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Listening To WRGN In Australia



David and Carol Capper, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, now live in Australia.

Tim Madeira, host for "WRGN's Afternoon Music," recently heard from friends living in Australia who are listening to WRGN. This is possible because the station is now heard on-line, anywhere in the world via the Internet.

Carol Capper addressed her email to Tim and wrote: I just wanted to thank you so much for posting WRGN on the internet. I am enjoying Christmas music, great stories and news from home on my laptop. Not sure that you realize what a blessing it is. So, thank you. When I am able to work with music in the background I even enjoy it in my classroom. It's good to hear your familiar voice.

Not only is WRGN heard over computers but it is now possible to receive it on an internet receiver. Hearing WRGN is then no different than listening to a radio, which may be placed anywhere in the home. WRGN is making these units available at cost and is also offering assistance in putting them into operation.



Internet Radio
Call 800-245-3688 for information.

New Year, New Baby!



Missionaries, Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, who serve at WRGN's sister station, WIVH, in the Virgin Islands, welcomed a new member to their family just in time for the New Year. Tiffany holds Meadow Bea, born 1:42 p.m. on December 31. She is two days old in the photo. The Bowmans have four children. The others are Sage, River and Cove.

The New Year Promises To Be A Busy One

At WRGN, the New Year, 2011, has many plans already laid and underway. Jonathan Broschious, Operations Manager here, is in St. Croix working at several WIVH projects. One of these is a relay station that will guarantee a good signal being carried from the WIVH studios to the tower location, eight miles away. Jonathan will also rebuild the studio control board there. It has been disabled for several months. Repairing the video projector, used monthly during "Show Time", is another project. Burl Updyke, manager of the stations asks for prayer for wisdom for Jonathan.

Future plans include possible

relocation of one of WRGN's translators and talk is underway about the possibility of beginning an entirely new formatted station on the internet. "Are radio operations more exciting than ever?" asked Burl. "Indeed, they are, especially because each improvement is used to better the broadcasting of the gospel of Jesus Christ," he said.

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WRGN On The
Internet
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Please pray with us

PRAISE: Thirty-seven prayer requests were received at WRGN during the month of December and three praises. Praise God for the five prayer team members praying faithfully for these requests. God has blessed WRGN with people who have a heart for others' prayer needs.

PRAISE: Although listeners commented on the blessings received listening to WRGN's Christmas music and special programming, the effect the broadcasting of the "gospel spots" had, will not be known, perhaps until eternity.

PRAISE: The Good News Library shelves continue to overflow with the newest in Christian reading as does the DVD section which is blessing many of those taking advantage of the reading and viewing the library provides.

PRAY: We are preparing for WRGN's February Skate and wish to reach young people who may not know the hope they can have in Jesus. The Skate is yet another way to reach them for Him. Pray for its success.

PRAY: A development which allows people to listen to WRGN, anywhere, is possible through the internet. This means listeners leaving the area for the winter can still hear their favorite station. Pray for wisdom in getting the word out to the hundreds of people who have expressed the desire to receive WRGN yet are unable to hear it where they are located in the fringe areas of the radio signal. Using the internet this fringe no longer exists.

PRAY: An internet receiver unit is being made available to listeners.

This means that instead of listening through computers, WRGN's internet signal can be heard through a radio receiver. Help in getting and setting up the unit is being offered by WRGN's staff. The units, available at WRGN are being sold at cost.

PRAY: for people who are facing difficult times, who are discouraged to the point of giving up on life.

Pray that listeners will remember to recommend they listen to Christian radio. Many wonder how they can help. Getting them to begin by listening to God's Word, may be the start they need to seek Christ. It has enabled many to view life from God's perspective.

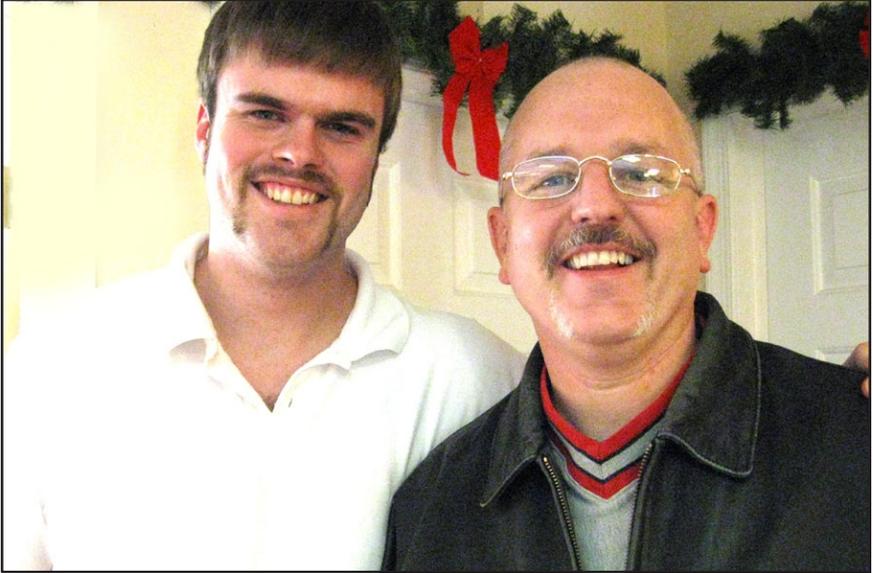
PRAY: For Jonathan Broscious, Operations Manager at WRGN/WIVH. He has traveled to WIVH in St. Croix to clear up broadcasting problems there. Pray for wisdom for him.

