



COMPASSION RADIO

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"...unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels – a plentiful harvest of new lives." Jn 12:24-25 [NLT]

Hello friends!

Anything new in your life? I know... It's been a very long time since you've heard from us. Thank you for the notes of encouragement along the way. They've been deeply appreciated. Rest assured – Compassion Radio is still **very much** on ongoing ministry! We're committed more than ever to be a 'Voice for the GlobalChurch.'

As a communications ministry in changing times, we've adapted to face those challenges. That means some changes to our station line-up. We carefully examined every budget item to make sure we're getting the most out of your support. Hopefully you've been able to track the progress on the air and online. Our radio and podcast audience continues to grow!

A critical piece of our communications beyond radio is the **printed word**. Newsletters are an investment in lasting relationships. In 2020, we've been researching how to make it more engaging, rewarding, and cost-effective. Then, the world shut down. [The first time]

When Covid hit, I was a day away from finalizing plans to visit Underground Churches in Turkish Refugee Camps, and to distribute Bibles in Central Asia. Our personal lives came to a screeching halt as we spent most of March on vigil for Sandi's mom, Patsy. She passed away on the 31st. We miss her, dearly.

There are Kingdom stories **still** waiting to be told and I know you're as eager to hear about them as I am to report it from the field. Friends, that time **will** come – **IF** we do not grow weary in the waiting. And that truth is the heart of my challenge to you today...

This issue:

Giving the gift of
the WORD to the
WORLD has
NEVER been more
IMPORTANT!



One of the dear people you provided with a Bible in 2019!



On Easter, Sandi and I sat with our children on our Garden patio and worshiped together. This year's celebration of New Life in Jesus resonated powerfully with us. Suddenly, all the world was worshiping the way our persecuted Brothers and Sisters do every week - in small groups. I sensed this 'Season of Waiting' would last much longer than many expected so we asked ourselves "How do we 'wait' well?" The scripture above came to mind and it's been my focus for nine months. The lesson the Lord pressed hard on my heart was this: now is a time for **planting seeds** and **waiting expectantly for God to move**.

The Day after Easter, we began to literally plant seeds to remind us of God's promise of a harvest to come. In true 2020 style, floods almost obliterated our garden twice, and still our little patch of promise persisted, yielding all kinds of fruit in its time. Every bite of zucchini, cucumber, okra and green beans I eat this Fall is a reminder of God's faithfulness.

There is no Harvest without a Seed Planted...

How has that principle worked out for Compassion Radio? Well, it's been challenging, for sure. Giving dropped to the point where we had to make the choice between broadcasting or sending out monthly mailings. It was an awful choice to make, but it came down to this: If Compassion Radio was to **remain** a daily, national broadcast, we **had** to keep broadcasting. The Letter had to go (at least for a while.) At the same time, I'm fully aware that these letters are literally the 'Seed' that we plant in the soil of our most productive fields and we can't delay any longer if we are to see a 'Crop.'

I thank God that He has absolutely kept his promise to us during this time and has enabled us to continue on the air and the internet without pause. He's made it clear that now is the time to pick up the pen once more and reach out to you. Will you renew your commitment to Compassion Radio as the premier voice of compassionate **action** around the world?





The early fear and anxiety of COVID are yielding to a new, if cautious, optimism. "There will be more sorrows to come, but Life must go on" we hear in the media. Truthfully, **real** Life never stopped, but those living compassionately do pause to **acknowledge suffering** and do something about it, even to mourn with those who feel lost. Many are also discovering that 2020 has produced a surprising growth in generosity. We're not spending as much on the things we used to.

In many churches the sanctuaries may be empty but **giving** remains strong or is even growing! That gives me courage to ask God every day to be bountiful to you, so **you** can give even more wherever He tells you to.

