

~ *Our Appreciation and Gratitude* ~

*Gospel Broadcasting Network*

*recognizes with sincerest appreciation and thankfulness*

*the generosity of the*

*Getwell Church of Christ*

*and their concern for evangelism in giving their*

*Fifth Sunday Contribution in 2007*

*to the work of reaching lost souls worldwide via satellite television.*

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The participation of the church here in the fifth Sunday contributions for the benefit of the Gospel Broadcasting Network is the reason GBN sent us this nice certificate of recognition. Perhaps it would be advantageous to discuss exactly why this kind of participation in the financial support of this network is needed.

#### **It Is Scriptural**

The Great Commission of our Lord may be viewed in two major areas of responsibility. One someone to go, and two, someone to sent those who are going. Romans 10:14-15 provides the scriptural basis for this observation, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall

they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

#### **It Is Sound**

The unequivocal demand of scripture is that the teaching presented in public and private always be "sound." Paul wrote to Titus, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." The ASV says, "But speak thou the things which *befit* the sound doctrine" (emphasis added). The NKJV has "But as for you, speak *the things which are proper* for sound doctrine" (emphasis added). Newman's Greek dictionary offers a definition of the original word in Titus 2:1 (*hugiaino*) speaking of not only teachers but also their teaching as being "correct" or "well-

grounded" (p. 186). The mention of the names of those presenting lessons on GBN underscores the soundness of the network. Household names like B.J. Clarke, Winford Claiborne, James Watkins, Tom Holland, Paul Sain, and many, many others indicate the commitment of the network to present material in children's programming, specials, classroom and pulpit lessons that are true to the Bible and "well-grounded" in the scriptures.

### **It Is Sensible**

Those who preach know as do all thoughtful children of God that today television presents admirable programming as well as awful programming. In our sermons and classroom presentations we often find ourselves cautioning against unrestrained television viewing. Little doubt exists that general television programming is bringing down not only the church but the whole nation. And, even though this is so, you can't seem to drag young and old away from the Tube! People are going to watch television. Studies have shown that our children are spending more time watching television each week than they are spending in the schoolroom! Christians and local congregations are practicing *sensible* evangelism when they take the gospel where the people are, and they are in front of their television sets.

A work like GBN is a very sensible approach to the Great Commission also because there is only so much financial support available to accomplish this task. In GBN you have not just the outreach work of the overseeing congregation but the combined efforts of faithful congregations from throughout the country. Where I speak on the subject I remind brethren GBN is *our* work. It is a tool now available to the entire brotherhood. Consequently, it is reasonable to suggest that the brotherhood come together in supporting it financially. The biggest challenge we are facing is the misnomer that the project is so large that someone else will fund it. If we are to succeed in this work, it will be *us* doing it and not *them*. Thank you for your understanding and support of these truths—  
*Gary McDade.*