

New Broadcast

In the News at Let the Bible Speak

New broadcast for Mullaglass Free Presbyterian Church

Although it has proved impossible thus far for LTBS to broadcast on local radio stations in Northern Ireland, opportunities have continued to open for gospel broadcasts to be made on stations in the Republic of Ireland. In recent months, Mullaglass Free Presby-

terian Church has successfully negotiated terms with a radio station that operates a little distance from the city of Newry. This station transmits into Northern Ireland, and there are plans to increase the transmitter power and cover an extended area across the province. The minister of Mullaglass church, Rev. David McMillan, recently outlined the reasons for this venture:

Radio broadcasts on both sides of the border and has a wide coverage. It can be heard in Newry city itself and the whole surrounding area, including towns like Camlough and Bessbrook. It also reaches locations such as Dundalk and Ardee in the south as well as Dungannon, Portadown, Lurgan, Gilford, Banbridge, and Rathfriland north of the border.

“The Mullaglass congregation had the opportunity last May to broadcast their morning service on BBC Radio Ulster. They were very encouraged by the response they had to that broadcast and decided to explore the possibility of having a regular broadcast made by the church. After some consideration the church committee chose to invest in broadcasting

by means of the radio rather than via the Internet. The reasons for this were the potential of more people being tuned in to hear the message at any one time and also that the radio broadcasts would have more of an impact on the area where the church is located.

“Approaches were then made to Clanrye Radio and also Radio Star Country, both of which broadcast over the Newry area. The response from both stations was positive and encouraging. Because some of our ministers were already broadcasting on Radio Star, it was decided to opt for Clanrye Radio as this would be new ground for the denomination. It is also the local radio

station for the Mullaglass church. The broadcasts themselves will be going out weekly and will be fifteen minutes in length. This will include a nine-minute gospel message, singing, and a conclusion advertising the church services. The cost for this length of programme will be £50.00 per week, a total cost of £2600.00 annually.”

Rev. David McMillan will have the responsibility of putting these programmes together and doing most of the preaching. But he will receive valuable assistance from other colleagues. LTBS programme director, Rev. Leslie Curran, will produce the introduction and conclusion for the programmes, as well as provide messages and give technical support. Also Rev. Colin Mercer (Mourne) and Rev. John Gray (Enniskillen) will regularly provide messages for the broadcasts. In order to produce these programmes, the Mullaglass church has obtained various pieces of recording equipment and computer software. These include a mixing desk, a high quality microphone, and a software editing package. The church is indebted to Mr. John Palmer of Magherafelt, who provided some of this equipment free of charge. There is a strong possibility that LTBS will be able to air a further programme on the same station. LTBS is delighted with this new opportunity and knows that God’s word will not return unto Him void. We look forward to hearing of God’s blessing on this another advance in the work of LTBS.

Encouraging responses from across the world

Correspondence from appreciative listeners continues to come to the LTBS office from across the world. One Radio East Africa listener living in Uganda wrote, “I was very glad to



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“Clanrye Radio is a community radio station broadcasting on 103.6 FM. It is named after one of the rivers that runs through Newry city. The station is situated just over the border from Newry in the Louth Mountains. Clanrye

receive your very good program called *Let the Bible Speak* on Radio East Africa. I was very much overjoyed because I discovered in what I was told that my whole life should be hidden in Christ... God bless you very much for this encouragement."

Another correspondent from the same area passed on his thanks for the program when he wrote, "I would like to thank you very much for your program voiced on Radio East Africa. The message of the cross is surely living and indeed we should let the Bible speak to our lives."

One listener from Zambia was encouraging in his appreciation of the radio ministry and the *LTBS Quarterly* magazine. He wrote, "I am happy to mention to you that for almost three years I have continued to listen to your radio programmes. I have also continued to receive your quarterly *Let the Bible Speak* magazine. Your radio programme and magazine have helped me to understand the Lord. I hope that you will continue to win souls for Christ."

We have also received communication from Liberia with one listener expressing the benefit that she and her family receive from the weekly broadcasts. She commented, "I often listen to your program, *Let the Bible Speak*. It has been a wonderful outreach program to me and my family. I will encourage others to listen to it also."

Those involved with the Let the Bible Speak ministry value the comments of those who benefit from the programmes. It is encouraging to know that as the programmes are broadcast across the world God is blessing His word to the hearts of many. We continue to pray that the message of the gospel will be heard by millions and that through the preaching of the cross it will please the Lord to save precious souls.

***LTBS Quarterly* magazines appreciated in County Tyrone**

Towards the end of 2004, twenty thousand copies of the *LTBS Quarterly* were distributed in County Tyrone,

Northern Ireland. This extensive outreach was made possible by the generosity of a supporter of our ministry. Following the distribution of the magazines, a lady contacted our office to express her thanks for the copy she received and to say that she found the articles very helpful and encouraging. She finished her letter with the words, "May God bless you all for this sound and robust ministry."

In addition to this individual correspondence, there has been a very warm response to our magazine among the Portuguese community. The same edition of the *Quarterly* carried an article regarding the ongoing ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Smith. The Smiths, who worked in Portugal for many years, have returned to Northern Ireland and have continued their ministry among the many Portuguese people who have come to work in Northern Ireland. It seems that there is a concentration of these families in the Tyrone area and that many of them received the *Quarterly*. As a consequence, Mr. Smith has been able to make contact with many more Portuguese people. It is our prayer that further doors will open and that many will come to know the Lord as their Saviour. ■

