

# The BEAM

ARMS Christian  
Fellowship Group



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## Notes From the Editor:

### **Roger Stubbe—WØZMU**

Greetings again to all the ARMS members. As you recall I sent out a “Mini-Beam last summer, something smaller and without the Section Reports which are done in the larger Spring and Fall editions.

The reception was quite positive, so here goes another one. I hope it makes our feeling of fellowship and unity even stronger.

This issue includes some mission reports from the field, personnel needs as well as a testimony from a person who found God in difficult circumstances. After all, we are the Amateur Radio MISSIONARY Service!

I would encourage you all to share with me missionary activity and reports of what is going on in your part of the world. I know some of you have gone on short-term projects: Others are involved over longer periods: All have the same goal of sharing the love of Christ with those who need to know it.

These reports might have to be edited to fit space available, but don't worry about that. But, if I don't know about it, I can't share it. I will make every attempt to handle sensitive information in a way not to harm the work that is going on. So, I look forward to hearing from some of you for the next publication.

## Unreached Peoples:

While the number of Christ-followers grows in many countries of the world, there are still large numbers who have never heard the name of Jesus. The church is growing in many places, and the focus of many mission endeavors these days is to work with this unreached peoples.

A great source for learning more about the unreached is the “Joshua Project.” <https://joshuaproject.net/>

This group has done a lot of work identifying these groups, their numbers, locations and their needs.

Many unreached peoples are hostile to the Gospel and anyone working among them would be in danger. Other groups are in countries where access is very difficult. These are sometimes referred to as “Creative Access” countries.

According to the Joshua Project, over 41% of the people of the world are unreached (defined as less than 5% Christian and less than 2% Evangelical. This represents over 3 BILLION people.

Open Doors ministry reports that 1 in 9 Christians face persecution daily. The Voice of the Martyrs, another ministry lists 57 nations who persecute Christians. Yet, Jesus told us we would be “...witnesses to the remotest areas of the world.” (Acts 1:8)

The numbers might appear overwhelming but, with God, all things are possible. Progress is being made and results are encouraging.

## **SIM—West Africa**

The radio ministry of the SIM-related UEEB church in SIM Benin-Togo has grown from broadcasts in three languages in 1991 to an outreach in 18 languages and 29 national and community radio stations. The Gospel broadcasts continue to open new areas for church planting in the south, where traditional beliefs such as voodoo are widespread and the north, where there is a strong Muslim influence.

The UEEB produces about 1,150 Christian radio messages each year, collectively broadcasting these over 7,000 times per year via various radio stations. Follow up to interested listeners is through phone calls, tours and the distribution of Bible study booklets.

## **TWR—Bangladesh**

Developed by TWR's national partner in India, radio home groups are small local gatherings at which participants listen to digital recordings of the Scripture-teaching *Thru the Bible* in their own languages with time for discussion and sharing.

TWR's international director for South Asia, Thomas Prasad, said outreach in Bangladesh generally encounters three kinds of people: true seekers; those revealing a little interest; and those overtly hostile to the gospel, who are about 90% of people belonging to the dominant religion. *"The bottom line is that anyone who wishes to reach out to the majority should be ready to be persecuted even to death,"* Prasad said. But the growth of radio home groups in Bangladesh points to hope for tomorrow. Hundreds of the groups are already meeting, and Prasad hopes that over a thousand will be up and running in early 2020

## **Reach Beyond—India:**

### **Listeners to Reach Beyond—Australia**

**From Madhya Pradesh State:** My family and I listen to your program regularly. I was born and brought up in an orthodox Hindu family. I am a Christian now. I want to talk to you personally, please give me your address so I can come and discuss things with you. I want to do a Bible course by correspondence. Please help me.

Give thanks to God for lives that are being changed through the power of the gospel!

**From Bihar State:** I often listen to Christian Radio Broadcasts yet I have never given them much thought. I knew nothing about your program but tuned in to Reach Beyond Australia by chance and heard a Bhojpuri program. The songs and teaching were so well presented and they touched my heart. I heard the program carefully and now I try to tune in to listen to *"Jeewan Ki Rah"* every week. Please send me information on other programs and reading material.

