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“I’m not claiming a station — I’m claiming another whole network for Africa. And this will be the mother station from which will grow many more relay stations and satellite stations and full power stations and the lights will spread all up that great continent.”

– 1984 Praise the Lord: Paul Crouch announces the granting of a TV license for TBN in Ciskei, South Africa.

Africa—just the name brings to mind so many images: primitive villages, teeming cities, majestic mountains, and magnificent coastland; lions, elephants, and giraffes roaming open plains. A continent rich in resources yet with a troubled history of colonization and exploitation. And for us who are compelled to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth—a continent of nearly a billion people, many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus.

TBN’s work in Africa started back in 1984 when we were given the opportunity for a TV license in what was then the South African homeland of Ciskei.

“TBN—The #1 Christian Network in the World!”

During a historic Praise the Lord program Ambassador Douw Steyn presented Paul with a telegram from Ciskei President Lennox Sebe inviting TBN to build a Christian TV station in his nation. President Sebe’s message read in part, “It is our belief that through this facility... the eyes of the blind will truly be opened resulting in a rich harvest of souls.” This turned out to be a prophetic word since the Ciskei station became the launching pad for God’s plan to take Christian television to all of Africa. It took a couple of years to build the Ciskei station, but we will never forget that thrilling day in December 1986 when Paul and Jan, along with Arthur Blessitt, traveled to Ciskei and dedicated Channel 24—the very first Christian television station on the entire African continent!

Licenses for TV stations in two other South African homeland nations quickly followed and soon we were broadcasting the Gospel in Transkei and Bophuthatswana. Then, in 1994,
South Africa underwent a radical change when the evil apartheid system of government was abolished and a new day was ushered in with the election of President Nelson Mandela.

Paul and Jan had the honor of meeting President Mandela, who was very supportive of TBN's work in South Africa. During his interview with the Crouches, Mr. Mandela stated, “In government we need the highest standards of morality. And because the church is an organization which attaches great importance to moral values, the role of the church cannot be underestimated. It is extremely important. You can rest assured that there will be no interference whatsoever with the establishment of stations in this country.”

And so, from South Africa the light of Christian television quickly began to spread up the continent into other African countries. Matt, Laurie, and the TBN team recently returned from a missions’ trip to several African nations where they visited stations and outreaches that YOU, our partners, helped establish. The glorious news is: From Egypt in the north to Namibia in the south—the name of Jesus is being proclaimed all over Africa because of your faithful support and prayers.

One of the first stops was in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where, since 2001, TBN affiliate Agape TV has been broadcasting Christian programming across the country. “Reaching the lost at any cost,” is the motto of Agape TV founders, Drs. Vernon and Anny Fernandes, and over the years TBN’s partners have helped build TV towers and provide TV equipment that has enabled Agape TV to expand into a network that today blankets much of Tanzania and other parts of East Africa with the message of Jesus’ love through five networks: TBN, Church Channel, JUCE TV, Smile of a Child, and the local Agape TV.

Next, the team’s visit to Uganda brought great joy as they were greeted by dozens of local pastors who support our affiliate network Lighthouse Television Uganda. The team immediately went to work helping manager Gary Everett and the Lighthouse staff rearrange the studio set and lighting, as well as making other needed improvements to enhance the station’s production capabilities. Amazingly four large crates containing a new master control playout system that TBN ordered back in November had just been received and a jubilant prayer service was held as dozens of pastors and Lighthouse Television partners joined the TBN team in praying over and dedicating this important equipment to the Lord.

Then it was onward to Lusaka, Zambia where Matt, Laurie and the group visited the TBN Zambia station, which has been broadcasting TBN’s programs across the country since 1998. TBN Zambia President Dr. Danny Pule welcomed the team and gave them a tour of the facility, showing them equipment that was still in use 17 years after it was first given to the station by TBN’s partners!

From Zambia the group traveled to South Africa. Much has changed since those early beginnings 30 years ago, and it was with great joy that Matt, Laurie and the group met with dozens of pastors and Christian leaders who love and support TBN. They discussed exciting new opportunities for expanding the role of TBN and Christian television not only in South Africa, but across the continent.

The final stop was in Windhoek, Namibia, where the Crouches met with Edna and Coenie Botha, founders of TBN Namibia, which has been broadcasting TBN’s programs since 2002. The Bothas reported that in a nation of about 1.2 million people, they see about 7,000 to 8,000 people a year accept Jesus as Savior!

