

# PRAISE THE LORD



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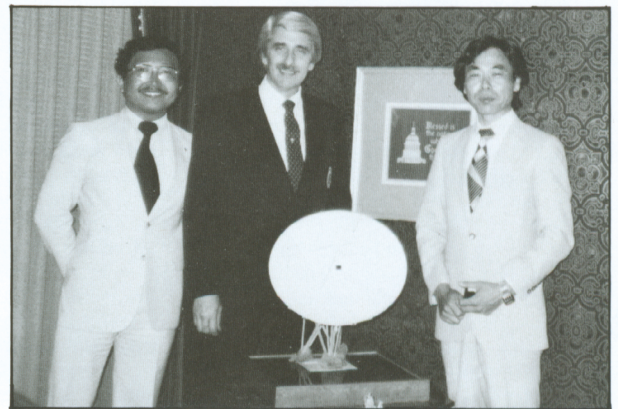
TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK

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## EUROPE! HERE WE COME!



Paul signs the contract for EUTELSAT (European Telecommunications Satellite Organization), presented to him by Hans & Liev Bratterud from Norway.



Paul meets with Nob Somemoto and Joseph S. Kaise who will be responsible for overseeing TBN in Japan.

*Praise the Lord!* The contract is signed, equipment is on order, programs are being prepared — WE WILL BE ON THE AIR IN EUROPE VIA SATELLITE IN OCTOBER 1984!

We have prayed, agreed, dreamed the dream, seen the vision for over 10 years. We knew that some how, some way, some day, God would show us the way to cover Planet Earth with Christian Television. Now, together, next month, we will take a giant step toward that goal! Yes, EUROPE, HERE WE COME!

On July 6, 1984, we signed a historic contract that will place our PRAISE THE LORD program on a DBS (Devil Bustin Satellite!) that covers 14 nations of Europe, part of Western Russia and all of North Africa. I hasten to say that this DBS satellite will not access every European home at first. Cable TV and private home dish receivers are in their infancy in this part of the world. Europe is about where the USA was 10 years ago in this development — but *praise God*, we have begun! We are in on the ground floor so to speak and as the cable systems grow, we will grow with them. Praise the Lord! At the present time approximately one million, two hundred thousand homes are wired to receive our Christian programming. This means approximately four million three hundred twenty thousand souls will be able to tune in PRAISE THE LORD once a week. As the potential grows, we will add more TBN programs to the satellite schedule.

Beloved Partners, please put Europe on your prayer list and lift this exciting new venture to the Lord daily.

And, if Europe were not enough for one month . . . hang on tight! We have also made an agreement to supply approximately 20 hours a week to Japan. A Christian group has agreed to place many of our TBN programs on the air both on regular TV and Cable TV in Japan! All we need provide are the programs, tapes plus the cost to transfer our tapes into Japanese TV standards.

I have on my desk a purchase order for \$145,000 for special equipment to convert our program tapes to both European and Japanese TV standards.

Will you help me with this special expense? We did not know of this new open door at PRAISE-A-THON time, so I am appealing to you, my special partners, to help me with this unique need. Please mark your extra gift this month for: OVERSEAS TV EQUIPMENT. We can hardly wait for the day when we will be able to read European and Japanese 'Praise Reports' and letters on our PRAISE THE LORD program.

*September 1984*

And now, a brother has come with a permit to build a station in Costa Rica, we will probably be ON THE AIR in Nevis by the time you read this, Grenada, El Salvador, South Africa, Kenya, the Sinai, Hong Kong and more are ON THE WAY!!

Partners, we are nearing the finish line — Jesus is coming! The doors of the WHOLE WORLD are bursting open — and praise God, we are going through.

So much is happening on the foreign front I have not even mentioned the new stations coming here at home: Chicago . . . Detroit . . . Montgomery, Alabama . . . Lansing, Michigan . . . Beaumont, Texas . . . Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . San Francisco, California . . . just to name a few of the areas we are either building or waiting for agreements to be finalized.

Beloved Partners, I need you NOW more than ever before! The spiritual battles are raging — no one would believe the incredible attacks of the enemy: I dare not even speak some of the devil's evil tactics. But you know, and I know that WE WILL PREVAIL by the Blood of Jesus Christ! We ARE victorious in Jesus' Name.

