



THE TEST OF FAITH

by Peter Penford

Christopher and Dolly Kirubakaran

In a country of over one billion people what are the chances of Christopher and Dolly Kirubakaran, HCJB's partners in India, receiving letters from two different people in the same household? Not only that, but neither one knows the other is listening to HCJB's shortwave broadcasts, or that each has written to HCJB.

They are from a Hindu family, and if caught listening to HCJB there could be serious consequences. From the letters received Christopher and Dolly believe that both people may have accepted Christ.

Another letter Christopher and Dolly received was from the mother of a family who are the only Christians in their village. The church they attend is 25km away. When they go to church the people in the village try to stop them – they abuse them, hit them and send them back home; one time the mother was badly beaten. Becoming a follower of Jesus in a predominantly Hindu country is risky. Jesus talked of taking up our cross to follow Him. For those in India it involves real cost and a test of their faith. This mother asked for prayer and more radio programs.

Encouraging and nurturing the people who write to them is a daily challenge for the Kirubakarans and their small team who reply to the letters. They can tell many stories like these of people who rely on our shortwave broadcasts for their spiritual food.

In addition to their shortwave and local FM radio ministries the Kirubakaran's are working with several other groups to provide healthcare clinics. A recent clinic in a poor community saw 120 children and 100 adults checked by the team doctor. Hygiene kits containing towels, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc. were distributed and the people taught

how to better look after their health.

Christopher and Dolly have asked us to pray for the people who write to them. Please pray for Christopher and Dolly also as they serve God in a country where only 2.3% of people are Christian.

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HCJB GLOBAL & SAMARITAN'S PURSE COMBINE IN HAITI RESPONSE



In response to Samaritan Purse's request for medical help, HCJB Global sent an emergency medical response team, led by Sheila Leech (International Healthcare Director), to Haiti within two days of the massive earthquake on 12th January.

The team included surgeons, family physicians, nurses, an anaesthetist and a water engineer. They were based at the Baptist Haiti Mission Hospital, located in the mountains outside Port Au Prince, about 32km from the quake's epicentre.

The team arrived in Haiti on Friday 15th January and spent ten days working 12-hour shifts performing about 100 operations and securing a safe water supply for the hospital. The photos above show the team in action. The HCJB Global Hands team focused on medical help, shelter, clean water, and hygiene supplies and provided basic necessities such as sleeping bags, flashlights and tents.

A second medical team is going to Haiti on 13-27th March. Part of their role will be to follow up on earlier patients to see

if further surgery is required. There will also be family doctors and nurses in this group. We will be working there again at the invitation of Samaritan's Purse and in conjunction with Baptist Mission Haiti. HCJB Global is also considering other ways in which we can be involved long term.

Over \$2,000 in donations has been received from Australian supporters and passed on to the HCJB Global Haiti Appeal. Sheila Leech expressed appreciation to all those who contributed.

If you would like to donate towards the work of the HCJB Global Hands Emergency Medical Response Team, you can send a cheque to the HCJB Global Australia Office (address below) clearly marked "for the Haiti Emergency Team". Or phone the office with your credit card details on 03 8720 8000.

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EDUARD KLASSEN TOUR UPDATE



Eduard Klassen was seven years old before he heard a musical instrument for the first time. His father brought home a radio and said, "Tonight we will hear music." What they heard was broadcast from HCJB World Radio in Quito, Ecuador. The music, plus the message in German, changed the whole family. Eduard never dreamed that years later he would play his Paraguayan Harp on that same radio station.

Now Eduard is coming to Australia to share his stories and his music. He will be in Melbourne between 20 – 24th July; Sydney 24 – 28th July and Brisbane from 29th July to 1st August. Our website www.hcjb.org.au will have venues and dates as soon as they are finalised.

If your church would like to host an event with Eduard please contact the office.

