



CHOMA TODAY
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God blesses us, so that all the ends of the earth may fear (reverential awe) Him.

Ps 67:7 NASB

The blessings of God are seamless, ignoring dates and times that we have become accustomed to, winding through our lives like a golden river. Let me share some recent blessings...

In November, our Zambian partner was offered the opportunity to add a 6th radio station to her One Love FM radio network. We were grateful the Lord had enabled us to participate, so Choma 102.3 FM switched on, reaching at least 500,000 Zambians with the Gospel message that has changed individuals and entire nations, since Jesus first lived it during His short time among us.

Almost immediately, these Tonga-speaking people began to connect with One Love, revealing a long-standing desire for Christian teaching and music. In fact, within a short time, this smallest of stations in the network (of 6) was received so well, it accounted for 60% of all listener response within the network.

We started fund raising for Bibles to equip local churches in Choma and area so they might respond in tangible form to the new growth here. A \$15 investment in new life seems like such a good investment-after all, the WORD is eternal and will live on forever. The first 50 are on the way...

ALL MUST HEAR

Its these times when I remember afresh, George's passionate call to reach the world through radio. High Adventure founder George Otis had a unique ability to engage friends; his ever-present reminder that Matt 24:14 is the believer's war cry, still motivates me when we expand our radio reach like Zambia, only 2 months ago:

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.
Matt 24:14 NASB

Although I am not sure the time when **all will have heard** the testimony, I am convinced we are closer than ever before. Each new station inches us closer and the blessings continue.