We are reaching Africa through TV stations, satellite, internet, and mobile apps, but the job is not done! Many African countries are just now making the transition to digital television and stations require new transmitters and support equipment to stay on the air. Multiplied millions of precious souls have yet to hear about God’s love and grace. Jesus’ command to His disciples in Acts 1:8 applies to all of us today.
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June 1 marks the launch of the newest network to join the Trinity Broadcasting Family of Networks — TBN Salsa! Headed by Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, TBN Salsa features contemporary worship and gospel music from popular Latino musicians and recording artists, church and ministry programs featuring Hispanic pastors and Christian leaders from the U.S. and Latin America, talk shows highlighting issues and topics of interest to the Hispanic community, along with Latino-themed documentaries, sports shows, family-friendly movies, and broadcast specials.

TBN Salsa can be received via free “over the air” TV in cities where TBN’s full power television stations are located. (For a list of TBN stations, please go to www.tbn.org).

Watch iTBN.org on your internet device 24/7!

A creative meeting with future TBN Salsa programmers.

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Ten Commandments Miniature

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another....” — John 13:34

Our love gift to you for June is a beautiful miniature reproduction of the Ten Commandments tablets God gave the children of Israel in the Old Testament. God commands us to walk before Him in holiness, and this striking four-inch-tall statuette will provide a daily reminder to you and your family that His righteous standard could only be met through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus. Today Christ gives us a new commandment of love, and this Ten Commandments reproduction will offer you some great opportunities to talk to your children or grandchildren about loving God — and one another!

To receive your Ten Commandments miniature, please send your love gift to TBN, P.O. Box A, Santa Ana, CA 92711, or give online at www.tbn.org. It will be sent to you with our love and thanks for partnering with your Trinity Broadcasting Family of Networks in taking the Name of Jesus to the world!

A limited quantity of love gifts is ordered each month. If we run out of the gift, a substitute will be sent in its place. The love gifts offered are not for sale. Please do not ask for more than one love gift. Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. NO PHONE ORDERS, PLEASE. Keep the lines open for Salvation, Prayer and Pledge Calls ONLY. God bless you!
TBN Reports

News from the TBN Family

God is touching many lives through TBN UK, which launched in January and reaches 95 percent of homes (over 60 million individuals) throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland with life-changing Christian television. One man, Mark B., wrote that he had nearly lost hope because of terrible physical pain he had suffered from for years, and was close to giving up when he stumbled upon TBN UK and began watching as Pastor Joseph Prince preached a message on God’s grace. Powerfully touched by what he heard, Mark cried out to the Lord, asking for His forgiveness and calling Him Father for the first time. He also thanked God for healing his body, testifying that the moment he said “in the name of Jesus,” the Holy Spirit’s presence instantly came over him like “water of light,” taking him into a deep rest in God’s presence. Mark said that when he awoke the following morning with severe pain in his legs he immediately shouted out the name of Jesus, and instantly became totally free for the first time in years. “Ten years of suffering from this incessant pain is vanished, never to return again,” said Mark.

Each month TBN’s full-power stations around the nation reach out in compassion to the needy in their communities. In Richmond, Indiana, WKOI partners with congregations to stock the local food pantry that helps over 300 families each month. In New York City, WTBY donated food and water to Students Against Hunger, a group from nearby Nyack Christian College that reaches out to the homeless living on the streets of the Big Apple. In April, Albuquerque’s KNAT contributed to the efforts of the Albuquerque Dream Center, which ministers help and healing to that city’s homeless. And in Oklahoma City, the staff of TBN station KTBO recently provided 30 Wal-Mart gift cards to Tom Jones (pictured with station manager Linda Cook) of OKC’s City Rescue Mission, to distribute to needy individuals and families who visit the facility.

In addition to hosting national Praise the Lord programs each week, TBN’s Trinity Music City (TMC) in Nashville has become a major broadcast venue for Christian music events. On April 14th TBN’s JUCE TV youth network taped a live concert in the 1,200 seat studio and auditorium featuring Grammy Award-winning contemporary Christian group Audio Adrenaline. That concert is scheduled to air on JUCE TV in May. And on April 21st, TMC was the site of the 2015 Harmony Honors, honoring the best and brightest songwriters, singers, quartets, and groups in Southern Gospel Music. That exciting event will air on TBN in May, and will also be available for viewing on TBN’s online program archive iTBN.org.

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