Please know that Jan and I love you and are praying for you. Please write us this month and let us know what your needs are. Together we will agree and together we will see all of your needs and the needs of Christian Television met in the Name of Jesus!

*Paul*

P.S. Please help me with this special Foreign TV equipment need of \$145,000 this month! God bless you! —P.F.C.

## Love Letters From You, Our TBN Family

Dear Jan & Paul and all the families of TBN,

A great big "Praise the Lord"! Thursday night, July 5th, as Brother James Robison was praying for the many hundreds of people at the Full Gospel Businessman Fellowship International Convention—my husband who had been BLIND in his right eye for 18 months WAS HEALED while sitting in his chair, praising the Lord & speaking in tongues very softly.

The eye specialist had told him nothing could be done for his eye. The blood vessels had broken, separated and dried up. They could not use a laser beam on it. Nothing could be done. He had gone to a specialist just 10 days ago for his eyes to be examined for new glasses. Still nothing could be done. But PRAISE GOD—JESUS DID IT!—while we were worshipping & praising God and praying with the people at the Convention. Oh how we praise God for His faithfulness.

Please find enclosed a check for \$25.00 for whatever you can use it for—maybe for diapers (for Haiti). We would like the gift of the month also.

God bless all of you! Oh yes, we are Spirit-filled Pentecostal Christians & have been for many years. My husband is 66 & I am 61.

Please tell Paul sometimes when we have a heaviness in our chest—God is trying to tell us to rest a little. He is a busy person, and you also. We tried to call in, but the lines were busy. Thank God for busy lines!

Love you in Christ,

Elmer & Mildred  
Mesa, Arizona

Dearest Paul & Jan,

Praise God and SMILE! My heart is filled with love & joy as I watch our TBN. I am blessed so much. One thing that really blesses me greatly—that is, you are for real. You really love the ones who are hurting, who are in need and who are lost. A lot of people say they love, but you show and step out in real Christ-like love. That is an example we can all follow.

If people who are partners of TBN wonder if their support is really making a difference, if they think, why bother?—look at all the crime & hate. I have a few words of encouragement and love to share. At the cost of BILLIONS of tax payers dollars, programs for rehabilitation and reform have been set up to change the criminal. But none have made a lasting change. But the few dollars sent with love to our TBN have been stretched and spread out to cover as much as possible, (very few pennies compared to the many billions that have been spent by tax payers on prison reform) and as thin as your dollars are spread at TBN, they are CHANGING MORE PRISONERS LIVES, hearts and souls, than all the many billions spent on reform. I found Jesus and my life is new—not because of the billions of tax payers money spent on reform, but BECAUSE OF YOU LOVING TBN PARTNERS, who supported with prayer & stepped out in faith with your love gifts. THANK YOU FOR LETTING JESUS USE YOU TO KEEP ME FROM BURNING IN HELL. How can I repay the love? I can't change the wrong I've done, but I can show my fellow prisoners the light of Jesus. He is our only HOPE. I want to reach young people who are being lied to by the wimp devil. He's a liar and Jesus wiped him out good! Please keep sup-

porting your TBN. If you don't, who will? The devil? (No...but because of you loving TBN partners—you are CHANGING LIVES through the message of Jesus Christ on Christian television.)

You are all in my heart & prayers,  
Love,

Roman  
Florence, Arizona  
Arizona State Prison



Ch. 21 Guatemala City, Guatemala ON THE AIR—giving the winds A MIGHTY VOICE— "Jesus salva . . . Jesus hace milagros . . . Jesus viene de nuevo!" Now we need more Spanish programming! We are already having SALVATIONS from our precious bros. & sisters in Guatemala! We are being missionaries in this WAR TORN land. Help us reach these precious people! Pray for Ch. 21. Designate funds for equipment & tape & production of SPANISH PROGRAMS. Help us keep JESUS ON 24 HOURS A DAY!

# PARTNERS, WE ARE CHANGING



Supreme Court Judge Patterson of Grenada was the special guest of Paul & Jan during a break at the F.G.B.M.F.I. Convention. Judge Patterson reported to us that the TBN TV station on Grenada is being considered now by the government of Grenada and it will only be a matter of time until Jesus will be talked about 24 hours a day on that beautiful Island. Pray for Judge Patterson—he is a beautiful Christian brother.