WELCOME TO THE WEBBS

by Peter Penford

Chris and Wendy Webb, together with their girls Richelle (11), Kirralee (9) and Eleesha (7) are the latest family to join HCJB's team at Kununurra, WA. They arrived in Kununurra mid-February so are only just beginning to settle in as you read this.

Until 2008, Chris ran his own successful electrical business, but in 2009 he and Wendy took a break from work to consider their future. During this time they travelled around Australia, with Wendy (a trained schoolteacher and previous missionary with Scripture Union) home schooling their girls.

As they travelled, they were asking 'Where do you want us, God?' As they drove away from Kununurra, they both very strongly felt that they were heading in the wrong direction. Then, on the way back, both had the feeling that they were going in the right direction! Neither of them had ever experienced this before. They visited a church in Kununurra where they heard about HCJB and the positions available, so went to serve as volunteers. They were amazed at how

well the situation suited them as Chris had always known he would be serving in a practical way and loves variety.

Chris will be involved in helping complete the new broadcast facilities, maintaining and repairing equipment and organising volunteers to work on projects. Wendy will be busy looking after the family and supporting Chris in his role, but her administrative and organizational skills will also be very valuable to HCJB.

We welcome them to the HCJB family.



HCJB PEOPLE UPDATE

by Peter Penford

The last few months has seen a big change in personnel at Kununurra. Some long term staff has left and new ones are coming. For the new arrivals it is both exciting and daunting, but for those leaving there is the sadness of saying farewell to people who have been part of their lives while living there.

Mary and Tony Ivison

have been part of the fabric of HCJB for over eight years, looking after the people who visited, whether for a few days or much longer. In their role as Accommodation Managers I doubt they could remember the number of times they've picked up, and dropped off, people from Kununurra airport. As a recipient of their hospitality I can say they made me feel most welcome.

Their departure will leave some gaps. Apart from their accommodation role: who will provide cryptic puzzles for people to guess, will the evening board games in the Oasis continue, and who will write poems for us?

I was amazed when Mary told me how many mission organisations they had been involved with over the years, so it was no surprise to hear that they have just moved down the coast for their next ministry. There's no stopping them!

Mike and Sue Ewers came to Kununurra at a time when we needed help in looking after the broadcast facilities. We often talk of people "standing in the gap" and they have both faithfully done this for over two years. Mike's previous experience in radio certainly helped him as he came to grips with transmitters and antennas much larger than he'd worked on before. Sue did a wonderful job in the office, processing all the paperwork,

paying the bills, and providing Melbourne with all the information we need each month. As they return to Perth for Sue to look after her mother we pray that God will continue to guide them in the years ahead.

Paul and Fran Wales

are like many people who come to Kununurra for a short visit, but end up staying much longer. Paul provided an invaluable service by helping monitor the transmitters while on air, and took on some of the routine maintenance as well. He and Mike Ewers worked well as a team. Fran made an invaluable contribution alongside Sue in the office and her hospitality to people on site has been a blessing.



PRAYERLINE

Please uphold the work of HCJB Global Australia

Thank God for

- » Dave and Brenda Brewster from New Zealand who commenced service with HCJB at Kununurra at the end of December. Dave will be one of our broadcast technicians.
- » Chris and Wendy Webb and their family who have just moved from Brisbane to Kununurra to serve God as part of our team. Chris will help complete the new International Broadcast Facility.
- » The expertise of past and present technical staff to keep our Broadcast Facility operating reliably for 15 hours each day, broadcasting the Gospel in 21 languages.
- » A third HC100 transmitter from Ecuador, currently being refurbished at the Elkhart Engineering Centre in Indiana, USA. This transmitter will increase our flexibility and enable us to transmit digital signals.

Please Pray for

- » Protection for Dale (CEO) and his family. Pray also for wisdom as Dale and the HCJB Australia Board address challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.
- » Ongoing funding for the completion of the new International Broadcast Facility and ongoing operational costs of the mission.
- » Safety for our program producers. Pray also that their programs will be thought provoking and creative, producing openness to the gospel by their listeners. Many of them live in areas where persecution of Christians occurs.
- » Wisdom as the broadcast team at Melbourne explore ways of making programs available on the internet.



