

*Pictured:  
Jerry and Rachel Wyatt and family*



**M**ISSIONARY RACHEL WYATT was surprised when CNN TV network contacted her in Tanzania. "You want me to do what?" she queried. CNN wanted an interview—not about her visionary, church-building husband Jerry; or their exemplary new Christian radio station; or their monumental, yearly crusade (that drew 20,000 people in 2019.) Those items were newsworthy...but...no! CNN wanted to interview Rachel concerning—of all things—**her faith!** Their interest was piqued by a Facebook live devotional challenge that Rachel had posted from the closet of her spotless Tanzanian home. With a backdrop of ties and shirts, Rachel encouraged a group of praying women at the Marion Avenue Baptist Church in Washington, Iowa—the church her father, Larry Brown, founded and her brother Joseph now pastors.

Her theme was simple: **God is in control—have faith.** There was nothing novel about that thought; well...maybe not to Bible-believing Christians...but to CNN, it was revolutionary! An articulate, godly, beautiful, Christian wife and mother, deeply immersed in a foreign culture, expressing no fear about

the future as coronavirus ravages the world...that was astounding! The confident, encouraging, optimistic words that easily rolled off Rachel's tongue were clearly not rehearsed...they were transparent...they were genuine...they were lived... in a daily, faithful, obedient walk with God.

"And how do your children handle this [crisis]?" CNN interviewer John King wanted to know.

"Kids will adopt the attitude of their parents," Rachel philosophized. "We tell them, 'God knows what's going on. There is nothing new to Him.' If the parents are calm and assured, the kids will be too."

How simple...how novel...how profound! God is in control.

## **HAVE FAITH!**

**CNN interview:** <https://www.facebook.com/jerryandrachel.wyatt/videos/1296923767157439/>

**Devotional:** <https://www.facebook.com/marionavenuebaptist/videos/242807766847411/>



## ULYSSES IS SAFE!

The Christian teenager from Mexico City who was stolen by the drug cartel three years ago is safe. We cannot reveal the details except to say that he is re-learning to play his guitar for church services and is trying to overcome the trauma of his brutal ordeal.

Please pray for complete spiritual, physical, and mental restoration. To the many who prayed so faithfully, please send an email letting him know that you prayed for him. Encourage him in any way you feel led of God. 🙏

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### LEBANON, Beirut *The World Is Listening*



**TESTIMONY:** Pastor Mid Khalid (pictured with his family): “Our church in Beirut decided to go online so that worshippers could have services during the coronavirus shutdown. Normal church attendance is 70 to 100, but we had 1,100 people watching the service.” 🙏

### UKRAINE, Vizhnitsya *20,000 Viewers!*

**TESTIMONY:** Pastor and Broadcaster Paul Dudka: “None of our churches are permitted to meet during the coronavirus lockdown. I tried to live stream on our YouTube channel the first Sunday, but we had 20 inches of snow, and the power went out. However, during the next four days, 20,000 people viewed our service... I don't pray that God will stop this coronavirus; I pray that God's goal will be accomplished during this time.” 🙏

### NIGERIA, Minna *First Muslim Convert!*

**TESTIMONY:** Pastor and Broadcaster Andrew Martey: “Praise God! The first Muslim was saved from our radio program airing in Northern Nigeria on an all-Muslim radio station. Thank you to CRI and all of you who support us. Radio has opened the door for us to reach tens of thousands every week in this dangerous region which has been continually ravaged by Boko Haram.” 🙏

### TURKEY

**TESTIMONY:** Missionary Mark Bachman “Extra time at home (during the COVID-19 pandemic) has allowed us to complete the years-long project of putting a Received Text New Testament into a digital format which can be freely downloaded onto a smartphone or tablet allowing instant access to the Scriptures, which previously were extremely difficult and costly to obtain. What a blessing!” 🙏

### CHINA

#### *Ban on Online Preaching*



WITH the outbreak of COVID-19 in China, millions of Christians have gathered in their homes to watch Internet-based church services. Many have turned to Christ and found salvation. February 23, 2020, the “supervision department” in Shandong Province ordered all online programs cease and all secret gatherings be rooted out. Children under 18 are forbidden to attend any religious service even in their own home. Pictures of President Xi Jinping now replace crosses, and community centers replace closed churches. 🙏

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