Paul had the joy of challenging precious people to come forward and receive Jesus as their personal Savior. Paul asked Bro. Schambach to take the time allotted him and lead the people in a divine healing service. Many, many were healed in Jesus' name! The Convention was beautiful! Everyone was so thrilled when Bro. Demos arrived at the Full Gospel Businessmen's International Convention. Bro. Demos, you looked HANDSOMELY HEALTHY and HAPPY and we loved your challenge to the people! What a precious joy to see this LIVING LEGEND so well & happy! We love you so much!



Eldred & Raye Nel Thomas — God chose these two *very special* people to lead Dallas Ch. 49 TV. Bro. Thomas has owned a 24 hour a day Christian Radio station in Dallas for many years! God chose him to now raise up this very special Television voice in the BIG D! It was beautiful to be with the Thomases and meet so many of our *precious* Dallas partners! We sure hope to come back to see you real soon!



MARION, ILLINOIS CH. 27 "ON THE AIR" 24 hours a day TILL JESUS COMES! 2,000 partners from Illinois joined GARTH & TINA COONZ, Paul & Jan, R.W. Schambach, Betty Jean Robinson, LaVerne & Edith Tripp, Mike Adkins, former Miss Indiana—Karen Kelly, MANY, MANY LOCAL PASTORS and the chief of police of that area! Many were blessed, healed, saved and let me say—the people from Illinois are BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE! We love you and we are thrilled to be affiliated with you!



What a very special JOY it was to welcome Clint & Anne Murchison to PRAISE at Ch. 49 celebration in Dallas. Anne shared out of her heart and blessed *us all*! Clint especially enjoyed Arthur Blessitt and wanted to share with him before they left! We know God can *heal* Mr. Murchison! We know that Jesus Loves Cowboys and He also loves the owner of The Dallas Cowboys and wants him well for God's glory!



LaVerne & Edith are two of our favorite people in the whole wide world! LaVerne & Edith are such a very, very special part of Trinity! There LOVE and LOYALTY to Trinity are unwavering and from God! Support them, Love them, Let them know how much YOU love them! SONSHINE is still a #1 program and LaVerne's testimony continues to win hundreds to Jesus every time he shares it!

# ING OUR WORLD TOGETHER!



Paul had the joy of introducing our precious brother Arthur Blessitt at the International Kick Off Rally for the 1984 Olympics! Trinity produced 2 weeks of GO FOR THE GOLD (Job 23:10) when HE HATH TRIED ME I SHALL COME FORTH AS PURE GOLD! Thank you, John Dawson for a beautiful 3 hour program. Thanks to thousands who participated!



The torch runner lit the flame at the 1984 International Kick Off Ceremony that was carried LIVE, for all our TBN family to enjoy! Between 15,000 and 20,000 young people came to let the world know they were excited about God bringing the young people to LA! We welcomed them all with LOVE and 2 weeks of YOUTH PROGRAMMING. Thank you precious partners for supporting this effort of ours to help these kids from around the world GO HOME WITH PURE GOLD.



Arthur & Sherry were beautiful as they hosted PRAISE. What a special joy to have country singer, CONNIE SMITH! She shared and ministered and sang beautifully. The Lord brings the perfect guests by to share just that thought that will help you. The Lord *always* brings the perfect HOSTS by and Arthur & Sherry ARE PERFECT! We love you, Sweet people! WE LOVE YOU, ARTHUR and will pray for you as you walk in POLAND and in ROMANIA! Pray for Arthur every day!



A little group of GRAMMAS made dolls and blankets for our little babies in HAITI. A little child in Haiti can trade an old newspaper or piece of cardboard that has been their sole covering & sleeping pad for a BRAND NEW BLANKET on a BRAND NEW BED! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the miracle of a hundred sheets—pillows—pillowcases—towels—soap—barretts—toothbrushes—toothpaste—going to little human beings who have never even *seen* a bedroom, much less ever had one or dreamed of such a miracle! Your reward will be GREAT in HEAVEN. You DID IT FOR JESUS and HE WILL NEVER FORGET THAT! I love you!



