

The BEAM

ARMS Christian
Fellowship Group



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From the Editor

Greetings to you all in the Name of our Lord!

By way of introduction, I am the new editor of the BEAM, picking up from the excellent job that James, NQ7L has done for several years. James is now our New Rocky Mountain Director.

My wife and I spent some 50 years in missionary service, 30 of those in Ecuador and 20 more out of the home office of HCJB (Now known as Reach Beyond.). A more complete bio will can be found on page 4.

With the desire to stay closer to our membership, I am attempting a "Mini-Beam", something to be sent out to our membership on a more or less regular schedule between the larger issues. This first edition is heavy on text and short on pictures, but I hope to remedy that in the future.

My prayer is that it will stimulate your interest in mission work and increase your awareness of what is going on in God's family worldwide.

Your reaction and input would be greatly appreciated and will contribute to making this something that serves the goals of ARMS as well as the wishes of the membership.

So, on to the task!

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A Word From a Past President

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An Interpretation

Just what does the word "Missionary" mean in our title? It certainly means that we want to service missionaries, whether they are at home or abroad in any way that is possible and legal for us as amateurs. By so doing, we can be of great help and aid the cause, of spreading the Gospel the world around.

But, the word in our title has another very important meaning which we should not overlook.

It refers to OUR being missionaries on the Amateur bands! That is, our taking opportunities that are given to us to represent the Lord; The other day in QSO; a man asked me what I thought of Billy Graham. He was very surprised to know that Billy and I had taken a degree together. I was able to speak directly on the subject and get a word in for the Lord. I overheard my 'contact' chatting with another fellow after our QSO, relating the whole tale. Let us move in on these opportunities, and be real missionaries ourselves!

Then, follow up with the printed Word. If someone enjoys a conversation with you on the air, he will be happy to get your card, and if it contains a Scripture portion or a tract he will accept it graciously and read it.

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May the Lord grant that from your hobby the work of spreading the Gospel worldwide will be facilitated and also that we shall have the pleasure of bringing many precious souls to the Him

That doesn't mean that we should just jump in without the exercise of due caution: Let us be tactful and subtle; but let's get that message in for the Lord.

Dr. William A. Mierop - K2JEI
Founding President of ARMS

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.



Steve Harling

President—Reach Beyond

Missions work is hard. My grandparents went to Africa in 1925 to bring the Gospel to an unreached tribe in Northeastern Nigeria. The colonial authorities warned them not to do it. It wasn't safe. The Tangale were headhunters, known far and wide for their drunken vices, hostility to outsiders, and worship of evil spirits. The prospects for any kind of spiritual renewal among the Tangale were pretty slim.

From the time, Grandpa and Grandma got off the ship and planted their feet on African soil, it was hard slogging. Transporting themselves and their goods for hundreds of miles on foot paths, was difficult at best. Being able to communicate with the outside world once they'd arrived was virtually impossible. Then they had to build a house from mud and straw... and dig a well to get a reliable source of clean water. There were constant bouts with malaria and stomach bugs. I wondered...did they ever doubt their calling? Did they ever question their purpose?

Once my grandparents learned enough of the language, Grandpa began sharing the Gospel. There was little response. The first new believer abandoned the faith a few months after being baptized.

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The next convert was an amazing guy named Karga... but he died a premature death from 'mysterious causes.' Then the Great Depression hit. The funds dried up. Grandpa and Grandma had to live with a whole new level of uncertainty! Did they quit? Did they give up and go home? When my dad was 7 and his brother was 5, my grandparents made the gut-wrenching decision to send them away to a boarding school in Canada. I can't imagine how emotionally devastating that must have been! (I still talk about it with my Dad from time to time. A tear still comes to his eyes).

I still wonder why grandpa and grandma didn't give up. What were they thinking? Why didn't they stay on the coast of Nigeria where it was much safer? Why go inland? Why even go to Africa? Why put yourself through the hardship, uncertainty, and loneliness of living in a remote location surrounded by headhunters? Why hang in there when the fruit was so slow-in-coming?

Maybe the answer lies in this verse. ***“So... let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.” Galatians 6:9 NLT***

A few years ago, Becky and I travelled to Nigeria where we had the privilege of meeting with the General Director of ECWA (an association of thousands of churches in West Africa and 10 million+ believers). On the wall of his office he had a picture of his 'None and Pope' (spiritual father and mother). I melted into a bowl of tears when I saw it. Turns out, this incredible leader with a PhD from Dallas Seminary is a Tangale. He came to Jesus as a young child after hearing the Gospel preached by my grandad.

Don't get tired of doing what is good. The blessing will come. If not in this lifetime...most certainly in the life to come.

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Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...

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News From the Field

Guinea/Senegal

The Wamey New Testament launched in Guinea and Senegal at the turn of the year represents over 30 years of translation work by Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL Senegal. The New Testament is available in both print and audio forms.

Dedications of the translations took place in Ourous, Guinea, the Wamey homeland, and in Tambacounda, Senegal, for the diaspora. Advertised on WhatsApp and Facebook, each dedication attracted about 500 people, including Wamey priests, busloads of people from local towns, and local and international visitors.

One of the Catholic priests, Abbe Urbain, noted that the dedications were close to Christmas, when we celebrate Christ coming to live among us. *"The word in Wamey has come down to live among us. It's now our job to read it!"* A total of 1,000 copies of the New Testament were printed.

