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Good response from radio broadcasts



On Monday, April 5th, at 10 o'clock, we began our first fifteen-minute weekly broadcast on Radio Star Country, the Co. Monaghan-based, AM radio station. We almost did not make it to our second broadcast for there was a lot of opposition, mustered by those who hated to hear a Free Presbyterian minister preach, and we were told by the station that our programme might be taken off. However, God undertook for us and we can say with Paul:

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come, Acts 26:22.

Such has been the support and encouragement from God's people that we felt constrained to increase this witness to a fifteen minute Monday evening programme as well. That began on Monday 5th July at 9 o'clock. The format for the morning programme is a systematic study through the gospel of Mark. We thought we would change that format for the evening programme. We decided to feature a special testimony each month, playing a 2-3 minute snippet from the testimony and then offering the full tape free. In July we featured Mr. Gerry Nugent from Tipperary. In August, we featured Mr. James Patterson from Ballymoney. Our special testimony for September was that of Mr. Frank Knox, the well-loved Brethren evangelist.

The response to these evening programmes have been very encouraging. Interest is clearly growing. We have at times sent out one tape every day to those who have contacted us. We have had a few hiccups!! On a number of occasions, our morning programme has been mistakenly re-broadcast in the evening time. However, the station compensated us for that and I have to say that I believe that even when such "mistakes" are made, the Word of God is going out.

An example of God providentially over-ruling such mistakes was seen just last night, Monday 20th September. In error, our morning programme was broadcast in the place of our 9 o'clock evening programme. When I rang the station and pointed out the error, the presenter was apologetic and immediately promised to broadcast the correct programme at 10 o'clock. This morning at 9.15, a lady rang our church and because I was taking the assembly in our school, I could not speak to her then, but rang her back about 10 o'clock. She told me how, the night before she reached for her radio just as she was preparing for bed and turned it on, chiding herself even as she did so that she would not find anything spiritually edifying on it. However, she providentially tuned into Radio Star Country and our unscheduled broadcast was just beginning. She was delighted to hear me offer a free copy of Frank Knox's testimony for she had been looking for his testimony to give to a loved one, who had backslidden badly but had been restored to the Lord. She felt that the story of God's grace in Frank Knox's life would be a benefit to her loved one at this difficult time. Even mistakes are used of God!



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Please pray for these broadcasts. We have heard of many unconverted people listening to the programmes. We are especially anxious for our Roman Catholic neighbours. Pray that the light of the gospel will penetrate hearts and that many will find Christ.

We have sufficient funds to keep our two programmes going until the end of the year, but I believe that God will supply our need. I hope to hear soon of the possibilities of an opening on a Dublin radio station. Will you pray about that matter also and perhaps consider giving financial support to this gospel outreach?

Should anyone wish to have a tape containing a month's morning or evening programmes, we will happily send you a copy at a reduced price. They would make an excellent means of presenting the gospel to a friend. The morning Bible studies should prove particularly helpful to Christians. If you wish to order any of our programme tapes have a look at the list on the main page and make your choice from it.

The Lord bless all those who are continuing to support us financially and in prayer. *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister*, Hebrews 6:10.