

hen Laurie and I learned that Mike Huckabee and Fox News Channel were parting company after seven years of airing his talk show, *Huckabee*, on Saturday nights, we immediately had the same thought. *Maybe he needs to be part of the TBN family.* We started praying about whether or not the Lord would have us reach out to him to see if there was any interest on his part.

Then, back in January, we learned that Gov. Huckabee would be in our area to give a speech. We arranged a meeting and presented our thoughts, and we're now thrilled to report Gov. Huckabee viewed it just as we did.

We all agreed that TBN is the perfect home for his wisdom, wit, and gift for engaging fascinating people in conversation.

The seeds for this exciting connection were planted several years ago when my dad (TBN co-founder Paul Crouch) and I flew to New York to have dinner with Gov. Huckabee. Nobody at the table had an agenda. It was just a time of relationship building.

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Those gifts were on display throughout Gov. Huckabee's long run on the Fox News Channel. Of course, on the new TBN version of *Huckabee*, he will be far freer to bring his faith forward and illuminate important subjects with the light of the Bible's wisdom.

Before successfully running for governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee served as pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, for six years and then the Beech Street First Baptist Church in Texarkana for another six.

Born in 1955 in Hope, Arkansas, Mike Huckabee also has a deep history with broadcasting. His very first job at the age of 14 involved reading the news and weather at a small local radio station. And after seminary, he entered Christian broadcasting for a time. He even filled in for the late, great Paul Harvey from time to time late in that legendary broadcaster's career.

He has written more than a dozen books. His 2008 book, *Do the Right Thing: Inside the Movement That's Bringing Common Sense Back to America* became a *New York Times* Best Seller.

We couldn't be more excited about bringing this remarkable person to you each week! We believe he is just the welcome voice of wisdom, integrity, and faith that America badly needs right now.

And we know he is equally excited to be coming to you. He has said he has a vision for "a weekend destination on TV where we talk to newsmakers and celebrities in a civil and respectful manner, as well as introduce America to some not-so-famous people whose stories remind us that the greatness of our nation is about the people who love God, raise their families, and serve their neighbors."

Huckabee, premiering Saturday, October 7 at 8:00pm ET/7:00pm CT (and each weekend thereafter), now becomes the newest of many other great

original programs we've developed at TBN. Innovative content like *Drive Thru History* and our timely program focusing on current world events and Israel, *The Watchman*.

The new weekly program will combine Gov. Huckabee's insights on the news of the day and current issues, with guests from the worlds of government, entertainment, and faith. It will be taped in front of a live studio audience in Nashville.

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Thank you, TBN Partner, for being part of bringing our nation and the world a wide array of ministry, messages, and voices—all of them pointing to Jesus as the only answer. Every minute matters!

Matt and Laurie Crouch



LIGHTHOUSE TV CONTINUES TO IMPACT AFRICA

Lighthouse Television, located in Kampala, Uganda, has one of the strongest broadcast signals of any private television station in its area because of its affiliation with TBN. It reaches close to 22 million people as we continue to make a great impact for the Lord together. Recent updates include:

- Lighthouse just announced their newest programmer, Pastor Hebert Kiwanuka, a well-known minister in the region with a heart for the nations. We are excited to be sharing his content and grateful he is part of our ministry team.
- In other recent news, Ms. Uganda 2017 visited the station for an on-set recording on *Menchu and Friends*. She also was interviewed on *Trending with Christ*, where she talked about her life testimony and serving the Lord. These types of content-focused programs are attracting younger viewers in increasing numbers.
- Also, Makerere University Business School students recently visited *Lighthouse* as we partnered with them in their community service project, "Hospitality Day." *Lighthouse TV* loves partnering with future visionaries with a heart for people.



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TBN RETURNS TO ISLANDS THAT ARE HUNGRY FOR BIBLE TEACHING

... exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea (Isaiah 24:15).

Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands (Isaiah 42:12).

The nation of Fiji is a chain of 333 islands in the South Pacific, and home to nearly one million people. During a recent stopover there on the way to connect with TBN partners in Australia, and ultimately the 2017 Israel Tour, Matt and Laurie found themselves in the midst of a "divine appointment."

