

Tokens for Good in Canada

In the News at Let the Bible Speak

The radio ministry of *Let the Bible Speak* has been a feature of the Free Presbyterian Church in Western Canada for many years. All our churches in British Columbia and Alberta sponsor weekly broadcasts and view this means of disseminating the gospel as a vital aspect of their respective ministries. Over recent times there have been many developments and tokens for good in regard to the ongoing radio work. During the month of August Rev. Colin Mercer had the opportunity of visiting these churches and talking with some who are involved in the radio ministry. It was extremely heartening to hear of the progress of the work and to learn of plans for its further expansion.

Changes in Cloverdale

Cloverdale Free Presbyterian Church in Vancouver has sponsored weekly LTBS programmes for many years. This



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steady work has been blessed of God. In recent times services have been broadcast into Victoria on Vancouver Island. As a direct consequence of these

programmes, a small outreach work has commenced. Mr. Derrick Bowman, who is serving his internship in the Cloverdale congregation, ministers to this small group on most Sunday evenings. The fledgling congregation, many of whom are regular radio listeners, appreciate the fellowship and ministry of God's word.

The church in Cloverdale also receives a steady listener response to its other broadcast, Rev. Ian Goligher's weekly broadcast in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Some correspondents request cassette recordings of the services, others seek further information on the regular church services, and some write asking for spiritual literature.

New development in Penticton

Rev. Andy Foster is excited to report that there will soon be an expansion to the radio ministry carried on from Penticton Free Presbyterian Church. Since his arrival in Canada in 1997, the congregation in Penticton has sponsored a weekly broadcast on local radio. Presently, these recordings are broadcast on Sunday evening and cover the entire city. There has been some listener response, and at least four bookshops currently stock copies of the *LTBS Quarterly*.

Earlier this year Mr. Foster was unexpectedly contacted by a representative of Lighthouse FM from Nipawin, Saskatchewan (1500 km east of Penticton), who had discovered through our church website that Mr. Foster was involved in radio ministry. The station representative explained that he was involved in setting up a new Christian radio station and wanted to know if Mr.

Foster would be willing to provide free programming. In due course sample broadcasts were submitted and arrangements are now in place for Mr. Foster to provide four weekly broadcasts (three thirty minutes long and one sixty minutes long) with Rev. Ian Goligher (Cloverdale FPC) providing two more weekly thirty-



Andy Foster at station CIGV

minute programmes. This is a marvellous opportunity that the Lord has given, and the congregation in Penticton is looking forward very much to the commencement of a new chapter in its radio work.

The significance of this development should not be underestimated. Nipawin has a population of about five thousand, but the proposed starting coverage area includes a maximum listener audience of about ten thousand. Lighthouse FM hopes to be on the air in January 2005 and will broadcast at 104.1 FM with 200 watts, which will service the communities of Nipawin and Codette, 8 km to the south. The station will be starting with a 1000-watt transmitter turned down to 200 watts and plans to expand the coverage area as soon as there is enough local support to cover the extra running costs expansion would involve. Please pray for Mr. Foster and Mr. Goligher as they take on this extra work. Pray for the opening of a door in the power of God in this part of Canada and for a ready hearing of the gospel of Christ.

Encouraging news from Prince George

Heritage Free Presbyterian Church in Prince George is our most northern congregation in Canada. Under the able leadership of Rev. Lee Sterritt the thriving congregation is responsible for a LTBS radio ministry.

When asked about the importance and impact of this work, Mr. Sterritt commented, "Prince George is a city located in the central interior of British Columbia and is known as the gateway to the north. The city has a population of about 75,000. Although broadcasting opportunities locally have been hard to come by, not to mention more expensive, it would be wonderful to have the gospel going forth to such a large audience. Do pray with us that the Lord would open the door for a local program. Since December 2003, however, a *Let the Bible Speak* broadcast has been going out from Prince George to neighbouring cities and towns. Each Lord's Day at 10 a.m. a half-hour program airs in the city of Vanderhoof on 1340 AM. Vanderhoof is one hundred kilometres west of Prince George along the Nechako River and is the registered geographical centre of British Columbia. The program repeats further west to Fraser Lake and north to Fort St. James, which is nationally historic for its trading post of 1806 established by Simon Fraser. The potential listening audience is approximately eight to ten thousand. Listener response recently has been very encouraging. A number of calls have come in from listeners, and the mailing list for the *Quarterly* is increasing. We thank all who have prayerfully and financially supported this vital ministry to reach lost souls for Christ."

(In relation to this LTBS ministry from Prince George, readers are asked to note

this change: The programme is no longer aired on Prince Rupert CIAJ 100.7 FM, but is broadcast on Vanderhoof, B.C., CIVH 1340 AM each Sunday at 10 a.m.)

Calgary Church reports ongoing response to LTBS

Rev. David Fletcher, minister of Calgary Free Presbyterian Church in Alberta, Canada, continues to receive positive responses to the weekly radio broadcast. The programme, which goes out at 10 each Lord's Day morning, has resulted in many individuals visiting the church. Some of these radio listeners have decided to make the church their regular place of worship. Calgary is a vast city, and it would be almost impossible to engage in a city-wide outreach work without the radio ministry. Although the cost of broadcasting has increased over the years, the church values the opportunity to let the Bible speak to thousands of needy souls.

LTBS programmes on SermonAudio.com

LTBS has commenced uploading entire programmes onto www.sermonaudio.com. This new initiative allows those with Internet access to download and listen to the programmes at their own convenience. Initially, only programmes that were broadcast on Radio North (County Donegal, Republic of Ireland) were

available, but others have been added and it is hoped that thousands of programmes will eventually become available. The early response has been most encouraging with programmes being downloaded in countries which are not presently served by the radio ministry itself. The web address for this new ministry is <http://www.sermonaudio.com/ltbs>.

LTBS treasurer

LTBS, which does not solicit funds on air, is heartened by the continued gener-



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osity of its many supporters. We extend our thanks to those who underwrite the costs of our broadcasts, our magazine, and a multitude of associated expenses. LTBS treasurer, Rev. Alan Lamont, maybe contacted at 9 Knocktarna Grange, Coleraine, County Londonderry BT52 1HN. ■