

A Milestone for the Gospel Broadcasting Network

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November 26, 2006, marked the one year anniversary of GBN. It is remarkable that a fledgling operation like this never missed a day without keeping its commitment to air the gospel of Christ around the clock. The enormous operating expenses became available when even the most optimistic and stouthearted wondered if they would. Fifteen hundred individuals and families are regularly sending monthly financial support. Approximately 500 congregations are contributing to the work, and most of that number do so monthly. The GBN newsletter has reached 40,000 being published each month carrying news of new developments and future plans to inform as many as we have the potential to reach. The availability of the programming is growing. From the internet at www.gbntv.org where GBN may be seen 24/7 on through the KU-Band systems and C-Band systems down to some cable TV systems in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, and Tennessee GBN is airing. The satellite off of which the signal Crawford Communications is bouncing the signal is about the size of a motor home and is positioned about 30,000 miles above the earth. AMC-6, the satellite designation, has a "footprint" that includes southern Canada, the

United States, Mexico, and the Caribbean. For an hour and a half each Lord's day 72 million may watch and hear "Preaching the Gospel" with James Watkins and "Good News Today" with Jim Dearman in India, Afghanistan, Cambodia, China, Ghana, Greece, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, and Sri Lanka over Far East TV. These areas make up the most heavily populated in the world, several billion souls! And, brethren, GBN is just getting started! Let's keep praying and working in this enormously cooperative effort to fulfill the great commission of our Lord. Finally, our sincerest thanks and congratulations to everyone connected with GBN for a great first year!

What's Next?

Plans for the expansion of GBN to link satellites that will cover the globe have been laid out in the GBN newsletter already. Without trying to oversimplify the demands of the plans, it may rightly be observed that "all it takes is money." It is quite like the preacher who had good news and bad about the funding for a needed local project. He said, "Brethren the good news is we have plenty of money to accomplish this work for the Lord; the bad news is it is in your pockets!" It truly is remarkable and praiseworthy that so many individuals and



congregations have stepped up to provide financial support for GBN. What we continually hear brethren saying is that this is something that has been needed for many years, and it is sad that we are just now doing it.

In the near future we are hoping the funds will be made available to place GBN onto cable systems in entire states like Tennessee and Alabama and possibly Georgia where most of our current financial support base resides so brethren can become more familiar with the programming on GBN. We are conscious every day that prior to his ascension to the Father, Jesus commanded us to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19-20).

One Enormous Way We Can Help

We have estimated that if 300 congregations of the Lord's people were to designate just their fifth Sunday contributions to GBN we could have the operating expenses needed for an entire year. If we may borrow a line made famous through use that reminds us of the need to move into action individually and congregationally, "If not us, Who? If not now, When?" Let's all be encouraged to very seriously and prayerfully consider giving the last fifth Sunday contribution for 2006 which is December 31, 2006, to the advancement of the cause of Christ via the Gospel Broadcasting Network.