Praise The Lord

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1BIVOutreach By Satellite

It was Thursday night, December 23, 9:59 p.m. - Jan and I sat on the edge of our chairs on this PTL program. Our hearts were pounding...Southern California waited. In one minute the microwave antenna dish which was tilted skyward at an unusal angle would pick up the first LIVE Satellite Christian Television broadcast from the City of Jerusalem, Israel! Would it work? Would the dozens of technicians between here and the Holy City, 10,000 miles to the East, make the connections just right? Rex Humbard, his family and crew were poised and ready. Their hearts were beating fast. It was 7:59 a.m. in Jerusalem: 9:59 p.m. in Los Angeles. The final 60 second count down had begun. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 - switches clicked, circuits hummed, TV cameras beamed up and through the special communications phone link came the word from Satellite Control in Switzerland - YOU ARE ON THE AIR! At precisely 10 p.m., the words LIVE FROM ISRAEL, "The Rex Humbard Christmas Special", broke the momentary silence!

Many of you viewed that night as Christian Television history was made. For during that next hour, Southern California was linked together with all six continents as the Word of Jesus' birth was flashed to every corner of the earth in many different languages! I believe that some day historians will look back (if Jesus tarries) and compare the events of that December 23, 1976 with Sameul F. B. Morse as he tapped out, "What hath God wrought?", on the Morse Code key. I believe we witnessed a greater miracle than did Alexander Graham Bell as he spoke the first human words through the first telephone. Yes, we stand on the threshold of earth-shaking new frontiers as the Gospel of Jesus Christ begins to go forth in a powerful new dimension.

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Is letter cont from page 1 -- God's Word said that it would happen. Listen to the Prophet Isaiah:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

A few years ago, as we read this scripture we thought that the passage, "All flesh shall see it together", was simply a beautiful poetic reference to heaven. But praise the Lord, now we see that God has given us the means and technology to literally reveal the Glory of God to ALL FLESH NOW by satellite! And, by His Grace and help we shall do it!

Even now, plans are underway at TBN to launch our first satellite broadcast. Some time this year of 1977, we are believing that we too can be used of God to preach the Gospel to all the world via satellite. Production has begun on your new Indonesian language program with Mel Tari. This program will be broadcast via satellite to the 160 million people on 4,000 inhabited islands of Indonesia. We are studying the possibility of a satellite broadcast later this Spring from Israel to Southern California. We are also studying satellite links with Central and South America for the broadcast of our Spanish language PTL and the other Spanish TV programs. As we add other TV stations to your TBN Network, we are seeing the distinct feasibility of linking all of the stations together by satellite for a great nationwide LIVE PRAISE THE LORD! This is the year of Satellite - to God be the glory!

I am calling all of you, our great TBN Family to prayer with Jan and me for this greatest of all efforts aimed at sending the Gospel of Jesus Christ, literally to the ends of the earth! Will you help? Do you want to be a part of this exciting new ministry thrust in these final days just before Jesus comes? Many of our partners have joined our TBN Satellite Club by pledging special prayer and special monthly gifts over and above their regular gifts to TBN. Some are pledging only \$1.00 extra per month, others more. I ask you to pray about this and then simply obey whatever the Holy Spirit prompts you to do. We will keep special record of your designated giving with the help of the new computer which you purchased for YOUR TV STATION! Then, every dollar which you give for Satellite Broadcasting will be used exclusively for this exciting purpose. We are also designing a beautiful TBN gold satellite pin which may be worn on your dress or lapel, identifying you as a charter pioneer member of TBN's Satellite Club.

Beloved partners, I believe that what we do in this area of ministry can literally influence the timing of the return of Jesus to this earth. Jesus said:

> And the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matt. 24:14)

Yes, we can hasten the return of our blessed Saviour - Oh! Let's DO IT NOW! Let's hear Him say: "Well done good and faithful servant, enter, thou, into the joys of thy



Broadcasting World Wide By Satellite

SPANISH MINISTRIES



MANUEL BONILLA, Head of the Spanish Department of Trinity Broadcasting Network and our Missionary at Large, has made a trip to Central and South America. He met with a number of leading Spanish dignitaries in addition to TV station managers regarding the possibility of airing Spanish PTL in the countries of Equador, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico City. The fields are white unto harvest - continue to

iDemos Gloria A Dios! pray for these doors to be open.



faced them with a book."

