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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

When some problem arrives in our own little corner, we often become desperate to move God to act on our behalf. The Bible clearly states that such prayer will be ineffective if we purposely desist from helping the needy.

*Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.*

— PROVERBS 21:13.

Some thirty years ago our first ministry in black Africa was in Mombasa. For some, Mombasa might seem a long way from where we live and from where our personal interests are. But, it is to such precious people who live in distant places that Dorothy and I still minister. Praise God, our united prayers can triumphantly turn the tide of spiritual warfare as together we count on the Finished Work of the Lord Jesus when Satan became a defeated foe.

God exposed Satan's guile in one of the names by which he was called: "*That old serpent*" REVELATION 12:9. In the garden of Eden, Satan hid himself in a serpent and poised himself as an angel of light. Also in Zechariah 3:1, we read that Satan stood before the "*Angel of the Lord*" as an adversary. Today, Satan is still in a vicious adversarial relationship as he seeks to destroy the work of the Lord. And to this day, as an adversary of all that God is doing, Satan's strategy is to hide himself behind others and pretend to be an angel of light!

Sadly, the serpent's delusive strategy can also establish his beach-head in those of us whose lives are characterized by self-centeredness, self-absorption and self-preservation. The alarming result is, that when opportunities abound, our ears are stopped to "*the cry of the poor*" for help in distant places.

May God deliver us all from total absorption with "my health," "my finances" or "my house," thereby giving Satan a lodging place in our lives. No! Instead, let us become the vessel of the risen Lord Jesus Christ in the spiritual battle of our day.

We pray that the following ministry report will deeply encourage you to look away from difficult circumstances in which we may find ourselves, and to intercede for the following mentioned people with whom we will spend eternity!

God has given us these projects of faith as we "*look on the fields white already to harvest.*" Together, let us respond to the "*cry of the poor.*"

In His victory.

Good News!

Thank you for your prayers in response to our "Prayer Request" column of last month. As the following testimonies from Kenya indicate, we have good news! **The short daily ministry of Dorothy [DDD] is second in widespread response—next only to Dr. Vernon McGee's 30-minute program "Through the Bible" (TTB). Now we have been requested to simultaneously translate and produce the DDD's into the African trading language of Swahili.**

TWR Kenya Director Writes:

As you have read in our reports, the short "Dorothy's Daily Devotional" (DDD) messages aired on our National broadcaster, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation General Service, have made a great impact on the lives of our listeners.

Next to the TTB 30-minute programs, DDD attracts the most responses in terms of listener letters, visits, SMS text messages and the personal visits to the studios.

Recently, we also introduced the program on our SIFA FM station in Voi [near Mombasa] and the response was equally inspiring. The messages and ministry have been greatly aided by Dr. Bennett's books *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith* in both English and Kiswahili.

With the expected listenership of the Kiswahili programs, I think it is a good idea to print 10,000 more Swahili copies of *Your Quest for God* as well as 5,000 more Swahili copies of *Food for Faith*. [ED: *The total cost will be above \$30,000. Please pray!*]

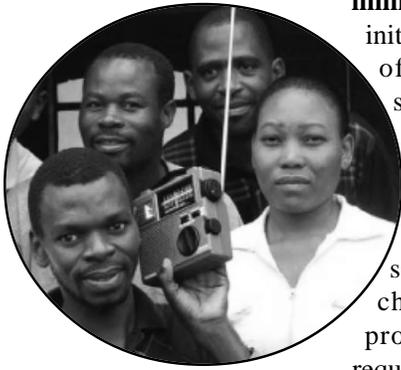
Proposal

Therefore, it is my prayerful conviction that this program be aired in the most widely spoken language in our region—Kiswahili. This will accomplish much for the Gospel. The messages will be translated sentence by sentence and then voiced sentence by sentence with sister Dorothy speaking each sentence.

Personally, I think the sentence by sentence is a good idea as the program is short and the listener will get to identify with the person who has the anointing for the message.

Martha, the translator and presenter, will speak the same sentence as Dorothy in Kiswahili. I like the idea of line by line in English and Kiswahili as this way the Kiswahili listeners will know it is still sister Dorothy speaking. We are therefore looking at each message being approximately 10 minutes. First a sentence in English and then a sentence in Kiswahili.

TWR-Kenya is ready to embark on the translation immediately.