## **Local Radio—Kenya**

A rusted tower, a small radio transmitter, unreliable power supply, untrained staff, and a studio located 12 miles from the nearest town on a road impassable during the rainy season — daunting obstacles faced Mathew Ndemo of Kericho, Kenya.

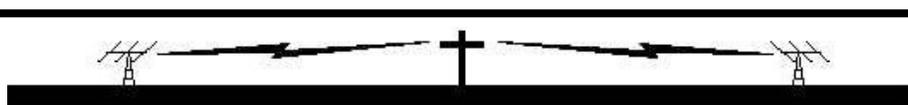
As a church elder of Christ's Co-workers Fellowship, Mathew was informed of the church's ailing radio station. It needed someone to turn it around. Would Mathew be that someone? Though he had no media training, he bravely accepted the challenge.

Mathew was born in 1968 in Kisii, Kenya, and was reared in a good "Christian" family. But in 1989, he heard the gospel and received Jesus as his Savior.

Several moves followed in the intervening years as Mathew married, pursued jobs, and sought safety from tribal violence and better schools for his children. In 2008, he moved to Kericho, located in the western highlands of Kenya. There he found a church where the teaching was enriching and the congregation friendly. It was then that he learned about the church's struggling radio ministry.

Mathew enlisted the help of two mission organizations to address some of these problems — Diguna in Germany and SonSet Solutions located in Elkhart, Indiana. Diguna provided supplies for constructing a studio in town and helped get it operational. Mathew secured a larger transmitter which greatly increased his potential listening audience. SonSet Solutions helped Mathew upgrade his studio equipment and to replace the rusted tower.

Many preachers are now using the station for their teaching. Mathew reports, "People are coming to Christ, marriages are being salvaged, and people are being set free from the bondage of immorality, drugs, and witchcraft."



## Ministry Opportunities:

### GALCOM International

Galcom is working on dates for radio station installation trips for this year. Some trips have already been planned for Peru and Haiti. More are being considered.

Please check their Web site:

<http://www.galcom.org/get-involved/mission-trips/>

They need people who are able to climb towers, install solar panels, do electrical work and/or set up the computer side of the radio station. Get your name on our stand-by list to install a station. The schedule depends on funding and licensing in the country where the station will be installed. You will be contacted as the need arises.

Some of our ARMS members have helped out in this ministry and here might be just the opportunity you have been looking for. They can be contacted at either [alastair@galcom.org](mailto:alastair@galcom.org) or [shelley@galcom.org](mailto:shelley@galcom.org).

### SonSet Solutions

Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in missions? Is God calling you to serve in ministry? SonSet Solutions invites you to consider an apprenticeship, a very cost-effective route to missionary service. We offer one-year apprenticeships for college graduates wanting to experience mission work as a possible career option.

You will receive training for missionary service. To achieve this, we facilitate the acquisition of Bible courses, help you eliminate student debt, develop your presentation skills, and help you establish a ministry support team.

They can help you gain the experience and the passion for using your skills on the mission field. For more information on our apprenticeship program contact them via: <https://sonsetsolutions.org/students/>

### TWR (Trans World Radio)

A number of positions are open at TWR, some of them long term, and some short term.

Some of these involve technical skills, such as IT, antenna and tower work while other ministries involve on the air work or office and administrative duties. Check out their needs list at: <https://www.twr.org/serve/opportunities>

These are just a few opportunities. There are many more slots available in other organizations, and we will be including them in future BEAM and Mini-BEAM publications. Maybe God has a place for YOU and your skills for HIS work.

## A Testimony from Africa

(Redacted from a report from radio ministry which is active in the region)

“I grew up in a remote town where all its inhabitants were Muslims. I started learning Quran at the age of 6, and by the time I was 12 years old, I finished whole of it, memorizing large parts in Arabic although I didn't understand that language. We were taught that only Muslims believed God and that all others were unbelievers.

“I traveled the first time out of that remote town when I was 18 years old in 1985 to our capital city. I stayed with my uncle there. The first time I encountered Christianity was when I saw this strange building downtown. I asked someone what it was, and they told me that it was a church where Christians worship God.

“Just a few days after I saw the church, I was browsing through some books in my uncle's small library and I found this big black book titled "The Holy Book," in my language. This black book (The Bible) made sense!

