



MEETING VILLAGE LEADERS REQUESTING RADIO

**Moses then stood at the gate of the camp, and said,
“Whoever is for the Lord, come to me!”** Ex 32:26 NASB

In an ancient showdown, Moses stood between heaven and hell, intervening for the nation of Israel, calling for people to choose their destiny. His strategic ministry as spiritual gatekeeper that day, was not the last such intervention. In fact, many such spiritual interventions have dotted Israel’s history; **Esther** (Es 4:14) was one of the most dramatic such gatekeepers, resulting in the nation of Israel being saved; Prophetess **Deborah** (known as the mother of Israel) delivered Israel from Jabin and the Canaanite army (Judges 5:7); **Mary** was used of God to bring Jesus among us so we might be saved (Luke 1:30); **Elizabeth** miraculously bore John the Baptist who was called to herald Jesus’ ministry (Luke 1:36)...

There have been so many courageous women that followed God sometimes at the risk to their own lives...to stand at the gate between unseen forces, so the plan of God might be unveiled as He wished. There are so many dramatic testimonies of Biblical lady warriors. Was that just a “Bible thing”? Do they still exist?

6 TRIPLE 8

Marty and I have recently enjoyed a movie on Netflix (I rarely speak of promoting media unless movies like The Chosen etc. but this one is worth mention) called the 6 Triple 8; a very unique story set in WWII where an amazing group of black females provided an outstanding service within the military (you will have to see it to get the details).

But one woman has never left my thoughts...it was the woman at the gate that was the catalyst for this amazing 6 Triple 8 experience. She reminded me the Lord has always and still does use a “woman at the gate” at strategic moments in His plan.

UGANDAN GATE

COVID years were so painful in Uganda. As that pandemic was about to explode, we had just lost our country manager due to a traffic accident, setting off many months of grief and then loss in so many ways. Isaac had been important to managing our growing ministry there, and among his responsibilities was the radio station we built and operated; Youth FM in Amuria.

But with his passing, valuable communication was lost with the nation’s

**FULLY DEVOTED
BY PASTOR GARRY JAMES
(YOUTH FM 2021)**

Praise God pastor James Garry, am Janet from Kapelebyong district, always Pastor James just very happy because when you start preaching you must pray first that why I love your preaching on Youth FM

**BIBLE PRINCIPLES
BY DR. GENE GETZ
(YOUTH FM 2021)**

Praise God Dr. Gene Getz, my name is Margaret from Otukei one of the listeners who love your program so much and this message for that matter is a really strong one considering my current situation; I think this message came just in time to save me from drowning in my sorrows after what my husband just did to me. May God bless you.



MEETING WITH BISHOP CHARLES AT HIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

regulatory body, the UCC. By the time we had realized our application for renewal was not filed, Youth FM received its cancellation notice; the UCC assumed we had simply stopped broadcasting.

For the next 3 ½ years our multiple appeals fell on deaf ears it seemed. A community generated petition of 10,000 signatures together with political leaders of all levels, including church leaders...nothing moved the needle. Even an endorsement from one of the nation’s most respected military leaders who had actually broadcast on Youth FM, also stayed somewhere...but nowhere.

After 3 ½ years of effort, Jesus’ words to the disciples “O you of little faith..” (Luke 12:28) seemed to ring in my ears. I had been so sure...



RADIO VOICE COMING BACK ON FOR TESO REGION

I still remember standing in my Ugandan bedroom, calling our Ugandan ministry president Fred to discuss the next steps to sell what was once Youth FM. The disappointment between us was palpable but after trying every door and every window and praying through every step but still failing, it was time to sell...

SPECIAL CALL

Within 5 minutes and before I could begin my anticipated restless night, I took a call from Bishop Charles who we had worked with in the Amuria area over the years. His words were shocking and simple “Don, if you are thinking of selling Youth FM, don’t do it! (how could he possibly have known?) He went on “I think I might know someone who can help”. He shared a phone number and then hung up.

This news certainly did not help my restless night. I could hardly wait until next day, but when I did make that call, I heard an older, gentle female voice that sounded like a sweet grandmother, whose words emanated kindness and concern.