Paul & I had the precious joy of getting to hug again Gramma Avery. This little gramma was in the service 10 years ago where our pastor told the people that a new ministry was being born that night! He shared about the vision Paul had for Christian TV. This little angel came up to Paul after the service — grabbed his hand, looked deep into his eyes & said, "Paul, it's gonna take money to get this job done & I want to be the very first!" — into his hand she pressed a crumpled \$5.00 bill and said, "Now go get the job done, Paul!" This little doll is now 94, but she prays for us every single day & lives for TBN. She has supported TBN for 10 years but most of all she has prayed! Her daughter, Dotty Tyler, was with her at F.G.B.M.F.I. We love you, GRAMMA. Thank you for believing in US!



Revival is NOT COMING — Revival is *HERE!* and REVIVAL CAME to DALLAS, TEXAS! Our beautiful new friends in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area were ON FIRE FOR JESUS! WE ALL RAN TO THE ALTAR AS PASTOR DANNY SHEAFFER CHALLENGED US TO KEEP REVIVAL FIRES BURNING! We love you, DALLAS! Thank you for your TEXAS-SIZED HOSPITALITY and LOVE for TBN! We loved being with you and HOPE TO COME BACK REAL SOON!

## The Church and Christian TV are UNITED!

FOR YEARS PASTORS feared that major CHRISTIAN TELEVISION MINISTRIES were luring people and MONEY AWAY FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH. Pastors of mainline Protestant churches were the most vocal, primarily because their churches have suffered from declining membership for the past 20 years.

Now the "Religion and Television" research project has declared those fears groundless. NOT ONLY ARE TELEVISION PREACHERS NOT STEALING SHEEP AND OFFERINGS FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH, BUT THE REPORT SAYS THEY ARE ACTUALLY DOING JUST THE OPPOSITE. And some of the biggest beneficiaries appear to be the mainline Protestant churches.

The joint study by the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania and by the Gallup Organization of Princeton, New Jersey, took two years and cost \$175,000. Among the sponsors were National Religious Broadcasters, the National Council of Churches, the U.S. Catholic Conference and 36 other groups—mostly evangelical ministries.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT PEOPLE WHO WATCH A LOT OF RELIGIOUS TELEVISION ALSO ATTEND CHURCH MORE FREQUENTLY AND TEND TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO THE LOCAL CHURCH. A surprise finding, however, is that this is true for mainline Protestant churches even more than for evangelical churches. A table on page 28 of this issue of *RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING* shows the statistics:

- Evangelicals are 15 percent more likely to attend church weekly if they frequently watch Christian television than are evangelicals who rarely watch. But for mainline Protestants the figure increases to 22 percent.
- Evangelicals are 5½ percent more likely to give to their local church if they frequently watch religious television than are evangelicals who rarely watch. But for mainline Protestants the figure jumps to nearly 13 percent.
- The study shows conclusively that those who watch religious television are largely committed Christians who are most active and most supportive in their own churches. . . .
- Christian broadcasting—and this extra spiritual feeding enables them to go back to their own churches with greater zeal. . . .
- Since television ministries have been vindicated of competition with the local church, broadcasters should feel free to encourage viewers to attend and support their local churches. Viewers should be urged to become even more active in their own churches, such as in teaching Sunday school.
- Viewers should also be urged to start home Bible studies for their own churches. And if their pastor has not experienced the new birth, they should be encouraged to make a special effort to invite him.
- We constantly need to remember that the church of Jesus Christ transcends denominational barriers and doctrines. Our Lord has His children in some places that often surprise us, providing a witness that otherwise might not exist. Broadcasters need to feed and encourage these people as much as they need to preach the gospel to the unconverted.

THE SURPRISE BENEFIT OF RELIGIOUS TELEVISION IS THAT IT MAY VERY WELL BE PREPARING MANY OF ITS VIEWERS AS AGENTS FOR REVIVAL IN THEIR OWN CHURCHES.

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Harold Hostetler

## Our Love Gift To You!

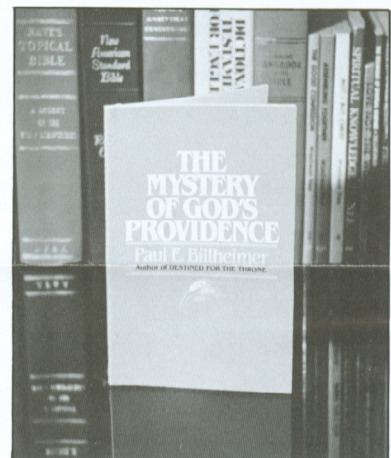
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