PRAY: for the staffs at WRGN/WIVH for energy and good health needed to continue at the pace required for the small staff to keep operations running smoothly here. For Burl and Shirley Updyke, Jonathan Broscious, Judie May, and Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, operators at WIVH.

PRAISE: The broadcasting family at WIVH has grown by one member. A baby girl was born, December 31 and rounds out Jon and Tiffany's family to four children, Two boys and now two girls. Pray for good health for both mother and baby.

PRAISE: At the stations we are strengthened spiritually and filled with joy, the result of honoring God. Read Nehemiah 8:10.

Shar-A-Thon Promise Kept!



Pictured are two WRGN's Shar-A-Thon hosts Jonathan Broscius and Doug Hamilton, showing off their Fu Manchus. Their what? During an hour of Shar-A-Thon they promised to grow these "mustaches" if their goal of \$3,000 was reached. They kept their promise, but after the photo, both Fu Manchus were shaved off.

Listening On Line Proves Popular

Although many WRGN listeners checked into WRGN's Web Site to view the station's Christmas greeting, (it brought lots of laughs), visitors to the site was slow during December. However, the "Listen On Line" segment remains the most popular part of the website. It accounted for almost half of the site's activity. Recorded was 771 unique page views, meaning there were 771 visits. The length of time spent on the page was not determined and some of these visits may have been by computers just passing through. Nevertheless, this is the newest development that enables WRGN listeners to hear the station anywhere in the world. "We believe God will use it greatly," said Burl Updyke,

"Listeners Say Thanks"

During the Christmas season one WRGN listener wrote to say thank you for the Christmas music aired on the station. "I was alone, but not really, I had our station," wrote James Scott, of Pittston. He was glad that WRGN continued the sounds even after Christmas. Many of the songs he had not heard before. James also said he was glad to hear Tim Madeira back on-air.

Another Pittston listener, Jenn Penn, wrote: "Thank you all for your wonderful service to the people of Wyoming Valley in Northeastern PA.

Listen to

Focus On The Family

Daily at 9:30 am and 7pm

Radio Gets More Exciting Every Year

Last Year In Review

“At WRGN, as we look back at the year 2010, it certainly was an exciting one,” said Shirley Updyke, WRGN Program Director. “A brief review of the year leaves us very thankful for God’s many blessings here,” she said.

The New Year opened with the announcement that the “Press and Listen” project was underway at the station. Shirl Updyke’s new book, “Vision To Reality,” was recorded by Shirl on the MP3 format and made available to vision impaired listeners and those preferring to listen rather than read the book. Listeners contributed to make this project possible, which included an MP3 player for each participant. Fifteen players were distributed.

In March 2010, WRGN made available roadway signs to listeners willing to place them in their neighborhoods. A video of the ministry of WIVH was sent to anyone requesting it. A book sale brought in over \$600 for the benefit of the Good News Library and the library went on-line allowing people to search for books, etc. without coming to WRGN. “Mission Possible” reached its goal of \$18,000 for the benefit of sister station, WIVH and WRGN’s annual Yard Sale brought in over \$6200 for the station’s benefit.

A huge project got underway at WIVH, in the Virgin Islands, which involved moving the site of operations to a different tower and installing a new, more powerful transmitter. Many problems were faced throughout the three months before completion, but success came as each trial was won and now WIVH airs with a much more powerful signal.

WRGN was again present at the Luzerne County Fair and the Fall Skate was held. An hour of radio drama was added to WRGN’s format and two new Fall programs. A new outdoor sign was erected at WRGN and an extra day was added to the Shar-A-Thon schedule. Excitement mounted as the \$148,000 goal was met.

The year ended with two most exciting announcements. WRGN can now be heard the world-over through the internet, leaving no fringe areas for the station. The year came to a close as station manager, Burl Updyke, offered an internet receiver to listeners for the minimal cost of \$140. With this unit those listening on the internet no longer need to hear the station over the computer speakers, but through a radio unit. With the purchase of the receiver, assistance of the installation is being offered by WRGN staff

The last and most exciting announcement was the birth of WIVH operators’ fourth child, a baby girl on December 31. Read the whole story in this issue of the Radiogram.

“How much more excitement can we take?” asked Shirl with a smile. “These are showers of blessings and we can’t seem to get enough, so keep them coming, Lord,” she said.

Praise be to God for his
unfailing love, and for
providing salvation
through Jesus Christ our
Lord!

Here at the studios...

A wonderful Christmas season is over at the studios. The decorations will soon come down, including the many cards you sent. Nearly all of your commented on your love for WRGN and appreciation of the work of the staff here.

