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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

**T**he Apostle Peter tells us to whom he wrote his first Epistle. It was to believers who were *scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia* 1 PETER 1:1.

We are also told that when persecution struck the church at Jerusalem and the apostles stayed in the hot spot, *they* [the Christian laymen] *were all scattered abroad . . . and they who were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word* (ACTS 8:1,4). Scattered abroad!

Last Saturday Dorothy and I received a 'phone call from a Professor of English who teaches at a University in a major Chinese city. He told us there are alternative reasons for his being there! Two days later, he returned to China, with *Your Quest for God* and *Food for Faith* in his electronic file. A layman in our day who is **scattered abroad!**

Yes, the Bible does illustrate the Church as a "Building" (1 CORINTHIANS 3:9), a "Body" (1 CORINTHIANS 12:13) and a "Bride" (REVELATION 3:24). But it is also a brotherhood of believers "*scattered abroad.*" Some live under Islamic persecution, national tension and have no employment resulting in a life of borderline sustenance. Praise God, radio knows no political, economic or religious barriers!

We also praise the Lord that "Dorothy's Daily Devotional" has resulted in many responses from people "scattered abroad" in multiple African countries. Under the blessing of God, in addition to her ongoing strategic ministry from Kenya Broadcasting Corporation—to every populous area and to every far remote region of Kenya—she is also heard daily in many other African countries.

As a response to broadcasts originating from Trans World Radio, South Africa, we receive letters from:

**Ghana, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Great Comoros Islands, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. Some of the following quotes are from listeners in:**



**Great Comoros Islands** – I was born in Comoros which is a Muslim country. Well the main objective of my letter is to ask you very kindly about some help and advice. It has been a long time ago since I began to read the Bible in hiding. In my country it is forbidden for the local people to change or to practice another religion according to the Comorian law.

By the way, I have lost my job since 2001 and up to now I am still jobless. The reason I have lost my job was that my boss

and the workers found out that I was reading the Bible and not only that, but also that I was practicing another religion instead of the Koran. I was arrested by the police and they put me in jail for two weeks as a punishment. Since then I am afraid to practice freely and therefore I am writing to you this letter in secret in order to get some favor from you. I would like to get some suitable materials and books which will allow me to know wide and deep about the mission of the Lord on this earth. I hope one day to be free, to read the Bible freely, to go to the churches like those who are free! [*It is illegal for a convert from Islam to attend any Christian church.*]



**Limbe, Malawi** – I would like to let you know that the book, *Your Quest for God*, of which you sent me I got and it has really changed my life. This book came in the middle of me mourning my mother's death. Hence it built an altar of faith and it told me to trust totally in what Jesus did on the cross of Calvary. At the end of the book there is *Food for Faith* advertised. I would be so glad if I could read it. To say the truth, this ministry is blessing and changing people!



**Makhado, South Africa** – I, the above named prisoner, humbly hereby request that Trans World Radio help me with the following request. I am humbly asking you to give me the book as I am a prisoner who enjoys reading the Word of God. I hope that my request will be considered and hope to get a reply soon. (*CCIM responded!*)



**Ndola, Zambia** – Hi, I was listening to TWR last week as usual. I heard there is a copy of the book *Your Quest for God* available on request. Please send a copy.



**Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia** – I want to grow spiritually day by day. I need spiritual material to grow in Jesus. So please help me in any way possible. The place where I live is very poor. Let God bless you. I am waiting for you in hope for your response. [*In Ethiopia, according to "Operation World,"—where war, famine and deep poverty exists and there is a longstanding Muslim attempt to exterminate the Christian presence—the annual income is only \$100.*]



**Blantyre, Malawi** – I need the free book by Richard Bennett, *Your Quest for God*. Please send.



**Lilongwe, Malawi** – I am a listener from Malawi and have heard you mention so many times about the free book by Dr. Bennett, the husband of Dorothy, entitled *Your Quest for God*. I believe that this book can be a source of

encouragement and guidance as I am striving to know more about my Creator.



