



RADIO WORLDWIDE

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New initiative to train Indian Christians

India remains the country with the highest number of unreached people groups in the world. **Christopher Singh** reports on how God is bringing a challenge to reach the peoples of India using Radio Worldwide's media expertise.

There are many media opportunities now open to Christians in India. Fast urbanisation and economic development has led to advanced technology, mobile phones, more radio and TV channels being available to millions of people. And with these changes have come more and more openings to spread the gospel.

Training in partnership

In Radio Worldwide (RW) we have been praying about and exploring the possibility of facilitating this spread of the gospel by providing training. We sense that God is confirming this new development, with the establishing of a new partnership with like-minded agencies. RW has joined hands with IBRA (a Christian mission organisation from Sweden) to develop and run a Media Theology Course which will train pastors to be as informed about media as they are about the Bible.



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INDIA IS MOBILE New media brings gospel-opportunities



Training project needs prayer

- For students to enrol in the programme.
- For the college to deliver high quality training, they need teaching staff and modern equipment.
- For wisdom: to keep in touch with the ever-changing society and remain up to date with the worldview of our target audience.

Online and classroom based teaching

This two-year course will run from June 2012, at Bethel Faith Spark Bible College in Coimbatore, India. Some of it will be taught online from the UK, while students do their regular studies in Theology. The more practical subjects will be taught in India by RW and IBRA staff. Students will learn to use radio, TV, websites and traditional print media

to share the gospel with urbanised young professionals in the cities of India. While the training will take place in South India, the ministry focus for students is on the unreached peoples of North India.

We would like to deliver communication at its best to future pastors and kingdom communicators. We have the vision and means, but we need you to partner with us – would you join hands with us to reach the unreached through this project?

ARISE CONFERENCE

Encounters with the living God



The Arise Conference supports and equips Central Asian women leaders. The eighth conference took place in March. **Ann Marie Isenring** gives a snapshot from her prayer diary.

Day before the conference

We feel it's really important to plan and pray into the future. This is a new season, and we want to be in tune with God, so we're asking ourselves some serious questions and waiting for God to speak. There is great excitement at what he is doing.

There are possibilities of women arriving that we have not said yes to. Thank you for praying about our finances. The Lord continues to provide in amazing ways, and we are still praying for not only "enough" but for "plenty", so that we will even have leftovers. Even now, 24 hours before the conference starts, this is not impossible.

Day 1 8 March

Marguerite Evans opened her teaching ministry this morning with a message from 1 John 1:5-7 and challenged women to allow God to shine his light on anything that we're involved in that is not of him. She talked about culture – how often we excuse some of our actions because we feel it is our culture; things passed down through generations that leads to bondage. This includes some occult practices common in Central Asia. She encouraged us to give control of all areas of our lives to Jesus, and again many women responded.

Day 3 10 March

As I was sitting at the desk we use as our office, I could see the women coming in and out of the different prayer rooms. Their faces were glowing. So many are already testifying to an encounter with the living God.

There has been some spontaneous dancing and worship, even in the dining room tonight, so we know that women are indeed, with joy, drawing water from the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3), our theme this year.

After conference Monday 12 March

It was a fantastic conference, and the Lord was very evident in all. We stand in awe once again at all he did.

Women are all home safely; each one with a story of God's transforming power at work in her life. Our prayer is they would pass along all they have learned and experienced; to multiply the blessings they have received and give them to women in their own cultures. Pray for God's protection over them all, that the devil will not be able to steal what God has given.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- **Danny Isenring** Pray for all the preparations for the two-week Foundation Radio Course, 6-19 July. Pray for a continued anointing on his and Ann Marie's leadership.
- **Ann Marie Isenring** Praise God for the amazing healing and restoration women experienced at Arise 2012. Pray for another trip to Central Asia to work on Letters to my Daughters. Also pray for good health.
- **Shely Ganguly** Pray for her integration into the team. Shely joins us in April, beginning ministry by the end of the month.
- **Peter Hoppe** Pray for discipline in the IT tasks needing to be done, and praise God for joy in doing them.
- **Ruth Mark** Pray for the preparation of programme inserts about the Olympics. Next health check-up is in mid May.
- **Grace McNeill** Praise God for a good time in Thailand looking after workers' children. Pray for help with adjusting to changes.
- **Lydia Pullen** Pray for administrative duties and continued radio training, especially the Radio Foundation Course in July. Pray for the Lord's guidance seeking a ministry to Central Asia, and becoming part of the Letters to my Daughters team.
- **Tony Pullen** Pray as he becomes more involved in preparations for the Foundation Radio Course in July; also as he researches a new Operation World project.
- **Christopher Singh** Pray for the India project and teaching in Togo. Ask for help and wisdom in preparing the courses, and safety in travel.
- **Roger and Kathy Stoll** Pray for the students on the mediAfrique course; for the Lord's direction to a permanent ministry home; and a refreshing and revitalising time on furlough.
- Pray for the team as they look forward to a retreat in October.

DIARY DATES

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| 20 May-2 June | Christopher Singh in Togo |
| 7 June | RW team share at Destiny Church, Wakefield |
| 11-14 June | WEC UK Staff Conference |
| 23 -27 June | Ann Marie Isenring – women's conference speaker on the Isle of Lewis, Scotland |
| 6-19 July | Foundation Radio Course |
| 23 July-12 August | Christopher Singh in India |

MEDIAFRIQUE

Media school opens its doors again

Radio training in french-speaking Africa is now well established. **Roger Stoll** reflects on developments and plans for the future.