Faithful listener, Joan Lampman, asked for prayer for her daughter, Heidi and husband Steve Showlin, who experienced a fire in their home over the holidays. They and their children, Tyler and Autumn, face many months of repair before their home is livable again. They are staying with neighbors.

Ralph Tompkins, Wilkes Barre, was new on "Shirl and You," recently. He is Communications Director at Stillwater Christian Church, which he describes as a growing church.

We offer condolences to Tina Jones, of Wilkes Barre, who recently lost her daughter to cancer. She struggled a long time with the disease but prior to her passing accepted the Lord as her Savior.

After much prayer and concern for Vivian Wickeiser, Wilkes Barre, she is doing much better physically.

Billy Burger, Hazleton, has poor health but remains thankful for how God is blessing him. When talking to Shirl he said he needs someone to clean his oil furnace.

The new year brings Tom and Caroline Ciak, Hunlock Creek, two exciting events. Their daughters, Emily and Grace will be married on June 4 and June 18. Stacia has yet to announce her wedding date. It could be, that mom and dad are hoping its not this year.

On the morning when many of Shirl's callers were from the islands over WIVH radio, a call was received from David DeCosmo, who said he was calling from the island of Plains Township. It just doesn't count, Dave!

Sue Hand's Imagery is celebrating its 35th anniversary. It's a great time to visit her studios. A special calendar of her art work has been created in celebration of the 35 years. Many WRGN listeners are picking up the print she offered Shar-A-Thon contributors. Everyone's welcome.

Mary Kromer, Moosic, heard about WRGN from friends and enjoys hearing Jonathan Broschious on Drive Time, weekday mornings.

Hollie Baker, a previous resident of Hunlock Creek, is now hearing WRGN on the internet at her Texas residence. "We may be thousands of miles apart but I still feel like you are a part of my life," she wrote in her email.

Charlie Denton, Wilkes Barre, gave credit to his friend, Bill Erdsman, who encouraged him to get back to the Lord and the Christian life. Both are WRGN listeners.

Don Mayer surprised "Shirl and You" listeners when he sang "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," accompanied by himself on the guitar. He emphasized the fact that the song's lyrics tell us Christ will save our souls from Satan's power.

Be sure to visit us at the studios, and best wishes for a very Happy New Year!

From us
to you ...



January 2011

Dear Ones:

As I typed the date above I almost forgot to add a year. Another year of radio ministry is behind us and as you read this issue of the Radiogram you'll learned that it was a very exciting one. Not for one second have we forgotten that without you this ministry would not survive. So daily we praise God for how He is working in your lives to enable us to bring Christian radio to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Another year of life is past and we only have one life to live. Our hope and dream is that WRGN/WIVH will help listeners desire to live it with abandon to God.

This year will mark WRGN's 27th year of ministry and in review of the past year, we hope the station's broadcasts have helped listeners think more deeply about their faith, has helped them practice being a disciple more intently and love God more passionately.

WRGN/WIVH carry the teachings of dedicated servants of God whose desires are the same as ours. We are thankful for their faithfulness in presenting listeners with a deeper understanding of Jesus, our Savior.

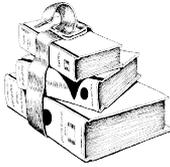
Recently, two people have said, how much longer are you going to work at this ministry? We had never thought of retirement as today's culture does. Why retire from God's work when it gives us purpose, peace and hope of someone else coming to know the Savior as we do.

A new year excites us and because developments in electronics and the computer age change at an amazing rate, the possibility of new accomplishments continue. The most exciting aspect of it all is that God continues to use these to spread His word and to reach those not yet aware of God's love for them. Thank you for standing with us. The last year was our most exciting, yet, and we believe this year will be even greater.

Sincerely Yours and His,

Burl & Shirley Updyke

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New at the Library



The Good News Library is a special place where good reading and viewing awaits everyone. Located at WRGN, it's open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

"Acts," is the title of a book by R. C. Sproul. It is an Expository commentary and has all of Sproul's hallmarks: charity, liveliness, humor and pathos always expressed in application to the mind, will, and affections.

An amazing true story is told on a DVD entitled, "The Heart of Texas." It shows what can happen when grace and forgiveness triumph over anguish and outrage. Such tender mercy can seem more of a work of fiction or a wishful tale, yet every moment of this unbelievable story is true.

Joni Eareckson Tada talks about the way God heals in her new book, "A Lifetime of Wisdom." She says was it a fair exchange, my freedom, and a wheelchair for the rubies of wisdom.

An alphabet of biblical poems, verses and stories are in the book, "Teach Them To Your Children." The book is designed to teach biblical concepts to children of any age through scriptures, poems, and stories that correspond with each letter in the alphabet. It's a tool with which parents may use to disciple their children.

In the book, "This Sacred Moment," the author challenges readers to become holy right where they are, right in the midst of "ordinary" life. This book is designed to fit realistically into readers' already full lives.

A CD is a compilation entitled, "The Best of A Word With You." It's done by Ron Hutchcraft and are highlights from the popular daily radio broadcast. The challenges therein will captivate the listener with a-slice-of- life stories and powerful biblical insights. It motivates the listener to aggressively pursue their own spiritual revolution.

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