**Blantyre, Malawi** – I am in hospital. Please send the book titled *Your Quest for God*.



**Mutare, Zimbabwe** – You are such a great help and blessing to our small Bible Study Group—just four ladies—living about 20 km outside Mutare in a very beautiful mountain area. We seem to be cut off from the outside world—telephone lines broken down three years ago and now no electricity as thieves stole oil from our local transformer. But our God is good. A friend lent me a small battery operated radio and I can listen to your station. Praise the Lord! May God richly bless you and keep you as you are doing His work of spreading His Word. [In reply, TWR sent them four copies of *Food for Faith*, sponsored by CCIM, and suggested they use them in their Bible Study group. Please pray for these four ladies and those to whom they witness.]



**Harare, Zimbabwe** – I am interested to study more of God and I will be glad if you can assist me in Christ. Please send me the book *Your Quest for God*.



**Zomba, Malawi** – Sir, please send me a book titled “*Quest for God*.”

**FROM KENYA, in cooperative fellowship with TWR, the following quotes are the fruit of daily broadcasts purchased by CCIM from Kenya Broadcasting Corporation:**

**1/31/08 report: “Kenya is under a lot of fear and not many people are moving easily. Despite what is taking place politically in Kenya, people are listening to this program and writing letters, cell phone messages and even visiting the TWR office.”**



**Nairobi** – I thank you for your great teaching, it has helped me very much. Therefore, following this teaching I am very much concerned with your teachings and reading of your books to improve my life and faith in God’s Word.



**Uranga** – Thank you very much indeed for your letter and a Biblical Manual—*Food for Faith*—by our beloved brother in Christ, Dr. Richard A. Bennett. Since I received this manual three months ago, I am keenly reading it and learning some very encouraging matters concerning my daily relationship with God. For instance, knowledge of the Bible without heart commitment will not lead to spiritual growth! May I also take this opportunity to thank Dorothy Bennett on the “DDD” program through KBC English Service.



**Webuye** – I hereby wish to thank you dearly for the program you have been airing. I feel blessed and would wish to learn more on the things of God as we wait on the returning of our Lord Jesus. Would you please send me Christian materials for personal study. Thanks in advance for the welcome gesture you have given to us listeners and the blessing we are receiving.



**Kericho** – Praise the Lord, thank you for the program that always comes to us every evening from Monday to Friday. It is nourishing my spirit. I am a watchman and sincerely want to grow in the Word of God and serve Him. I desire to serve the Lord as an ambassador for Christ and be a light and salt of the earth!



**Nairobi** – I would like to take this opportunity to greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am so glad with the books that you sent for me. I received them last month. These books have made me understand more about God and His love. I have also helped my fellow students and they are reading them. It is my hope they will get blessed as I did. It is my prayer that they will change their way of life and draw closer to God.



**Githongo** – Thank you very much for having provided me with *Food for Faith* back last year. I am five steps ahead in knowing the righteousness of God. Now I know I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God for salvation for anyone who believes. God bless you for at least I now know how to use my head and heart to listen to the Word of God. May God richly bless the writer and their ministry as God has a purpose in their lives.



**Garrisa** – Greetings in Jesus name! I take this opportunity to thank you for the good work you are doing in spreading the gospel by radio and written materials. I particularly thank you for the book you sent to me last year, *Food for Faith*. My testimony is that the book has been of great help to me.



**Sinazongwe-Choma, Zambia** – Greetings from Zambia in Jesus name! First allow me to comment on your publication entitled *Food for Faith*. I truly enjoyed the book and the word therein. I learnt a lot and gained a lot for my Christian personal life. I was so moved with what I read in this book and I thank God for that. In the wonderful and precious name of our master, the Almighty God, with a tender and broken heart, will you kindly send me the book *Your Quest for God*? God bless you.

Please join us in prayer for these dear people and for the many others who listen but cannot afford to write.

**You are God’s vessel from whom the overflow of His love reaches the Church scattered abroad! Your prayers and gifts are the oil that keeps the machinery running! Thank you in His precious Name.**

The Lord Jesus said: “*I am the Good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep . . . other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring*” JOHN 10:11,16. The Bible also says, “*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, He shall gather the lambs with His arms and carry them in His bosom*” ISAIAH 40:11.

What an honor is ours to fellowship together with you as precious lambs are introduced to, and fed by, the “Good Shepherd.”

In His love,