They encountered Pastor Atu Vulaono and his wife, Raijele. They are part owners of a television station there called Mai TV, one of only three broadcast stations in Fiji. These sweet Believers told Matt and Laurie of a deep need for quality, Christian programming in their region. TBN used to be available there through an affiliate that no longer exists. They had been greatly helped by TBN early in their Christian walk, and they wanted to see the same kind of inspiration, encouragement, and discipleship made available to the next generation there.

Before they left, Matt and Laurie were convinced that God wanted TBN and its partners to bring Christian television back to the isolated people of Fiji.

Initially, TBN has been extended the opportunity to provide Mai TV rich, biblical content to air during prime time, children's programming for afternoons, and a block of TBN content from 12:00am to 6:00am.

The upfront financial costs for this launch will include the purchase of a satellite dish and receiver so Mai TV can receive this content directly from TBN. And once their upcoming conversion to digital technology is complete, they will have a second channel available. We're moving forward to provide this strategically placed broadcast station with blocks of meaningful programming and a full time *TBN Fiji* feed.

This opportunity makes your partnership especially important. When you partner with TBN this month, you'll be part of reaching, teaching, and discipling a nation of people who have little or no access to Christian television. Thank you!

#MYSTORY

DEFEATING THE GREAT SADNESS

Zachary's father stood by the front door with a slight slouch in his posture. His right hand was on the door knob. His left fidgeted with the loose change deep in the pocket of his worn jeans. Zachary and his two older siblings heard him take a deep breath as he turned slightly. He didn't face them completely, but they saw his profile. With most of the lights off in the front of the house, the entire right side of his face was immersed in shadow. He paused. Then he took one more breath and said ...

"I'd rather get drunk."

There was no real emotion in his voice. He just sounded ... tired. He didn't say another word. Zach was young, but the gravity of the situation was not lost on him. He and his siblings just stood there in shocked silence. In that moment, each of them, standing there together, felt alone. Daddy was leaving the four of them—mom and all three kids—and wasn't coming back.

That was the last time he saw his father. Zach's father's sadness left him submerged in alcohol. Zach's sadness drove him past his previous boundaries. LSD, marijuana, crystal meth, and cocaine became his addictions.

... HE REMEMBERS GOING INSIDE AND TURNING ON THE TV. THE CHANNEL LANDED ON A CHRIS-TIAN BROADCAST ON TBN. One day he was on his front porch involved in his usual routine—smoking whatever drug was available at the time. For reasons he can't explain, he remembers going inside and turning on the TV. The channel landed on a Christian broadcast on TBN.

Ben Kinchlow was conducting an interview. For some reason, Zachary didn't change the channel. "I don't know why." Something about Ben's message produced an urgency in Zachary.

"HE HAD MY ATTENTION."

Kinchlow pointed at the camera. "Someone out there is going through the exact same thing."

Zachary says, "He had my attention."

Then it happened. Zachary was no longer sitting on the couch watching TV. He was startled as he had what he can only describe as a vision:

There was a Man. He was lifted high on a tree in the form of a cross. He had a beam of wood across His shoulders. And there was so much blood. His back was ripped and gashed. Zachary says he could see the exposed bone on the right side of His lower back. Then He looked at Zachary and said something that rocked him to the core.

"Even if you were the only one ... I still would've done it for you."



THROUGH ALL THE GORE AND PAIN, THIS MAN LOOKED RIGHT AT HIM.

His words pierced Zachary. Yet it was the look in the Man's eyes that broke him. It was not the worn-out fear he had seen in his father's eyes as a little boy. This was something different. No one had ever looked at Zachary this way. Through all the gore and pain, this Man looked right at him.

"I knew that Man to be Jesus."

At once, he cried out to the Lord—his voice so much stronger than the last words he had heard from his father.

"Lord, I need you!"

Sadness suffered an eternal defeat.

"I got born again that night because of an encounter with Christian television and my Lord Jesus Christ."

Today, Zachary preaches the Gospel to people in many different places. It's a remarkable, true story that happened because of the faithfulness of partners like you who make sure Christian TV continues reaching the world. Thank you!

This is #MyStory.

- TBN Partner, Zachary Bigley

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