STORM DAMAGE AT KUNUNURRA

by Peter Penford

Storms and strong winds on the last weekend in January damaged the East Asia antenna at Kununurra, taking our broadcasts to China and Japan off the air. This is only the second time since commencing broadcasts in January 2003 that storms have put an antenna out of action.

Mike Ewers, Greg Wilson, Daniel Forrer and Dave Brewster assessed the damage, which included a broken tower guy rope and 7 broken element guy wires, and determined how repairs could be made. Using a crane was not possible, due to rain making the ground too soft, so climbing the tower was the only other option.

Dennis Pease came up from Wyalkatchem, WA to supervise repairs. While waiting for him to arrive the broadcast team were able to get all the material ready to perform the repair once the damaged element was removed.

Dennis Pease and Greg Wilson climbed the tower, and with assistance from the staff on the ground, replaced the broken guy ropes. With the tower more secure they dismantled the broken piece of antenna, hauled up the new section, then fitted and secured it into position.

Repairs were completed on Thursday 11th February. The antenna was then tested and broadcasts to East Asia recommenced that evening. Congratulations to all staff for a safe repair job.

LISTEN TO HCJB AUSTRALIA

Broadcast Schedule 25 October 2009 to 27 March 2010

Region	UTC Time	Australian Daylight Eastern Standard Time	Frequency	Band
East Asia Morning	2200 - 0030	0900 - 1130	15525 kHz	19 metre
South East Asia Morning	2345 - 0100	1045 - 1230	15400 kHz	19 metre
South Asia Morning	0100 - 0300	1230 - 1400	15400 kHz	19 metre
South Pacific Evening	0730 - 0930	1830 - 2030	11750 kHz	25 metre
East Asia Evening	1030 - 1430	2130 - 0130	15400 kHz	19 metre
South East Asia Evening	1145 - 1300	2245 - 0000	15340 kHz	19 metre
South Asia Evening	1300 - 1530	0000 - 0230	15340 kHz	19 metre



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We have been sharing with you for quite a while regarding two major projects:

1. The refurbishment of a HC 100 transmitter that will hopefully make its way to Australia before the onset of the next wet season up north. The total cost for this project is approximately \$150,000.
2. A high voltage power line to our new broadcast facility. The total amount was approximately \$400,000 based on a previous quote we had obtained early last year.

I am very excited to let you know that due to God's provision through many people, we have achieved these initial goals. Thank you for your generous support.

However, it now seems the cost for the power line is going to be substantially more than the original quote. We are currently negotiating with the power company regarding this. Scripture encourages us to be joyful, to pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us in Christ. God will find a way, so please pray with us for the outcome of this negotiation.

Each hour of transmission costs HCJB Australia approximately \$220 to maintain broadcasts across the Asia Pacific region. Would you consider sponsoring an hour or more of transmission to reach these people?

We also need to complete the seven antennas that are part of our new broadcast facility. The goal for this alone is \$150,000.

By filling out and returning the attached form you are helping us reach thousands of people for Christ across the region. So many people are hidden from the Gospel by religious boundaries, harsh terrain or simply having no one present to tell them about Jesus.

I urge you to consider how you can help.

Yours sincerely,



Dale Stagg
CEO

During October 2009 to January 2010 we received 1200 letters, 1565 phone calls and 160 emails to our India office. These responses came from 22 Indian states as well as Nepal and Pakistan. HCJB is not just about shortwave. HCJB has an FM ministry in India with air time on All India Radio. Combined with our shortwave broadcasting it enables our programs to be heard by the widest possible audience across thousands of villages and the metropolitan areas. 70% of the people in India live in 550,000 villages scattered across the country. The remainder are in 200 major towns and cities. HCJB Australia is broadcasting in 15 of the 20+ major language groups. Punjabi is one of these language groups and is spoken by over 29 million people.