These messages initially will be aired on four of TWR Kenya's FM stations; namely Voi, Lamu, Marsabit and Lodwar. In appreciation of the support CCIM has given towards the set up of these stations, there will be no charges for airing these programs. However, TWR

request funding to help cover the cost of translation and production. [ED: \$375 monthly or \$21 a program for three years.]

At a later date we would like to see these programs aired on Kiswahili block to multiple other African countries on TWR's satellite service. I know of about 10 FM stations in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Eastern Congo that are receiving TWR satellite service. There are plans to install our receivers in more stations as the funds become available. However, for now, let us prayerfully start with our FM stations.

More about Martha, the translator and presenter of these DDD programs: She deeply loves the Lord Jesus Christ and is mature in the faith. When she is not in the studio she is always somewhere sharing the Gospel! She is very happy to do it as her personal testimonies add to how the DDD program is impacting lives. Martha shared her testimony of meeting a man who was contemplating suicide. After losing his job and being unable to take care of his family, this man took his five children upcountry and could not see any way out until he listened to one of your DDD messages. PTL! He came to Christ. Also, **Martha shared that her own uncle accepted the Lord after reading *Your Quest for God*.** [ED: In response to the DDD messages: "Hope for the Hopeless" AIDS tract, and thousands of copies of both CCIM books are being widely distributed.]

I have just finished a really encouraging meeting with a pastor from Lamu. He says most homes have our FM station tuned 24 hours. The few Christians are so encouraged and have hosted the station in their home. The pastor was recently taking a walk with his wife and heard SIFA FM (ours) playing in a muslim home. Yes, the Lord is moving! We are in a spiritual warfare but the Lord keeps reminding me that the devil is a defeated foe.

Thank you again for all that CCIM is doing through TWR across the world to ensure we have books and materials in so many languages. Indeed, most of our listeners write asking for these materials and it is this that helps them grow and mature in Christ. May the Lord bless you and brother Richard as you continue this unique and wonderful ministry. May our loving Lord continue to bless the work of your hands as we partner together for the teaching and preaching of the Word of God to the nations.

TWR Voi (near Mombasa) Newly-Opened FM Station

"Dorothy's Devotional" has tremendously touched SIFA TWR FM listener's hearts since we went on air for the first time in November. Not only women but men also have responded. "Uti wa Jamii" ("The Family Backbone") is opened with "Dorothy's Devotional." Then the continuity presenter spends another fifteen minutes asking questions based on the devotion of the day. The listener who gives the correct answer gets a prize which consists of a Bible and one book of their choice out of the ones written by Dr. Richard Bennett—either *Food for Faith* or *Your Quest for God*. Interestingly, most of the winners request the *Food for Faith* book.

Most listeners write short text messages (SMS) and some make personal visits to congratulate the station for airing the program. Several winners have yet to collect their book as they have to travel from far to come and collect their prizes from the station. The SMS system depends on the Internet. However, when the system is slow, an instant response to the listener is not possible so we give them our live studio telephone number to call.

Quotes from these Telephone Conversations following the Broadcast

- ☎ ...the program is a real devotion for me and I wouldn't want to miss out any of the day's broadcast...
- ☎ ...I convinced my neighbors to listen to the program in order for them to get Richard Bennett's books!...
- ☎ ...why wouldn't you give us all the three books by Richard Bennett?...
- ☎ ...I wish the program could be aired at night as well because 10:00 a.m. is the time I leave the house to go to work...
- ☎ ...this Dorothy is a very interesting lady!...

Quotes from these SMS Text Messages following the Broadcast

- ☐ **Njunguna from Sofia** – "Dorothy's Devotional" program has helped me to know the Bible deeper.
- ☐ **Lawrence** – Today we have been warned against breaking covenants with God and the importance of getting reconciled back with Him. I have decided to go back to my Lord.
- ☐ **Mackson from Mtito-Andei** – Ever since Dorothy started teaching us through her program I have been totally blessed and in fact my spirit has been lifted from one glory to the other.
- ☐ **Kip from Maungu** – Receive my greetings. The truth is that "Dorothy's Devotional" has given me power to have faith and to stick to the Word of God. Now I have hope.
- ☐ **Tabitha from Loitokitok** – "Dorothy's Devotional" has been a very big blessing to me. It has reminded me not to have other gods besides the one true God. It is a real blessing.
- ☐ **Undisclosed muslim community** – Praise God! That program called "Dorothy's Devotional" has lifted me and taken me a step ahead.