Nigeria

Barnabas Fund contacts report that nearly 300 people were killed in seven predominantly Christian villages across Kaduna State, Nigeria, in February and March 2019. In February, 41 died when gunmen attacked Karamai village. Most of the dead were women and children, or the elderly and blind unable to flee.

Around 70 people were killed in a Fulani militia attack on 11 March in Dogon Noma village. A further nine reportedly died in Nandu Gbok on 16 March. In Kajuru district in February and March, the bodies of about 73 women, some pregnant, and 101 children including babies, were interred in a *'mass burial'*. In the last two years, Fulani militants have murdered more than 6,000 in Nigeria, according to church estimates.

India

Ashvin Dhyriam reports that after concerns about permission to continue with their television ministry, he has good news. The judge found no national security issue to warrant cancelling the TV license. The next hearing is August 29th. They ask for prayer regarding the response.

<https://goodnewstelevision.com/>

Central Asia

Many of the people in Muslim regions are convicted by duty to spread the Islamic faith throughout the world. Mullahs are schooled in madrassas (religious schools for the study of the Islamic faith) and are taught that Christians are their enemies.

Many FEBC listeners are surprised when programmes demonstrate a Christ-like love through broadcasts and actions. One young listener tells of his school principal being moved by the response of an FEBC staff member. *"When the principal of my school found out I listened to FEBC, he forbade me from having any more contact with you. How I should handle this. I like your programmes very much and will miss not tuning in."* FEBC's Audience Relations Coordinator wrote back and advised the boy always to obey his elders.

However, he passed on one other comment also: *"Ask your principal if he will tune into our broadcasts just once, so he can hear what it is we teach."* The principal was so impressed that the director had counselled the boy to obey his elders, that he agreed to listen to an FEBC broadcast. *"I had no idea Christians were such good people,"* he said. After listening to the programme once, the principal told the student he could continue tuning into FEBC broadcasts and writing to the team.

Suriname

A new partnership is to bring Gospel programming to the Wayana and Trio tribes of Suriname, on the northeast coast of South America. Wayana and Trio church leaders want to reach people who have moved out of the tribes' main villages because of food shortages and now live along rivers in the country's interior. Steve Shantz,

TWR's vice president for Latin America and the Caribbean, says, *"We tend to think the unreached is the responsibility of the Christians in the west, but it will have way more impact when those indigenous people from tribes who used to travel across the jungle to war against their neighbors, are now taking them the good news of Jesus."*

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Bio for Roger Stubbe

Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB)

I was born in SW Minnesota, son of farmers, born into a Christian family. We moved to Iowa when I was 4 years old. Grew up on a farm and attended a country church, located just a half mile from our home. I received Christ as a child through the ministry of my local church, where the family was always very involved.

I got my first ham license in 1955, and still use the call WØZMU, In addition, I have had a number of other calls along the way; TI2RGS, HC1RT, HC7RT HC1B and ZL1BUP

I attended Iowa State where and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1960.

My wife of nearly 60 years and I have two adult daughters, one living in Pella, Iowa, and the other serving along with her husband as missionaries in the Philippines.

Through the ministry of our local church in southern Minnesota, God spoke to us about missionary service and we found ourselves in language school in January of 1965 with our two girls, aged 2 and 4 years with the destination of HCJB in Ecuador

My work there included transmitter installation, installing antennas, and other equipment as well as maintaining them along with our hydroelectric generating station.

Other responsibilities included administrative tasks, including Director of Spanish programming and heading up all the broadcasting operations in the dozen or so languages we used and even two years as head of Accounting during our 30 years there.

A very satisfying part of my time in Ecuador was serving on the Pastoral Team for nearly 20 years at a local Spanish-speaking church in Quito, Ecuador .

In 1083 I got an MA degree from Wheaton College in 1983 along the way. For the past 20 years I have been involved in other areas of ministries working from the mission's home office in Colorado Springs.

I am blessed to be able to serve the Lord through ARMS, and look forward to this new challenge.

Roger

Other ARMS News

The fiscal year for ARMS ended May 31. Following is a financial summary for the year.

Amateur Radio Missionary Service

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Financial Report

June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019

Opening Balance			
Jun 1-2018		\$	3,315.24
Income			
Dues	\$	925.00	
Gifts	\$	281.09	
Tracts and Pins	\$	7.00	
		Total Income \$	1,213.09
Expenses			
Office Supplies		(\$20.30)	
Postage & Delivery		(\$52.80)	
Printing &			
Reproduction		(\$316.85)	
		Total Operating	
		Expense \$	(389.95)
Closing Balance			
May 31, 2019	\$		4,138.38

Our Northwest Director KA7HGE, George, is now with the Lord. The new Director for that section is N7AAG, Charles.

The Director of the Eastern Section, W2PT, Larry is stepping down. Replacing him is John, K2GQG. (John's previous call was WB2SQX.) Their net meets on Mon 0700 and Sat at 0900 on the frequency of 3907 kHz

Our President Emeritus Charles Cox K7AQ and his wife celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary in March. Copy and paste the link below for details.

<http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/glendale-couple-to-celebrate-80th-wedding-anniversary-friday#/>

That is all we have space for this time. God's best to you all.