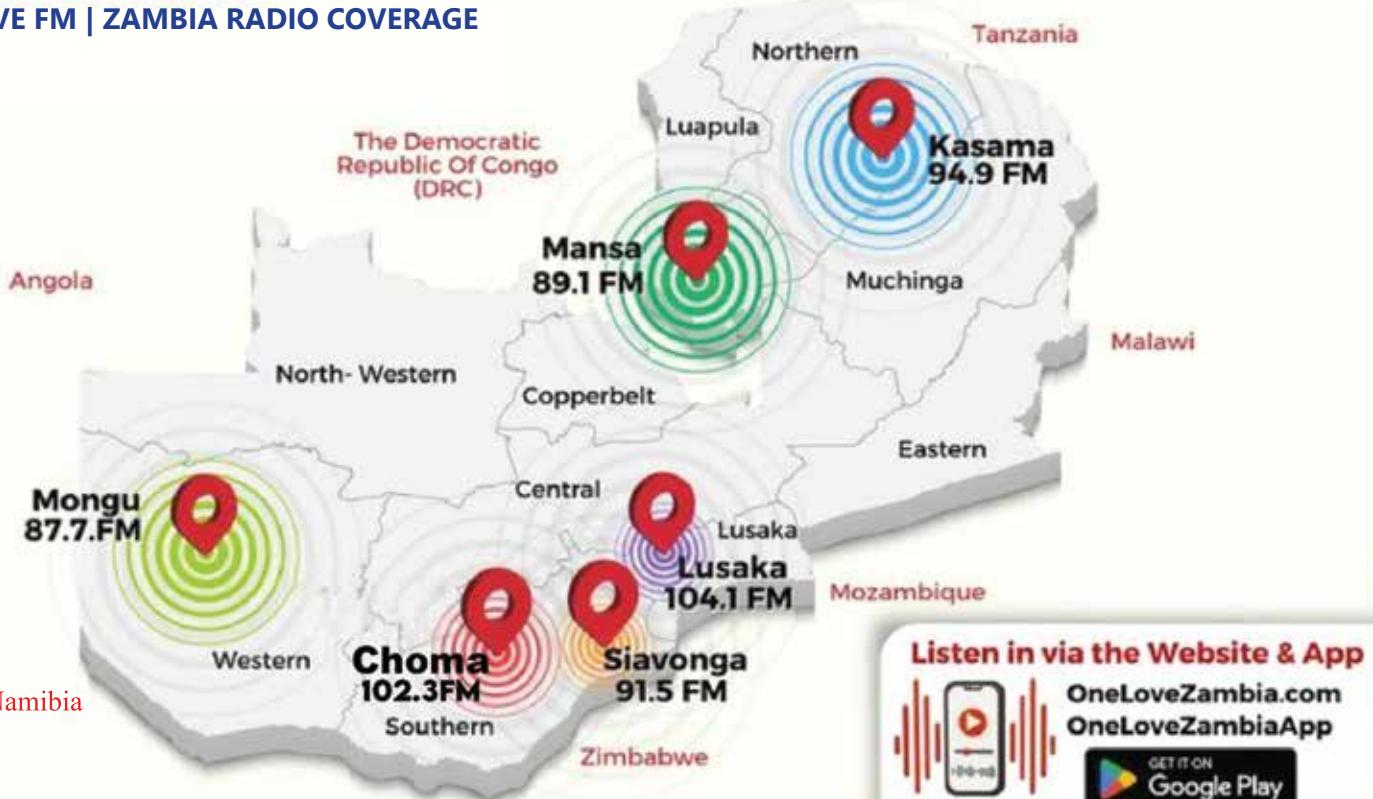
DIGITAL

For disciples who taught large groups on ancient Middle Eastern hillsides, today's communication capability would be unfathomable.

Since 1937 when the first Christian radio broadcasts began on shortwave radio, soon followed by AM radio and FM radio and television...for those in old paradigms, it must have felt like heaven switched everything into high gear as evangelism raced on.

But the digital age soon appeared; now messaging was reaching huge populations at a time (called footprints) on satellite radio/TV. We thought that might be enough to fulfill Matt 24:14.

ONE LOVE FM | ZAMBIA RADIO COVERAGE



But internet arrived and moved us into a gear we had not thought possible. Now, ministries like ours make audio programming available for listening on demand from our websites...for example, check us out at www.bvbroadcasting.org. Initially, only those with computers could hear such programming...but smartphones changed all that. It's now possible to reach every person on earth with audio messaging...if they have a smartphone.

Even our FM radio stations can be heard on smartphones through free APPS like RADIO GARDEN. To hear an example, download the free app and then search for One Love FM in ZAMBIA and you will feel like you're in the studio there in Lusaka ...it's that easy now.

BUT to echo every child travelling with weary parents...are we there yet? Is Matt 24:14 in view? Not yet, but we are really close...stay buckled up!

Data collection websites like www.prioridata.com and www.explodingtopics.com are just two of many such sites that tell us there are now just over 7 billion smartphones in the world population of 8 billion people...that means 90% saturation. Numbers make data people shake with anticipation, but the reality is while we don't know how many are actually listening, we do know it's possible for 90% of the world to hear...just with smartphones alone! What times we live in!

Can't we just see Peter blinking wildly at this fact? That's a HUGE fishing net!

RIVER WINDING SOME MORE

Many have followed our long and sometimes torturous journey in Uganda where we have experienced so much to bring Christian radio back to the people of TESO region.

The first two years of the process involved multiple applications, supported by a reputable Ugandan law firm we work through, complimented by endorsements from well-respected political and even military leaders; even 10,000 Ugandans voiced their love of the station, joining the overwhelming group request for permission to broadcast. Nothing happened - we stood at the edge of failure.

Then in late 2024 we were encouraged to try one last time...with support from a prominent community leader (see our AUG newsletter). This time the answer was YES!

For the next 13 months we worked (prayed much) and then on Dec 22, 2025 we received permission to air music-we began with worship music and of course Christmas music. Even without any message programming-nothing spoken-people began to call with over-the-top excitement to hear our new Desert Stream FM station reaching into huts and across fields with worship; reminiscent of Shepherds Fields so long ago at what became the first Christmas!

At this very moment, we are preparing a celebration for the community that will involve Bibles and solar radios (with audio Bibles inside); photos will certainly come soon.

THE REAL BLESSING

Across the years and through the nations where we have found ourselves, there is one blessing that far exceeds all others we have enjoyed; it's the blessing that someone who needs the Lord and His love, is able to receive it. *It's about the people-not the ways we reach people.*

This year we have experienced many such God-moments. Allow me to share a few with you as we look back before we peek in to the future...

ROSELIN (33 years mother of 3 children in refugee camp)

My home lose hope due to the hardship in settlements; my husband left me with children in the settlement...two years I don't see him. No one is speaking to my life, many bad thoughts always come on my mind, to end up my life or lock up the kids in the room and leave. But one night someone from Pagrinya has blue solar power radio. In the evening, we were together; she opened it-I was listening to it; the message in that radio speak directly in my life as someone who knew my situation well.