“My uncle was a university professor and had just come back from overseas where he had been studying. As I later found out, he became a Christ-follower while studying there. I was shocked to hear that and asked Allah for forgiveness for my touching and reading that Book of unbelievers.

“As I began to read it, what struck me the most was how logical and understandable it was. The accounts in the Bible of the accounts I found there, like Creation, Adam and Eve, Abel and Cain, Noah and so forth were so complete and understandable.

“As I continued to read it, I felt that this was the original and complete Word of God. Especially, as I reached the New Testament, the personality and the message of Jesus Christ touched my heart.

“I was still praying in the mosque five times a day, but the more I read the Bible and understood its message the more doubt I had and less and less I attended prayers in the mosque. I had reached the point where I asked myself if I was still a Muslim. In Islam if you doubt, you are out of the faith and will go to hell.

“After about two years of reading the Bible on my own, God took all the doubts from me. Now I came to believe Jesus is, "the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6). ...I took courage to ask my uncle about his faith and together we went to a church

“I began discipleship lessons and was baptized in two years later. I praise God not only for saving me but allowing me, together with my wife, to tell of His great love through Jesus Christ to my people.”



## ARMS NEWS and INFORMATION

Propagations conditions have continued to be poor on the HF bands. But the ARMS nets continue to operate. Check them out and share in the fellowship. The Regional nets tend to be a little less formal. If you can't get through by radio, the Chat Room is available. Check out the Web site to get there. It doesn't replace the contact on the air, but can serve as a temporary substitute.

Also, remember that ARMS membership runs from June 1 through to May 31 of the next year. May will soon be upon us. The renewal form is available on the Web Page. If you aren't sure when your membership runs out, email: [W0ZMU@outlook.com](mailto:W0ZMU@outlook.com) and I will let you know.

We have recently added two new members. One of them lives in California—W6NNN, Dee, and another in British Columbia in Canada—VE7BQM, Edward. If you hear either of these on the air, give them a warm welcome.

## AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

### ARMS

#### Financial Report

June 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020

Opening Balance Jun 1-2019                    \$    4,138.38

#### Income

Dues	\$	539.51	
Gifts	\$	116.00	
Tracts and Pins	\$	10.00	
In Memory of WØQCB	\$	1,006.40	
		<b>Total Income \$</b>	<b>1,671.91</b>

#### Expenses

Computer/Internet	\$99.00	
Postage & Delivery	\$99.71	
Printing & Reproduction	\$34.50	
	<b>Total Expense \$</b>	<b>233.21</b>

Closing Balance February 29, 2020    \$    5,577.08

## WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME OLD BOAT

(by Jay Sudenga, KØGAZ)

### Past President ARMS (Silent Key)

We came to this home against our will  
But soon after realized it's quite a thrill  
They dress us and bathe us and take us to eat  
Then we scoot to the dining room our friends to meet  
We sit at a table, some talk, most don't  
But remember, *we're all in the same old boat*

We're off to the chapel by wheelchair or walk  
We gather to sing praise and listen to a talk  
Some can't take it and they're off for a snooze  
But thanks to the faithful who come and don't lose  
God works in our hearts so keep up our hope  
And just remember *we're all in the same old boat*

It's morning, Praise the Lord I'm off for a walk  
To meet with my friends and have a little talk  
Hi, Sister Anne, as she raises her brows  
I'm your brother, Oh, yes, you sound like him now  
By hollering and yelling we make sure they know  
It's tough sometimes but *we're all in the same old boat*

Life starts as a baby and ends up slow  
But we must trust we reap what we sow  
I'm wheeled outside to enjoy sunny skies  
Instead of just sitting and asking all why's  
We're patiently waiting for our Savior to call  
And take us to heaven where we'll have it all

We do not know what God has for us there  
But being with Jesus will be great to share  
So keep on trusting, don't let it get your goat  
Just keep on rowing, *we're all in the same old boat*

That is all for this time around. If you have material that you think would be interesting for the ARMS members, send them along to me. I can't guarantee they will be used, but they will be considered. Sometimes articles need to be edited for space or saved for later. Remember the BEAM is **YOUR** publication and I would like to have it reflect that purpose

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