On 19 March 2012 mediAfrique opened its media school for the fourth time. For the past three years this partnership project between Radio Worldwide and IBRA has provided much needed media training for French-speaking Africans. God is faithful and this course began with eight students. Since then a ninth has arrived. Not only did Pierre have to wait for Mali's borders to reopen after the recent *coup d'état*; the only transport he could get was a 5-day bus ride to Lomé (normally 48 hours).

Permanent base needed
When the mediAfrique leadership met last year, God challenged us: how can we best help the church in francophone Africa to make use of new and established media? We realised that besides radio, we also need to help in the area of TV, video production and social and mobile media. But none of our team knows how!

For such a big vision, the rented facilities in Lomé will be too small. The ministry needs a permanent home that will allow us to develop as God leads. Since we are a regional ministry, we are not restricted to Togo. We could go anywhere. But where is anywhere?



Stuart Butler/Oceansurf

VIEWING FIGURES "We also need to help in the area of TV, video production and social and mobile media"

Please join us in praying to the Lord of the harvest to send workers, so that training can be developed to incorporate new media. Also pray for the future location of the mediAfrique centre.

Towards the finish line

When Kathy and I arrived in Togo in June 2008 we embarked on this long-distance race called mediAfrique. We started slowly, focusing on adjusting

| Facts&figures |
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| Africa is experiencing a mobile phone revolution with 50% of Africans owning one. That's 500 million mobile phones.* |
| Social media and the rise of affordable handsets will double the mobile market in West and Central Africa by 2017.** |
| Increasingly, radio is listened to on a mobile.** |
| Sources: *www.guardian.co.uk **www.informafrika.com |

to family life in West Africa and learning French. Many of you carried us through this period with your prayers.

Then came a busy time in 2009, when the first students came to the media school. The planning and subsequent running of the eight-month radio production course demanded all our energy. Since then we have trained 21 media missionaries from 11 African nations.

As a family, we are entering the final stretch of our term in West Africa. As in a long-distance race, we are running madly toward the finishing line.

We fly out on 27 May to start our home assignment in Germany and the USA. However, before

that we have to pack up everything and store our belongings still not knowing in which country we will live on our return in 2013.



**STUDENT PROFILE
Madame Kai**

Meet Madame Sonia Pokam Kai, from Cameroon. Sonia already has some training in audio/visual technology. In the future she will be involved in a new radio project, led by Alphonse Teyabe who has done a French Training of

Trainers course with mediAfrique. Her husband is a pastor and they have two children who are living with their grandparents while Sonia is in Togo. They are practicing animists and Sonia is afraid of the evil influences the children may be exposed to. Sonia is making big sacrifices and her story illustrates just some of the challenges students face in order to get training. NOTE: At the time of going to press Sonia has had to return home due to her pregnancy.



CLASS OF 2012 Keen to learn

NEW WORKERS**The Pullens arrive and settle in**

Dissecting CDs in their cases was not the introduction we expected to working with Radio Worldwide! But then – expect the unexpected!

Following a week of CD bashing, humping furniture and admin paraphernalia between offices, and gentle orientation into the team, we were raring to get going. Our first task was the February *Audio Prayer News* – a good introduction to the use of the studio and its equipment. We enjoyed interviewing some of the team, putting the news together, and getting approval from our producer, Ruth Mark.

Tony is now working on material for the Foundation Radio Course, which includes reformatting the course handbook, redesigning the course leaflet and working on the playback list. I have been working on a new computer system for the accounts as well as becoming acquainted with the North East Regional Network and the WEC database. In March I joined Ann Marie at the Arise Conference in Turkey. To see God at work in women's lives was an amazing experience which will stay with me for a long time.

Lydia Pullen



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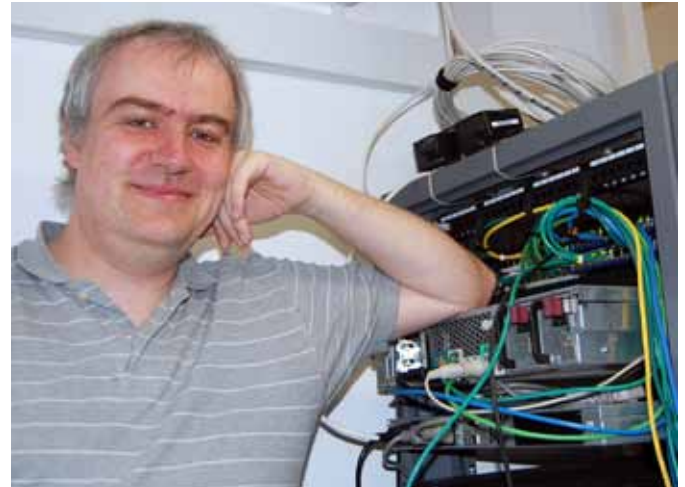
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TECHNOLOGY**Prayer tames the IT monsters**

MUCH APPRECIATED Peter Hoppe ... our resident "geek"

How many of us have not complained about our computers at some point? They are wonderful when working, but when things go wrong they suddenly become monsters. That is why we are hugely thankful to the Lord for people like Peter Hoppe, our technical man who looks after our computers and studio equipment. Responsibility for WEC's computer servers, here and in Germany, and IT support for WEC, are all part of his remit. He also assists in general maintenance.

As Peter says, "In the course of working with technology I have discovered a lot about prayer, as I bring every problem before God in silent prayer and then listen for his solution. I want to do technology in a way that honours him. I have seen his amazing help!" Things do not always go right though and even Peter admits, "those stubborn computers drive me up the wall!"

We praise the Lord for Peter's God-given abilities. We could not function as a team without him. He works away quietly, often in the background, supporting the teams here at Springhead Park House.

Lydia Pullen

How can you become involved?

- **PRAY FOR US** Receive the audio prayer news every month (except August).
- **SIGN UP** for the *Confidential News* – in-depth reporting from areas where RW is working.

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