But after a couple of minutes, I realized I was talking with a modern-day female version of Moses. Integrity and strength flowed from her words and most importantly her strong love of God punctuated her obvious confidence. She indeed was one of those who the Lord spoke of...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. (Dan 11:32 KJV)

Her words were simple...“we shall have this”.

CONVICTION

Hope seeped back in to my thinking. I had read so many testimonies of people whose lives had been impacted by our Youth FM broadcast days; families who reported talking together and praying together where they had not been; of others who met Christ; of others who had stopped drinking alcohol as their recreational escape were now praying and going to church; even cultural leaders personally telling me how they were grateful that Youth FM broadcasts had instilled and promoted respect among their youth for elderly leaders...

For many months after growing silent, our manager met with a constant flow of community visitors to the station, imploring us to “turn the radio back on”.

After reading and hearing of so much, I knew this was not just a radio station. It was a vehicle of community encouragement, spiritually and emotionally. And that was important here where the LRA had kidnapped so many (6,000) of their youth over 20 years of insurgency; and in this region where years of tribal cattle rustling had all but destroyed a region’s income. The accumulated pain over 25 years was crushing and this community desperately needed Good News!

And the woman at the gate was a Ugandan woman!

INTOUCH BY DR CHARLES STANLEY (YOUTH FM 2020)

Praise God pastor Charles Stanley ministry, am Jesca from Acowa – Amuria district, am very happy of the topic today which says the power of forgiveness, it’s very true pastor that in my life I had no time to forgive my enemy in any situation that they did bad to me I did not forgive them only I wanted to do bad things to them as well. I discovered in the preaching that there is power in forgiveness, for you and me to be set free in our life...now I need to forgive all any one whom I hate in my life and any who did something bad to my life.

BIBLE PRINCIPLES BY DR GENE GETZ (YOUTH FM 2020)

Praise God pastor, am Naume from Otuke District - am very happy for your preaching of today and the topic was praying regularly in Christian life. This preaching pastor Gene Getz, has really encouraged me as well to start now praying regularly in my daily life so as to overcome all the plans of the enemy Satan, thanks pastor.



93-YEAR-OLD LISTENER ENJOYING ATESO MUSIC ON HER COMPASS RADIO

KIDS FIRE FOR CHRIST (YOUTH FM 2020)

Praise God pastor Johnson and the family, am Moses from Obalanga. Am just to hear the word that say importance of working together in unity and it’s in the book in the bible Psalm 133:1 and all this was done by young kids speaking on Youth FM... this kids programme has encouraged me...



TAKING MEASUREMENTS FOR TOWER CONSTRUCTION

PROCESS

Suddenly and inexplicably, our communications at the UCC were heard and our long process began. But after 10 months we are now an inch away. In fact, just this week, intent to allow our license was published in Ugandan papers as protocol required.

For the entire 10 months we knew we were facing a good news-bad news scenario. The good news was that our station now called Desert Stream Radio (we lost our Youth FM name since it was taken by another group during our absence) will soon be back on the air, reaching 250,000 + excited listeners. The bad news is our original tower is now not easily accessible and we need to build our own tower, on our own site. That bad news was also a big challenge... in fact a \$30,000 USD challenge.

ANOTHER WOMAN AT ANOTHER GATE

After 10 months of process, we were still very much engaged and encouraged. Every person, from staff to community members to church leaders and even political leaders, all expressed their happy support and anticipation. But inside, it felt like my faith was leaking a little...Jesus' words seemed a little louder by now "O you of little faith". But following Him has taught me to pray and trust even if the feelings aren't there yet; although, I could hear the clock ticking...

And then I took a call from a woman Marty and I have both loved for so many years. She and her husband had been integral to so many good things we had worked on together. She and Ken had certainly supported the work over the years but at strategic moments, the Lord also used her as a gatekeeper to move focus where He wanted it to be. Our Life Essentials pastoral work was such a moment, but that's for another time.

