

106.3 FM

Where Christ Is First ... 24 Hours

Turn the Radio On – Focus on Papua New Guinea

In March right after Sharathon WCIF sent funding for almost 300 solar powered radios to HCJB's "Turn Your Radio On" project. This project sends pre-tuned radios to areas with little or no electricity but which are within the range of a Christian radio signal. Here is an update on an area that received such help. This is one way we can reach to the uttermost parts of the world.

In January the newest Christian radio station in Papua New Guinea went on the air. Radio Biami began broadcasting on January 24 from the village of Mougulu (MO-golu) in the Western Province. Radio Biami is partnering with Wantok Radio Light and will be broadcasting WRLs programs when not broadcasting programs in the local language.

Pioneer missionaries Tom and Salome Hoey have been living among the Biami people for nearly forty years. The Biami people were cannibals in those early years and Tom and Salome went in to bring the gospel to this remote area of Papua New Guinea.

The Biami people have a complete Bible, a bible commentary, and study guides in their language, thanks to the work of Tom and Salome.

Two years ago a long time donor supplied Tom with a 1000 watt transmitter and antenna system in order to give the Biami people Christian radio.

Tom contacted HCJB for technical assistance after obtaining a radio license from the Papua New Guinea government. The idea was to build a small studio from where local language broadcasts could be produced and aired, as well as linking up with WRLs signal in order to provide 24 hour service.

I assisted Tom by providing technical information as well as physically traveling to Mougulu to set up the satellite dish, studio equipment and transmitter. Assisting me was Ray Leerson from Victoria, Australia as well as many Biami volunteers.

Tom was concerned because the area was experiencing drought conditions. Normally the area receives several inches of rain each night, but little rain was falling in recent weeks. This was a concern as the local crops needed the rain and for Mougulu's small hydroelectric plant to have adequate water to run. However the drought allowed us to dig a couple of trenches for running electrical cables and an RF cable without having them fill up with water or mud before the work was finished.

During the course of installing the equipment I brought out one of the SonSet radios that we are deploying within PNG. I showed the radio to the men helping. I explained how it operates and its solar power capabilities. They are quite eager to have their own radio for listening to Radio Biami. An order has been placed for a minimal number of radios and we are waiting word for their delivery. [Since the writing of this letter, they have received 200 SonSets.]

Radios that we currently have in country are not programmed for Radio Biami's frequency of 103.3MHz.

The day before I was to leave Mougulu it started to rain. In fact it rained for over 24



Continued on page 5



Charles R. Swindoll

Two passions have directed the life and ministry of Chuck Swindoll: an unwavering

commitment to the practical communication and application of God's Word and an untiring devotion to seeing lives transformed by God's grace. Chuck has devoted more than four decades to these goals, and he models the contagious joy that springs from enthusiastically following Jesus Christ.

While on the island of Okinawa during his tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps, Chuck recognized that the Lord was calling him to devote his life to the gospel ministry. With Cynthia, his partner in life for more than fifty-one years, Chuck has devoted himself to the challenge of communicating practical, biblical truth and its application in the context of God's grace.

Chuck graduated in 1963, magna cum laude from Dallas Theological Seminary with three major honors:

- Harry A. Ironside Award for Expository Preaching
- Christian Education Award for the greatest achievement in the field of his academic major
- Faculty Award for the most outstanding graduate in the opinion of the faculty

Thirty-one years later Chuck returned as the seminary's fourth president. He currently serves as chancellor.

Chuck has also received four honorary doctorate degrees in recognition of his outstanding contributions to ministry:

For more than forty years, Chuck's pulpit ministry has emphasized the grace of God alongside an uncompromising commitment to practical, biblical truth and its application. In October of 1998, Chuck founded Stonebriar Community Church, where he continues to serve as senior pastor.

