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# The Lykins Letter

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*For from Him & through Him & to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36*

## It's All About Jesus

About 17 years ago, Stephanie and I wrote out our “core family values,” that we wanted to ensure we communicated to our children. We even had a little jingle to help us remember them. The first of those values is, “It’s all about Jesus.” This morning, I was reading in Matthew 1 and the first recorded introduction of Jesus in the New Testament is by an angel to Joseph. Even though Mary was the first to be told about Jesus (also by an angel), Joseph’s angelic encounter is the first one communicated in the New Testament. I love the simple and profound explanation the angel gave Joseph regarding the baby in Mary’s womb – “He will save His people from their sins.” (Matt 1:21).

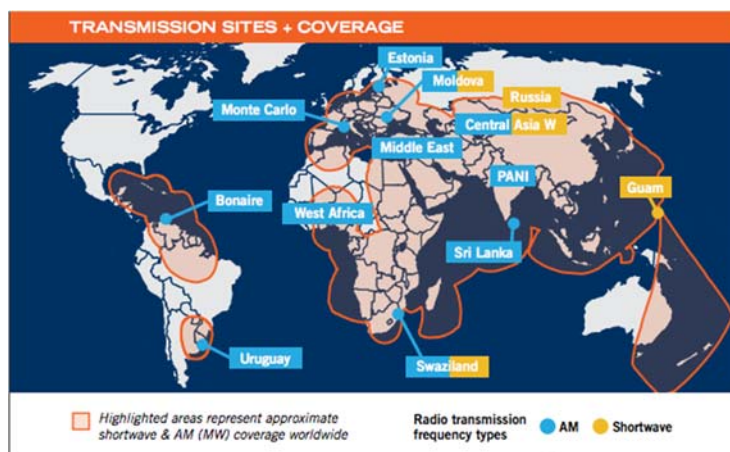
That’s why the angel wanted Joseph to name Him Jesus which means “God saves” in the Hebrew language. What a great privilege for you and me to be like the angel that visited Joseph and proclaim to others that God’s Messiah has come, and He has come to save anyone who will trust Him from their sins.

For most letters, I write about the daily and operational aspects of overseeing TWR’s Information Technology and Systems. However, sometimes it is worth remembering why the technology and systems matter to TWR. The transmitters, radios, internet, servers, computers, etc. are only a means to communicate the best news in the world to as many people as possible. God loves them and sent Jesus to save them from their sins. In other words, everything at TWR is all about Jesus.

Thank you for being a part of helping our family help TWR accomplish its goal of reaching the world for Christ by mass media so that lasting fruit is produced!

Here are some great statistics that show how wide of a reach God has granted to TWR:

- Potential audience of over 4 billion people
- Broadcast in 230 languages
- 2000 outlets



Jesus is the one and only person who can save me, you, or anyone from their greatest disease – their sins.

## Prayer Requests

We need more staff to manage the information technology and systems. Please pray for God to send just the right people at just the right time.

That the gospel message that TWR communicates daily would reach billions who would hear, understand, and respond to the gospel and that they would be connected to local believers/churches.

Safety for Daniel and Catherine during volleyball and basketball season.

For our family to grow in the grace and faith of Jesus Christ.

## The Main Event

*For TWR, the main event is having listeners hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and be given an opportunity to respond. Below are a few samples of the hundreds of listener responses that were recorded by TWR from April 2018 to June 2018.*

“I listened to your program in Bambara entitled "hate". I had a dispute with a sister in Christ, we were not in speaking terms, and, several people tried to reconcile us, but without success. I was touched by the Word of God and decided to make peace with the sister. You taught that we are called to imitate His mercies and kindness...Christ has come to reconcile us to God, so that we no longer be in conflict with God and escape the wrath of God. That's why we too must love others and not hate them.” – a listener from Côte d’Ivoire of *The Word Today - Bambara*.

“Please I am asking for prayers that my life be totally changed by Jesus.” – a listener from Madagascar of *Thru the Bible - Malagasy*.

“I am a listener from Nepal. Seven families have met in my house for many years to listen to radio programs. Recently, we were listening to the Women of Hope program on FM and non-believers heard and the program touched their heart. I share it with others and my church family, also. My habits changed after listening to this program. Our families are gaining more in faith and spiritually. – a listener of *Women of Hope - Nepali*.

