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A voice of one crying in the wilderness. . . . That is Radio Glory! The voice of Laban Ministries in the bush of Congo, has been crying out the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a remote but heavily populated—in fact, the most heavily populated—province of Congo since July, 2004. Towers For Jesus Founders and Directors, Jim and Connie Hulse, along with their daughter, Cayla, and teammates, Tom Garrels and Bob Meier, erected the 300' tower to the glory of God in the middle of no where!

Thanks to Radio Glory, the isolation, feeling of abandonment, and ignorance that comes as a result of living in a air-wave silent world, has been lessened. Dignity, connectedness, learning the Word of God, and being ministered to by Christian music are now options to the millions of listeners tuning in everyday to 89.0 on the fm dial at the mission station of Nkara-Ewa. We have no idea what stability the radio has brought to our region of the Congo. In fact, they call that stability their "mama." "When we don't hear from our mama, we get sick" is frequently heard. The chief of Longo has shared that there is less depression and so much more hope in his village of 10,000 people because of what the radio has brought to them.

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far away country. The recent great news from Congo, 8500 miles from here, is that the radio officials in Kinshasa paid for Pastor Mboma, the newly appointed Director of Radio Glory, to fly into the capital city, put him up in a hotel, and fed him for a week. Then they asked him tell them what the secret of Radio Glory's success, claiming it is the most listened to radio station in all of the Bandundu Province.

Well, how about prayer for the station since 1980? How about the blessings of God poured out on a people who love him with all of their hearts—the Congolese nationals—who face to the ground prayed for that need for 24 years? How about the leading of the Holy Spirit in the lives of 2 dear people who made a decision on East Hill while visiting Nkara to fund over half the money needed to build Radio Glory? How about all the prayers of God's people and the sacrificial gifts given so that Laban can have a voice to so many more in the bush? What about committed pastors like Mboma, Kasonga, and Masina, who faithfully preach the Gospel everyday?

The price of diesel has gone up \$100 per 55 gallon drum. What used to buy 4 barrels only buys 3. Please pray for the additional monthly need of \$540 to keep Radio Glory on the air. Nothing is closer to the Father's heart than making His Son known. He wants to populate heaven with people just like Him. He will provide.

Pastor Mboma said that thousands and thousands and thousands of people are coming to Christ through the radio ministry from the letters they continue to receive. Is that good news from a foreign land or what? You are a part of this. Rejoice!

Jim and Nancy