Chuck's congregation extends far beyond the local church body. Through the Insight for Living broadcast, Chuck's teaching is on the air in every major Christian radio market in all fifty states, through more than 2,100 outlets worldwide in numerous foreign languages. While Chuck serves as chairman of the board, his wife, Cynthia, serves as president and CEO of Insight for Living. They have directed

its expansion to become one of the leading radio programs in Christian broadcasting. Their leadership has made Chuck's messages accessible to one hundred percent of the world's population.

Chuck's prolific writing ministry has blessed the body of Christ for almost thirty years. Chuck has contributed more than seventy titles to a worldwide reading audience.

After serving as Dallas Theological Seminary's fourth president for seven years (1994-2001), Chuck became the seminary's chancellor in 2001. He continues to uphold the school's motto, "Preach the Word," as he serves in leadership at Dallas Theological Seminary, at Insight for Living, and at Stonebriar Community Church.

Chuck Swindoll with Insight for Living is heard weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on WCIF.

FRONT ROW LIVE WORSHIP CONCERT Friday, NOV. 2 - 8:00 PM

**An incredible night of
praise & worship music on
the Front Row Live stage.
Artists scheduled to per-
form include Don Moen,
Paul Baloche, Robin
Mark, Lenny LeBlanc,
and more.**



106.3 FM

725-9243

1-877-725-9243

E-mail: info@wcif.com

www.wcif.com

9/11 REMEMBERED: A CALL TO PRAYER -

On September 11th, 2001 our nation was brought to her knees when thousands lost their lives at the hands of terrorists. But as the years have passed many have lost the sense of dependence on God that followed those attacks. To commemorate the 6th anniversary of this tragic day in American history, we invite you to a special national concert of prayer.

Starting at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, hosts Wayne Peterson and Anita Lustrea will guide listeners through a 2-hour prayer journey – which will include key Psalms read by Mike Kellogg, “live” worship music from Keith & Kristyn Getty, and spiritual insights from Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Jack Hayford, Anne Graham Lotz, and other Christian leaders.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts have been given to the ministry of WCIF

In Memory of

Norma Helton

from

Stephen and Karen Benz

Lyle and Anna Griffith

Fred and Mary Hummel

Terry and Barbara Riley

Steve and Carolyn Wilson

You will notice a new look in the
WCIF Newsletter.

We hope you'll enjoy the new
presentation. We're easing into
the new look with an issue for
September and October.



GIVING TO WCIF!

We now are able to take gifts by credit or debit cards – Visa, MC, Discover - if it's more convenient for you. You can go to wcif.com and “Contribute to WCIF” or just call us with the information – 725-9243. Thanks!

Happy Birthday

Each month we list our broadcasters that have birthdays that month. We encourage you to remember these friends and their ministry with special prayer on that day.

September 10

Dr. Tony Evans
"The Alternative View"
Weekdays 7:45 a.m.
"Urban Alternative"
Weekdays 6:30 p.m.
P.O. Box 4000
Dallas, TX 75208

September 23

"Unshackled" (57 years
broadcasting)
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Pacific Garden Mission
646 South State Street
Chicago, IL 60605

September 25

Dr. Charles Stanley
"In Touch", Weekdays 2:00
p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday
9:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 7900
Atlanta, GA 30357

September 25

Sheri Martin
WCIF Secretary
P.O. Box 366
Melbourne, FL 32902

October 3

Erwin Lutzer
Moody Church Hour
Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Songs in the Night
Sunday 11:00 p.m.
1609 N. LaSalle Drive
Chicago, IL 60614

October 10

David Gibbs, III
Legal Alert
Weekdays 4:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 4010
Seminole, FL 33775

October 15

Joni Eareckson Tada
Joni and Friends
Weekdays 1:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 3333
Agoura, CA 91301

October 16

Chuck Colson
"Breakpoint"
Weekdays 7:33 a.m.
1856 Old Reston Avenue
Reston, VA 22090

October 18

Chuck Swindoll
"Insight for Living",
Weekdays 8:30 a.m. and
7:30 p.m.;
Saturday 8:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 269000
Plano, TX 75026-9000

