

## ***Fresh Facts from the Fishers***

### **Japan "All Shook Up"**

"I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." Those words from Revelation 3 described the attitude of many Japanese until recently.

But they feel far less self-sufficient since the 2011 earthquake caused \$360 billion of damage, including a nuclear power plant.



Fewer than one per cent are Christian. One Japanese broadcaster says a large part of the problem is "Almost all secular TV/radio stations, as well as schools, are spreading [the] theory of evolution. **They do not know who created us.** So many Japanese do not fear God and they cannot find their purpose of life. **As a result, more than 120,000 people [commit] suicide every year,** and more than 1,000,000 people are HIKIKOMORI..."

#### **Who Are the Hikikomori?**

They are adolescents so reclusive that they withdraw from interacting with anyone. They often seek extreme degrees of isolation and confinement, due to feeling worthless and purposeless.

#### **A Good Casualty of the Quake**

For decades, Japanese stations refused to sell time for Christian programs. That refusal has crumbled. Now 16 FM stations carry several TWR programs. Those high-tech Japanese also listen via internet and social media.

Japanese producers want to add *Truth in the Test Tube* to nudge secular skeptics into realizing that God exists, as step one toward their salvation. So, our broadcaster concludes, "I believe that God will use *Truth in the Test Tube* and this content will **open the spiritual eyes of Japanese.**"

To achieve that will need lots of prayer and finances. Please pray for it to happen in God's time.

## ***November 2017***

### **Invading North Korea**

If short wave (SW) radios are the only way to reach a country, but that country doesn't allow them, what can you do?

Over the course of several years, friends delivered **50,000 SW radios to North Korea.** (How do they do it? We don't want to know.) Many Christians bury them between listening times, so the donors provide water-proof wraps.

### **Speaking of 50,000...**

...That's the maximum wattage any AM station is allowed to use in the U.S. Very few countries allow Christian stations within their borders. So, when God opens a door, He opens it wide.

For example, TWR uses a million-watt AM station somewhere in the Mideast. TWR president Lauren Libby says it blankets Iran so powerfully that "you can hear it in your teeth." (Maybe if you have metal fillings.) But seriously, that kind of power really does the job! We use another million-watt station in Monte-Carlo to cover much of Arabic-speaking North Africa.

### **Patience and Perseverance**

More than 40 years ago, a lady missionary asked the Lord to enable her to use the Monte-Carlo station to reach the 5.5 million Kabyle Berber speakers in Algeria. Listener response was frustratingly sparse for many years. But recently a group of Christian Berbers got together, and 60% of them said TWR-MC was the tool God used to lead them to salvation. Now there's an all-night Skype access for listeners who want to learn more.

### **A Bigger Bark for Bonaire**

Cuba has been a primary target for 50 years from TWR's station on Bonaire, a Dutch island off the coast of Venezuela. The 100,000-watt facility delivers a solid signal to some of Cuba. But in the more distant parts, including Havana and its heavily-populated suburbs, reception is sometimes marginal.

Engineers are replacing it with a **450,000-watt** transmitter – the most powerful AM station in the Western Hemisphere! It will cover all of Cuba – plus large parts of South America and the Caribbean – with a signal that can't be ignored.

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## **Boko Haram Speaks Kanuri – And TERROR!**

Boko Haram is the world's deadliest terror group, according to The Global Terrorism Index. NPR reports, "The terror network has killed 20,000 people, abducted thousands more and driven more than 2 million people from their homes during its eight-year insurgency." Many believers have left their homes and are living together in an unofficial "refugee camp for Christians" – completely abandoned, without work or any kind of sustenance. (Major prayer request number 1.)

Revulsion against this horror seems to have created a new openness among the 4 million people who speak Kanuri, primarily living in Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon. TWR and other missions have begun a series called *OneStory*, presenting Bible stories so vividly that listeners almost feel they are observing the events. Some 200 have expressed interest in knowing more, and two dozen have indicated a desire for baptism!!

### **Voices Going Viral**

The stories speak so powerfully to the people, that the original hearers repeat them to their friends from memory, generating layers of "viral voices." Based on the impact of the few that we have done, hearers are requesting more stories – to enlarge the total impact of the biblical message. The call has come from hungry hearts who have "tasted and seen."

The voices and a recording technician will meet in Cameroon in November and December, to record the rest of the Kanuri *OneStory* story sets. Estimated cost is \$3,000.

Past experience tells us Satan will NOT just sit back and watch. Please pray for safety for those recording, and that God will use the finished products powerfully!

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## **Our Last Chance This Year To Say, "Thank You"**

We thank God often for the faithful way you stand with us in prayer and support. But we should thank **you** oftener than we do. We certainly do appreciate you!

Will you please let us pray for you more specifically? Share your prayer requests and we will help you lift them to God. Share your praises, and we will rejoice with you.

And let us take this occasion to wish you a bountiful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and a 2018 in the center of God's perfect will.



### **Targets for Prayer**

- **That engineers will be safe as they install and test the new high-power transmitter on Bonaire.**
- **That listeners in the expanded coverage area will find the station soon after it begins operation.**
- **That health issues will remain under control.**
- **For God's wisdom and provision regarding new languages and formats.**
- **The *OneStory* outreach to the Kanuri people, and protection from the Boko Haram terrorists.**
- **That each grandchild will follow God's will in all life choices.**

**Yours for Christian credibility,  
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