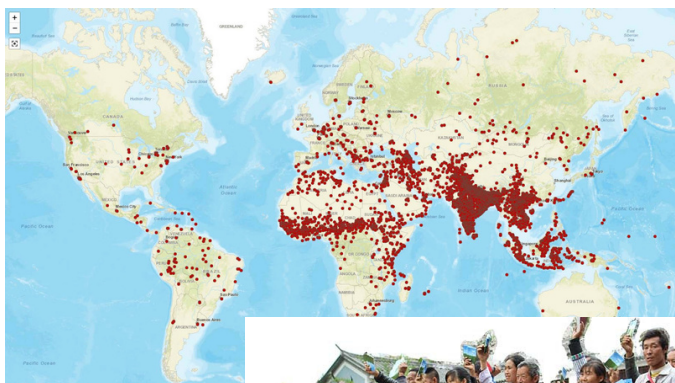
How Many Bibles will YOU Send this year?

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Thank you, friend, for directing your generosity toward the work of Compassion Radio in the past. The challenge before us right now is to raise **an additional \$100k** to meet our obligations and send desperately needed gifts to our Ministry Partners. We **must** raise this by **Dec. 31**. I humbly plead: If God has provided for you in the **present** and you want to keep investing in the **future** of His Kingdom around the world, please make Compassion Radio part of it. Recently, I sent a

Lebanon being stewarded by amazing Christians at '**Together for the Family**' and '**One Million Thumbprints.**' Their work has been extraordinarily difficult. On top of the pandemic, the Lebanese currency collapsed and the August 4 port explosion brought the nation to its knees. On **their** knees, the Church in Lebanon prayed powerfully for revival and outreach. They are going door to door, camp to camp, looking for ways to be Jesus for their countrymen. Your gifts through Compassion Radio helped make it possible.

Now we return to our biggest project of the year – Our Annual '**Christmas Bible Campaign.**' So much has changed this year but one thing remains steadfast and true: The world needs God's Word! Our Project Partner '**Bibles for the World**' has seen no slowdown in requests for Bibles! In fact, they've increased. From Myanmar to China to Nepal and India, all along the Silk Road, across the Pacific and throughout Latin America, the Church is rapidly growing and people are asking for their **own copy** of the Bible in their **own language**. Praise God for that! Will you send it to them?



Our Partner, Bibles for the World, distributes the Word in hundreds of countries...

If you've given in the past, thank you and don't stop! If you've never given to this project, **make 2020 the year** when you do something with eternal significance! Don't let the COVID pandemic define the year for you. Make this Christmas all about Gospel breakthroughs in unreached places around the world. How many Bibles will you send this year? It costs as little as \$6 to produce and distribute a brand-new Bible. **Will YOU, your Family, your HomeGroup or Church send Bibles this year? Perhaps 10? 20? 100? 1000? Even More?**

\$100,000 by the end of 2020 Let's Do This!

I have some truly new gifts to say **'thank you'** for your generous gift this month...



A Compassion Radio Exclusive!

For a gift of any size I'll send you a copy of our fresh Bible translation project titled

The Dynamic Gospel -The Gospel of John in Contemporary English.

In 2021 we'll be highlighting it on **'Chasing the Word'**, our Monday Teaching Series. Check out excerpts on our website!

Secondly, if you'll make your gift monthly and join our 'Vision Team', or increase your current Vision Team gift to \$50/month or more, I'll send you - at your request - a new Google Nest Mini or Amazon Echo Dot. At the sound of your voice, both of these amazing desktop speakers deliver the Compassion Radio program to you any time that works for you! Just say "Google! [or Alexa!] Play Compassion Radio!" If you have home internet, this is the future, and the future of Compassion Radio outreach.



Amazon Echo Dot and Google Nest Mini - A new home for Compassion Radio!

If you cannot listen to Compassion Radio by broadcast in your town, or if your schedule has changed, there is no better way to make Compassion Radio part of your daily life again. If it's all new to you, we'll even coach you through it!

God's richest blessings to you, friend! I can't wait to tell you more about where Compassion Radio is going in the near future, because of **Him**, and because of **You**! Please give, and give like never before through our Compassion Radio

'Christmas Bible Campaign' of 2020.

With love, gratitude, and hope for the future!



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