October 21

Dr. Woodrow Kroll
"Back to the Bible"
Weekdays, 8:00 p.m.
P.O. Box 82808
Lincoln, NE 68501

October 28

Lee J. Martinez
General Manager, WCIF
P. O. Box 366
Melbourne, FL 32902

Join us for Prayer
on Friday
mornings at 8:15!
To share your prayer
request call 725-9243
or 1-877-725-9243



Mary Whelchel

Mary Whelchel's name is often associated with women in the workplace because she has been one of those women for more than 25 years. She established The Christian Working Woman radio program in 1984 on one station in Chicago, and the program is now heard on over 500 radio stations nationally and internationally.

However, Mary has a heart for all women and she has an active speaking ministry to women in all walks of life. In addition to managing her radio ministry and its staff, Mary is also Director of Women's Ministries for The Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois. She loves to encourage women to see their worth in Christ and challenge them to greater growth in their Christian life and their outreach to others.

If you had to choose one word to

Focus on Mary Whelchel

describe Mary's style, it would probably be the word "practical." She has unique ways to make the Word of God come alive and she always gives very practical teaching that can be readily applied to any woman's life. Her style is open and vulnerable, Bible-based and relevant.

Mary says, "The only thing that will help women in the long term is God's Word. So, my first objective is not to entertain but to give sound biblical truth in a very easy-to-understand way."

Mary was chosen as 1991 Alumna of the Year for The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York. She has written fifteen books.

Mary resides in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, and is single with one married daughter.

The Christian Working Woman is heard weekdays at 7:20 a.m. on WCIF.



Your Encouragement Makes It Happen!

Cape Canaveral – Thanks for being there. My donation will never match my gratitude in my heart.

Barefoot Bay – Just a little gift/donation to radio station. Say “hello” to Lee and Martha for me. God bless all of you.

Melbourne – It is always a pleasure to write to you and to send my bi-monthly pledge. May God richly bless you all, as you give your time in reaching out to those that have needs. I know many are blessed and their lives have been changed. Only God can make that difference in those lives. May God bless you all.

Titusville – Always know we are praying for all of you, and we love you and so does our Lord Jesus Christ.

Barefoot Bay – Thank you for the wonderful programs your station provides. The music speaks to my heart and soul. May God bless you as you continue to bless all those who listen.

Melbourne – Hello to all at WCIF. I am sorry this is late for my Sharathon pledge, I have had financial difficulties. But here is July and August, \$ a month. I am really blessed by your station and listen to it during the day and sometimes all night (I really enjoy Mike Kellogg’s Music Through the Night). Thank you for the many ministries featured on WCIF. God Bless.

Palm Bay – This is half of my pledge for 2007. Thank you for all the great years, may the glory be to God.

Rockledge – love WCIF. I work nights and keep the music on all night.

Melbourne – Thank you, thank you, thank you for Christmas in July on Wednesday. Was out mowing my yard and I actually felt cooler – it was wonderful! I love your ministry so much, I listen all the time but mostly all morning, and my “brother in the Lord” who does it then is doing a terrific job. Thank him from me. Lord continue to bless you all.

Rockledge – I listen to WCIF always, most times my radio is on all night and I enjoy listening to the special music, especially July-Christmas. May God bless you.

Cocoa – Mom was quickly declining. Alzheimer’s disease prevented her from finding the words she wanted to say. Conversations were rather one-sided and there were long periods of verbal quietness. But she often had WCIF on throughout the day and always at night. About 2am I was awakened to the sounds of whistling coming from her room. I was astounded as

she was keeping up with the song, “How Great Thou Art”. Her pitch was perfect! She could no longer verbalize the words but she never forgot the tune. I just laid in my bed tearfully smiling! Thank you for the comfort and joy your work at the station brought to her life!