In our pleasant exchange, Linda shared with us a plan that she and Ken had felt led to provide. It all began during those dreaded COVID years when we faced so many challenges that threatened to bring our ministry to its knees (not in a spiritual sense). At that time, they had discussed a plan to provide a "backdrop" for High Adventure to provide strategic support at strategic moments-but did not tell us then.

With my email open before me, I see today's Ugandan news of Desert Stream Radio published, indicating within 2 weeks we could possibly be on the air...and then on the same day, Linda's words "Although we agreed on that plan 3 years ago, **it was just 2 weeks ago** that I felt the release of the Lord...the money is on the way."

And I knew it would be enough to install that new tower!

I would ask for prayer for yet another hurdle-we really need a diesel back up generator big enough to power the station, including the UCC required air conditioning when power outages often occur. We have discovered an excellent choice but need the \$7,500 USD to purchase it.

SO MANY GATEKEEPERS

Over recent years, our ministry has been blessed by so many others that the Lord has stirred at strategic moments. I wish I could mention all here. But as with true Christ followers, anonymity is usually preferred and I only mentioned a couple with special permission; while I cannot mention so many more, He knows...

I can and do express my deep gratitude for our God-given High Adventure supporters.

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ONE TRIBE BY SISTER ELIZABETH HANKINS (YOUTH FM 2022)

Praise God, my name is Samuel from Katakwi district I listen a lot to this program through Youth Radio, and want to thank God so much for the work put in it in fact being someone who resides in a conflicting region of the country in which the Karamojong warriors and cattle rustlers keep on destabilizing the area. The story is not far from the insecurity situations in South Sudan so I always find this program so appealing as you always teach about the importance of helping people affected by conflicts thank you so much for the message.

SAMPLE TOWER





WAITING AT DESERT STREAM RADIO GATE

DAILY HOPE
BY PASTOR RICK WARREN
(YOUTH FM 2022)

Praise God pastor my name is Vanessa from Soroti city and I just want to let you know that you really inspire me with each and every portion of Daily Hope. I know you have always mentioned that Daily Hope should not replace church, but honestly speaking, my day is really empty and incomplete without Daily Hope because what you preach is daily hope indeed, which is gradually changing my life and way of thinking plus perspective of life.

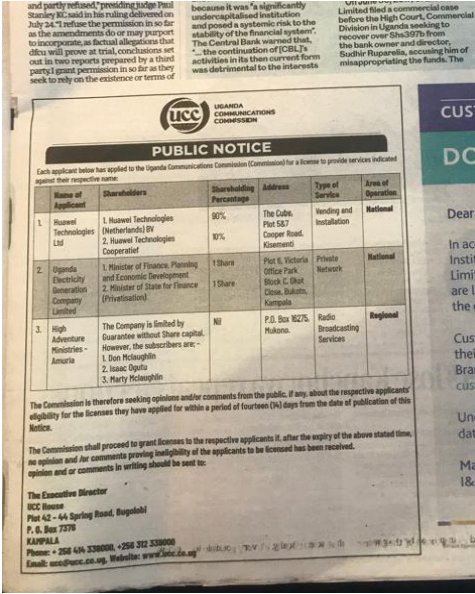
BIBLE PRINCIPLES
BY DR GENE GETZ
(YOUTH FM 2022)

Praise God my name is Charles from Orungo, I feel very blessed to be one of the few lucky people to have access to the word of God on your programme through Youth Radio. I once went through a very rough divorce experience. It was very devastating in the sense that I still loved my wife and had the hope that we would work things out something that did not happen; I almost gave in to despair had it not been for me to switch on the radio and listen to your programme. I must say that I have never looked back since then; in fact, I intend to become a pastor after I mature in my faith.

ONE TRIBE
BY SISTER ELIZABETH HANKINS
(YOUTH FM 2021)

Praise God, am Simon Akepa from Acowa in Kapelebyong District I passed into a lot of troubles when the LRA rebels came to Teso in 2003. I was abducted, my father was killed, even my two brothers were also killed during that insurgency, but since I returned back home, I couldn't find forgiveness in my heart, I used to hate the Ahcoli tribe but due to your preaching, from today onwards my heart is now free. May God bless you.

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