The Trinity Broadcasting Network's dream of 24 hour television became a reality this New Year's Day. Channel 40 signed on at 9:45 a.m. on December 31 and the transmitter continued to send the message of God's redemptive love continually until midnight, January 1st. This is only the beginning. As you beloved partners pray with us, the day will come soon when you will be able to tune in and worship the Lord any time of the day or night. And the most important part of all is 450 new babies found Jesus as their Saviour.



This ad appeared in over 2 million TV GUIDES throughout all of Southern California.

Thank you for your docs

Channel 40 has a new public service program. On Tuesday afternoon, January 11th, we initiated the Adoption program. Twin brothers and a thirteen year old boy were presented to the TBN Family. Other children who are eligible for adoption will be seen on your TV screen on February 8th at 3 p.m.

We are also introducing children for Foster Home care. January 25th was the first presentation of these little ones. The next Foster Home program will be on February 22. We are working with the Orange County Adoption Agency and the Foster Parent Program in an effort to place these children in good, responsible, loving homes.

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All you partners who are regular viewers of LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD have rejoiced with us as we've been ministered to by such outstanding Christians as Dale Evans, Ruth Carter Stapleton and Corrie ten Boom. The beautiful music and testimonies of Joan Cash Yates, Merrill Womach, Roger McDuff and Norma Zimmer have been an inspiration to countless thousands these past few months. Our hearts have been touched by the zeal for precious souls which our dear Brother Andrew and Arthur Blessit conveyed.

A peek over Jim McClellan's shoulder will reveal some exciting guests who will be well-come guests in the next few months. These include: Patti & Richard Roberts, Dean Jones Paul Billheimer, author of "Destined For the Throne", Evangelist Ken Copeland and David Wilkerson, author of "Cross And The Switchblade".



TRIV Reaching Around the World

The Great Commission which Jesus Christ gave the church just before He ascended into heaven is being fulfilled in a measure by Trinity Broadcasting Network and its beloved partners.

- 1. Miss Florence Christi, veteran of 38 years ministry in Israel and expert in the Arabic language was given \$4,300. With these funds she was able to buy a little car and pay off a huge printing bill for Sunday School materials for her precious Arabic children.
- 2. Rev. Kenneth Oglesby (Brother Oh-Oh!) who has spent 43 years in Ethopia, has received over \$3,000 to date for Bibles to Ethopia. (Brother Oh-Oh! will be sharing on PTL, Tuesday, January 25th).
- 3. A new church for Africa was built with funds from our TBN family as they lovingly gave to Missionary Vernon Pettinger.
- 4. A gift of \$1,000 was given to Missionary Bud Sickler for Manassah of the Massai tribe, Kenya, East Africa.
- 5. Guatemala Pastor Raymon Jacobs built the church provided by TBN Partners and \$1,200 earthquake relief funds were sent to our brethren in Guatemala.
- 6. Brother Andrew, author of "God's Smuggler" was presented \$1,000 for his work in sending Bibles behind the iron and bamboo curtain.
- 7. Love gifts to Israel which exceeded \$25,000 were presented the Government of Israel which included Red Cross aid as well as new trees for the Holy Land.
- 8. Mel Tari, author of "Like A Mighty Wind" is receiving funds for Christian television programs in Indonesia.
- 9. Manuel Bonilla, taking Spanish programs produced by Trinity Broadcasting Network to Central and South America.
- 10. Offerings from several TBN Rallys were taken by Dwight & Zonelle Thompson for soul winning efforts in India.

Should you want to be a part of this great outreach program for Christ, please designate a portion of your love gift to the ministry the Lord has laid on your heart.