*I requested her to leave the radio at least one week. She told me the radio is her everything-she can't leave for me. But the message has changed my thoughts. I gave my life to Jesus and **today God has provided my own solar radio.***

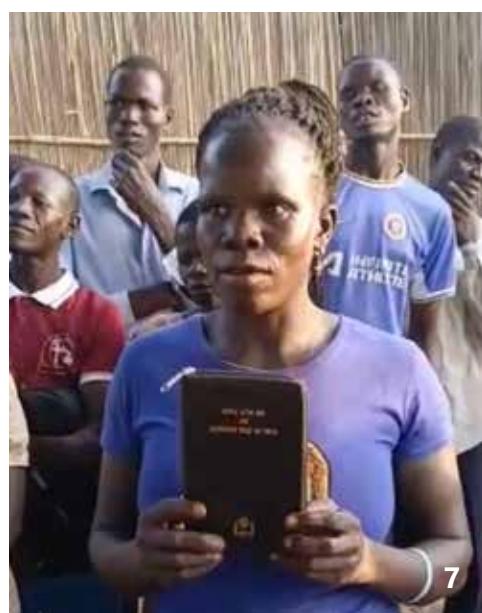
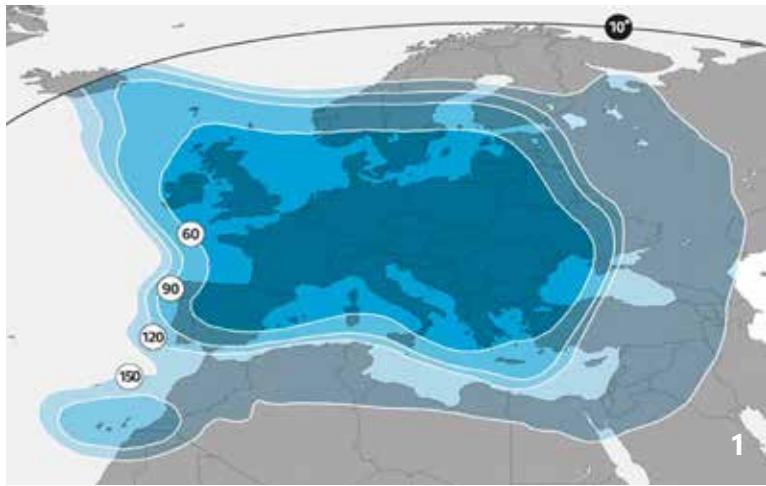
BETTY (53 a single mother of five)

Life in the camp had become difficult for me and family, due to food and school fee challenges. I thought it's an open door for my family; one of family friend connected my daughter (18 years) for free Scholarship. She was taken to Amure district to study. During holiday, I don't have funds to transport, so she stayed back with other students in the school. At night someone broke in their room and killed her with her friend. She is the only daughter who is helping me, I made the decision to kill myself, there is no hope.

I had not eaten for over two weeks. But the solar powered radio that was given to me by Pastor Martin has recover my life. Every day I follow the programs of my radio; after burial everybody departed to their home and I was alone, but this radio becomes my relatives, friends and my everything. I listen to the preaching; songs of hope and one tribe programs have healed my soul. This radio saved my life and built hope.

SOLAR RADIOS FOR BIDIBIDI REFUGEES





JOSEPHINE (refugee)

I got saved in 2014 (when refugee camp began) and have been looking for a Madi Bible for 9 years. Today God blessed me with it!

JOSEPHINE B (refugee)

I have been praying for a radio since 2011. Today I have one and I also made decision to follow Christ!

AGNES (refugee)

I am uneducated and cannot read. But God is always speaking to me to share the Word of God with people.

Today (with this radio) God made it possible.

PEEKING NOW...

The River of God has recently brought blessing to the **BARI** (unreached) people of South Sudan through our partner Baptist Churches of that area, who are doing an outreach and requested our help with Bari Bibles; some are on the way now. And this month we will begin special messaging to 1.7 million (engineer study) people under the sound of our new **Desert Stream** radio station; we are actually planning a **Massai** outreach in Spring, with audio Bibles and radios; we are praying about more **Tonga Bibles** for Zambia, and so much more to come this year!

As we enjoy these blessings here and now, don't forget, not long now, and Matt 24:14 **will** be fulfilled; then we get the see the SOURCE of the River of Blessings...

And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, **coming from the throne of God** and of the Lamb...
Rev 22:1 NASB

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