Rockledge – We have been blessed and encouraged to receive your ministry regularly over the media. Please keep it going. Sometimes learning, sometimes confirming. Always time well spent in growing closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Focus on Papua New Guinea Continued from page 1

hours, dropping over eight inches of rain in that time period. So we see the Lord’s timing in all of the events on this trip.

PRAISES:

- God is opening doors of opportunity for the nationals to continue the work here. Wantok Radio Light (WRL) is in the process of getting new property to move the expanding station.
- A new staff member was added to the news team that has helped to expand the listenership and given WRL favor with people in the eastern part of PNG
- Ravi Zacharias has responded positively to WRL’s invitation to visit PNG possibly in 2008 or 2009.

PRAYER:

- Please pray as many things need to be done here.
- An engineer is needed
 - Pray that the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) will allow us to co-site with them on their tower in certain areas to be able to broadcast Christian Radio.
 - Pray that the people of PNG will take responsibility to financially fund Wantok Radio Light and not depend on others to fund it.

Clergy Appreciation month is October –

It’s never too early to start planning to offer encouragement to your pastors and their families!

WCIF Day Sponsors

Thanks to our Day Sponsors who have underwritten the cost of a broadcast day on WCIF. If you, your church or business would like information about being a Day Sponsor please call WCIF at 725-9243 or toll-free at 1-877-725-9243.

September

- September 1 – Debbie Wall celebrating the memory of her wonderful husband Bill Wall
- September 3 – Henry and Martha Phelps in honor of their fifty-third wedding anniversary
- September 4 – Paul and Emily Hilty in honor of their fifty-third wedding anniversary
- September 5 – Joseph and Sandy Grutta in memory of their grandparents Joseph and Anna Grutta and parents Harold and Lydia Zwick
- September 7 – Laz and Lori Claro in honor of their twenty-first wedding anniversary
- September 8 – Al and Joan Bodan in memory of their parents Allan, Ally, Marion and Ted
- September 9 – Skip and Lynne Wren in honor of their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary
- September 10 – Gene and Janet Patterson in honor of their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary
- September 11 – Joe and Theresa Tolle in honor of their thirteenth wedding anniversary on September 10 and their children Taryn, T.J. and Taelyn
- September 12 – Kay Brown to the Glory of God in honor of her precious daughter Elizabeth and in memory of her beloved son Tommy
- September 16 – Tim and Peggy McCoy in thanksgiving for the blessings received during their thirty-five years of marriage
- September 19 – Paul and Valerie Strickland in thanksgiving for their family and God's blessings on their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary
- September 25 – Michael and Carol in honor of their thirty-first wedding anniversary
- September 28 – David and Helen Tibbetts in honor of their eleventh wedding anniversary
- September 29 – Dale and Roy Baker in honor of their grandson Landon on his fourth birthday

October

- October 1 – Jeff Allen in honor of his dad Harold Allen on his birthday
- October 7 – Curt and Linda Smith in honor of their granddaughter Julia Galik on her tenth birthday
- October 11 – In honor of their precious granddaughter Alexa on her birthday with love from Poppa and Gramma John and Nancy Blake
- October 13 – Linda Munro in honor of her dad Linford Weiss as he celebrates his eighty-ninth birthday. Thanking God for the wonderful relationship He has given me with my dad
- October 14 – Chris Fadden in honor of his wife Daniela on her birthday
- October 17 – Mark Maslin and Cindy Maslin in honor of Mark's wife Sharon on her birthday
- October 18 – Paul and Lorna Nunn in honor of Velma Haeussler on her ninety-eighth birthday
- October 20 – Robin and Annette Osborne in honor of the wedding of their daughter Roanne to John Gaskin
- October 23 – John and Becky Boncek in honor of their thirtieth wedding anniversary
- October 24 – Anonymous in honor of Joshua and Nicholas Stephens
- October 25 – Mike and Sandie Almond in honor of their son Noah Michael Almond on his fourth birthday
- October 29 – Pete and Vicky Sorenson celebrating the memory of the life of a wonderful daughter Kelly