



# CROSS CURRENTS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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## Our Dear Prayer Supporter,

With heartfelt thanks to the Lord for your fellowship in the gospel, let us share some of the testimonies of those who are responding to our messages. Such ministry would be impossible apart from your regular prayers and gifts to CCIM.

In the twelfth chapter of Second Corinthians, we notice how God balanced Paul's thorn with His "Abundant Grace." The greater the spiritual privilege, the greater the satanic pressure. This was true of the apostle Paul as he wrote of the abundance of the revelations committed to him, but, with the revelations there also came a "messenger of Satan" lest he should be "exalted above measure." With his "Abiding Vision" there came an "Abasing Thorn," accompanied by God's "Abundant Grace" to enable us to:

**Appreciate the Purpose** "Lest I should be exalted above measure" (verse 7). Remember your 'thorn' is for ultimate good, and is as necessary as is the privilege of blessing. Every difficulty is a further proof of God's purpose prevailing for our good, even though it brings us to the valley of humiliation.

**Accept the Privilege** *Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake (verse 9,10).* The complaining or discontented life is the powerless life. "I never had, in all my life, so great an insight into the Word of God as now," said John Bunyan writing of 12 years' imprisonment. "I have often said, were it lawful I could pray for greater trouble for the greater comfort's sake."

**Appropriate the Power** *My strength is made perfect in weakness . . . that the power of Christ may rest upon me (verse 9).* Paul knew above all else the enabling power of Christ resting upon him. This, also, can be our experience as we hear afresh from heaven: "My grace is sufficient for thee." When finally I recognize, and even am prepared to rejoice in my weakness, He will at last be able to manifest His mighty power in this life of mine. Amen! ("The Abasing Thorn," by Richard A. Bennett).

## Pray for:

\* The daily high-powered missionary broadcasts of "Rendezvous with the Lord," which is the French translation of "Dorothy's Daily Devotional." Note the area between the red lines indicating the 31 African French-speaking countries where these messages are heard.



\* French audio messages of "Your Quest for God" as heard on radio and available on Internet.

\* "Your Quest for God - KiRundi" which has just been translated and printed for TWR/Canada's broadcast follow-up to this region. The heart language of the Burundi/Rwanda people is KiRundi and these people carry the scars of the terrible Genocide in the 90's and are currently distressed with ongoing civil unrest.

\* For those who access CCIM's "Google Ads" to read "Your Quest for God" in their heart language of Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, English-targeted, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish and Turkish.

\* For the printing expenses of hard-copies of "Your Quest for God," "Food for Faith" and "Hope for the Hopeless" in multiple languages and people whose lives are changed as a result of this ongoing literature ministry.

Dorothy and I can only say: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." 1 Corinthians 16:9. As never before in these climactic days, we need to respond to every spiritual opportunity with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through CCIM.

Together in His Victory,

# God's love extended through CCIM through broadcasts in Africa

## Responses from French Audio Book Listeners:

**Email:** When I was reading "*Your Quest for God*", I read the part where it says, we should examine our heart and see the things that don't glorify God.

I realized that I was self-centered, and was complaining about the things I didn't have. The Lord helped me to consider the things I do have. I started making a list, and I realized that actually I was blessed with many things.

Through this exercise on thankfulness, God has healed me of all my past hurts and the wrong perspective on life for which I am most grateful. Thank you!

**Text Message:** The following sentence from your book has revolutionized my life. "This efficient evangelism is the result of an 'over-fill' of the Holy Spirit that overflows with the fullness of the believer thereby manifesting the reality of the presence of Christ living in him."

Previously, my evangelism was done with human knowledge and wisdom, and so was without success. The discovery of this wonderful revelation led me to a time of prayer to seek forgiveness and the fullness of God. This impact has changed my ministry.

**Phone Call:** I am a new believer. I was a Muslim and in my religion doing evil things. The conversion process has been a bit difficult for me. I have read "*Your Quest for God*" and now know more about God. [ED: Please pray for this brother]

**Visits:** In the village where I live, I listen to your programs and wish to ask for the books of Richard Bennett for my spiritual edification.

**Phone Call:** I am a new born again Christian. I gave my life to Christ after reading the book "*Your Quest for God*." The book opened my eyes on the necessity to have a personal relationship with God. I am so happy because my life belongs to God now!

**French "DDD's" are heard five times weekly via Vivid Satellite; three French media platforms: SW Radio; MW Radio; FM Radio; Webcast Podcast and Portable Player Satellite.**

**Congo** - Your broadcasts, "*Rendezvous with the Lord*," encourages me to be rooted in Christ. I live in the Republic Democratic Congo where wars are affecting the gathering of Christians and churches are very rare. Thanks to your broadcast I can look to God and absolutely want to meet all the spiritual conditions to be close to Him. Therefore, I repented, and I am now meeting for prayer with a small church. I need material to better teach me and ask for your help as I need to know Christ better.

**Nigeria** - In listening to your message I had never realized before that the same power by which God delivered the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt was that which God showed forth in the resurrection of Jesus. As a Christian, we too can be identified with them in their deliverance and experience Christ's resurrection power. It is no more "I" trying to live for Him, but Him now being allowed to live through me!

**Benin** - I just listened to your program: "Falling in love" which explained how that God is the master of circumstances in the way He worked for Boaz and Ruth to meet. I realized that nothing is due to chance with God. He has a plan and purpose for our lives and I am so encouraged!

**Nigeria** - Good evening Madam, I am calling from Nigeria. I am a faithful listener of your program "*Rendezvous with the Lord*." I listen to it regularly. You give us the possibility to call you. I always hear the number, but today decided to get the chance to call you, to encourage you by saying that this program is such a blessing to me. Thank you.

**Congo and Central Africa Republic** Please pray for the Christians in this war-torn region. Pastors and churches continue to face death and disaster in their stand for the Lord Jesus.