

IT WAS A unique undertaking that sent Missionary Gene Sharp (*pictured with his wife Bonita*) to Buenos Aires, Peru, in March of 2020. His assignment was substantial—to construct a modern radio station in a developing nation and then teach the nationals how to run it.

The plan was simple (in theory), but the application was vastly more complicated in real life. At least this time he had two willing helpers (Andrew Chafa and Stewart Hoffmeister) to help bear the load; many times before he had done it alone, and that was tough!

Gene Sharp planned the project carefully, knowing from experience (31 radio stations in the last 25 years) that installations are always challenging, and there would be no Home Depot if he needed extra supplies. He double-checked his list.

Hmmm... Install electric service, construct the studio, build the desk, soundproof the walls, prepare and install the transmitter room, climb the tower, hang the antenna, install the coax, ground the tower, install STL (studio-to-tower wireless link), test the equipment... and then...teach the local man how to run the technical equipment and produce local programs that will effectively reach his "Jerusalem"—all in 10 days!

In all facets of radio, Gene Sharp is a seasoned veteran. At the age of twelve, he began building his first radio station in his bedroom closet using cast-off equipment. Through the years, his love for anything technical blossomed into a passionate life work—to reach the world using the latest technology and to establish local Christian radio stations in foreign countries along the way.

It has been a long, hard, often lonely

A Monumental Task



road as Gene (along with his wife Bonita and their five children) entered the unfashionable waters of missionary service, not as a pastor or church planter (although he certainly can preach), but as a technical servant. For two and one-half decades, Gene has partnered with multiple pastors, missionaries, and nationals to “enlarge the tent” of the gospel on five continents. Such exotic places as New Guinea, Iraq, Philippines, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Liberia have been blessed by his expertise. He is no stranger to danger, dirt, disease or dysentery. Discomfort, discouragement and distress are his daily companions—not to mention parasites and...well, there isn’t much else that could be added to that list.

What makes a man endure the long

hours, late nights, and loneliness with such self-demanding diligence? Gene feels that his God-assigned task is a privilege, not a privation. He has surrendered his ambitions to a Higher Authority. The desire for a lucrative profession has no allure to him. The furtherance of the gospel is, has been, and will continue to be paramount in his life.

The challenging installation of Victory Christian Radio in Buenos Aires, Peru, is completed. What effect will broadcasting the gospel over 100.3 FM have upon the region?

“Who knows?” Gene mused. “Maybe a future president of Peru is right now a little boy who is hearing the gospel for the very first time in his village.”

MIDDLE EAST, Iraq

We have reached our goal for the Kurdish/Iranian station. Thank you to all who gave so generously. Our partners are already in the region making preliminary decisions. The Hillah station in ancient Babylon is also progressing. Our immediate need is monthly support of \$4500 for these three new Iraqi stations. If you or your church are willing to commit to monthly support of any amount, please contact George Zarris at CRI, 502-817-1001.



EUROPE, Ukraine

A testimony (in his own words) from TV Broadcaster Paul Dudka (pictured with his wife Tanya and sons):

A lady called me yesterday and said, "I have never heard such great message that just touched my heart."

Then I asked her, "Are you saved?"

Her answer was, "I have visited many possible denominations and am also reading the Bible."

Then I said, "We are not getting saved by visiting churches or even by reading the Bible."

Then she said, "Well, God knows if I am saved."

I said, "He sure does, but what about you?" Then I started from beginning and explain her gospel of Jesus. After one hour of phone conversation, I led her to Christ.

PRAISE GOD! WONDERFUL! By the way, she said her family regularly watching my TV programs. I never thought that media covers her region. It's amazing to reach with gospel potentially over 40 millions every week.



MIDDLE EAST, Iran *Persians Still Seeking*

The following testimony is from Persian Broadcaster Michael Germi: One month ago Jabal, a recent convert from Iran, introduced five new Muslims to my Skype class. After several weeks, all five trusted Christ as Saviour. They have been faithfully joining the class ever since.



AFRICA, Ghana

The following report is from missionary and Broadcaster Ted Speer (pictured with his family):



The coronavirus has shut down our church temporarily; therefore, we are buying one hour of time on our local radio station for the next four weeks. Praise God, we expect 70,000 listeners per week. We would never have considered a radio program if this crisis had not developed. God is in control!

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CORONA VIRUS *Unprepared*

The atheistic, anti-God news media has been ramping up the rhetoric concerning the coronavirus outbreak. In a frenzied outcry, they blamed everyone from President Trump (*what else is new!*) to the millennials. Their plaintive wail reverberated around the globe:

“WE’RE NOT PREPARED FOR THIS!!”

YOU’RE RIGHT!

YOU are not prepared for this...but WE CHRISTIANS ARE!

We have been preparing for this pandemic since the day we got saved.

We have prepared for DEATH by accepting Christ as SAVIOUR.

We have prepared for FEAR by confronting it with the TRUTH.

We have prepared for IGNORANCE by reading the BIBLE.

We have prepared for ISOLATION by communing with the FATHER.

We have prepared for WANT by connecting to the SUPPLIER.

We have prepared for a Satanic ONSLAUGHT of madness by the KNOWLEDGE that,

“Satan hath great wrath because he knoweth he hath but a short time!”

We are *“persuaded that neither DEATH, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor THINGS PRESENT, nor THINGS TO COME, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 8:38-39).

WE ARE PREPARED TO GO TO HEAVEN WHEN WE DIE—

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