and given to another. No one was willing to give credit to get the station up and going. Greatly burdened and discouraged as we pulled up in front of the church, I asked him, "What do we do now?" He replied, "We will look to the Lord and pray." We sent out a small mailing, and the money trickled in—\$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00. There were no major gifts, just simple donations. I learned a lesson that day that has served me well down through these forty years of broadcasting by faith: never look to a specific individual to supply your need. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19)

I learned a great lesson in the school of faith that day. The Lord used one of His faithful servants to build my faith and to strengthen me spiritually. (By the way, these broadcasting ministries have never obtained a loan to finance the work from that day and beyond. Our Lord has supplied the needs.) It is unbelievably expensive to keep up the stations and the translators. We could not do it without a host of volunteers and the sacrificial giving of folks just like you.

Share-a-thon is a time each year that reminds us of the fact that WGIB is listener supported. We will suspend regular broadcasting May 2-3 for this purpose. It is an amazing time. We ask that you listen, tell others about it, and pray about what the Lord would have you to do.

Thomas Spurgeon was a twin son of the famous so-called "Prince of Preachers," Charles Haddon Spurgeon. He had been a missionary to New Zealand when, upon his father's death, he was called to pastor the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England. These were big shoes to fill. Besides the vast church, there were the Stockwell Orphanage, the Pastors' College, almshouses for indigent widows, and a vast network of over one hundred ministries to oversee. I'm sure Thomas was overwhelmed, but he wrote that his grandfather's God and his father's God was his God. He penned these words:

Never mind the why and therefore, Never mind the how and when: For the thoughts of God are higher Than the thoughts and ways of men. Never mind the peradventure, Never mind the ifs and buts; Jesus holds the key of David, When He opens no man shuts. Never mind the fear or favor, Never mind the ayes and noes: He who sides with God and goodness Far outnumbers all His foes. Never mind the weights and measures, Never mind the have and had: Christ can banquet starving thousands From the wallet of a lad. Never mind the whence and wither, Never mind the thens and tills; Trust in God's unchanging mercy, Rest upon His shalls and wills.

Thomas Spurgeon

Please join us for Share-a-thon 2024. Thank you for your help and support.

Your servant, Chris Lamb

FROM OUR STATION MANAGER

The "Where God Is Blessing" broadcasting network is a trusted source for solid biblical preaching, teaching, and Christ-honoring music. Since the day WGIB went on the air over forty-one years ago, it has been proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Each day we broadcast the teaching of God's Word by some of the finest Bible teachers and preachers of this generation as well as many from the past. Christian radio and the internet continue to be the most costeffective tools for reaching people with the gospel and for providing a convenient outlet for believers to receive the daily, systematic teaching of God's Word. WGIB is not only heard over the air via six broadcast frequencies but also around the world through the live stream of WGIB Radio and WAY Television via the internet at gleniris.net and through our Roku channel. Glen Iris Ministries.

Every day (and night) WGIB radio provides a unique blend of ministry-focused programming for every member of the family. As a non-commercial radio station, a large portion of our daily operating costs is covered by the monthly support of our listeners. Once again, it is time for our annual Share-a-thon when many of our listeners re-commit to support this ministry for another year. It is also a good time

for the many who frequently listen to WGIB, but who have never contributed, to make a monthly pledge or a one-time gift. Would you take time today to pause and prayerfully consider how you can participate this year? We are admonished in Hebrews 13 to "not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" [Hebrews 13:16].

In just a few days you will have an opportunity to let us know that you want to help us as we carry the message of hope and life in Christ, through our Bibleteaching programs and Christ-honoring music, to the Birmingham community and beyond. You can also help us by encouraging your family and friends to listen to this year's Share-a-thon, May 2-3. The enclosed pledge form is available for your convenience if you would like to go ahead and mail-in your renewed (or new) pledge. Please use the enclosed envelope and place in the mail no later than April 25 to ensure it arrives before our Share-a-thon event. If you prefer, you can call in your pledge at 205-323-1516 during the two-day event.

Thank you for participating with us as we carry the gospel around the world.

Paul Hancock

