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Dear Friends,

After Jimmy Carter announced cancer had spread to his brain, an Internet site posted "the legacy of Jimmy Carter in 14 photos". Sometimes it is the big events of our lives that define us. But I realize it is also threads running through one's life that are important. Claudia pointed out that radio has been one of those threads for me. Another is the importance of Christian missions.

I received my first amateur radio license when I was fourteen. My best friend and his father, Mike and Harold Elliott, got me hooked. When I got my novice class license, I knocked out all the TVs in town.

All through my teenage years, my father helped me put radio antennas on the top of our house, usually in the dead of winter with snow and ice everywhere. From my bedroom, using Morse code, I could communicate with other radio operators all over the USA. When I got my general class license I began using a microphone. It was then I started speaking with overseas missionaries.

I remember helping the widows of young American missionary men who had been killed attempting to reach the Acua Indians for Christ. Some wives remained in Ecuador trying to reach that tribe with the Gospel. And they succeeded! When their children were in college in the United States, I connected the telephone to my radio and they could speak with their kids from the South American jungle. In those pre-internet days, it was the only way they could speak to each other.

At Trinity College, my friends and I started an amateur radio station. Up went another tower. Our purpose was to communicate with missionaries. When I became a missionary in Zaire (now D. R. Congo), another tower went up, this time over our simple African house. Some feared I would be suspected of being CIA. But my radio skills, learned as a teenager, were needed by the African church.

Twenty-five years ago in Tanzania, another tower went up when I received my Tanzania Amateur Radio License. Today, *Radio JOY's* two broadcast towers and antennas are sending an FM signal so everyone in this area of Africa can hear about Jesus. God continues using those two threads. Pray the result will bring big spiritual events for many Africans!

Love,

Lowell + Claudia

More Summer Guests!



The Burt Family: Chris, Donna and their three boys, Collin, Brandon, and Devin. Also pictured is Mwenge, our chief-of-staff. Hal and Sue Hoege are the proud grandparents of these great kids! They were involved in a long list of activities including, visiting game parks, the feeding center (Devin spent a year making bracelets for all), destitute camp (Brandon and Devin handed out pineapples), mountain broadcast antenna site (Chris helped bolt down the first section of tower), speaking at African church and widow group services (Collin proved to be quite the preacher!), visiting historical sites (like the Livingstone Memorial and the "Trail of Tears" slave route). Read all about this trip on the Hoege blog at: <http://onamissionblogdotcom.wordpress.com/>



Andy and Melissa Mohler have been out to visit us before. Andy is a corrections officer in Indiana. Melissa is an expert on recording, mixing, and mastering music. They have a heart for missions and feel God's call upon their lives for missionary service. It was the first trip to Africa for their kids - Ethan, Emma, Isaac, and Micah. Their oldest boy, Gage, has visited us before.



Bob Crosby, Kathy Abraham, and Jeanette Abrams are from the Wheatland Salem UMC in Naperville, IL. This was a repeat trip for all three. Bob is a technical genius and spent lots of time working on the tower and with the computer school teachers. Kathy & Jeanette spent most of their time developing playlists for the station. All taught English to our staff.



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The inspectors were delayed 5 weeks. But when they came on August 18, it didn't take them long to complete their inspection of the radio station, do the necessary paperwork, and test the quality of our signal. Within two hours we had approval to begin our two month, on-the-air test period.

I had loaded a ten day long play

list into the broadcast computer. The first thing that was broadcast was the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*. And we were on the air!

For the first two month test period we will be playing only music. We are rotating Christian and secular music every hour.

Not only is *Radio JOY* the only local radio station, it is the most powerful radio station in western Tanzania. Our power amplifier sounds like a jet engine when it starts up. First reports are coming in that our signal is loud and clear over a wide area.

A lifelong dream has come true for me. We are in need of your prayers as we go forward. ☩



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Our workers in the harvest are YOU, who made *Radio JOY* possible. You who...

- Prayed
- Sent CDs and LPs
- Gave technical help and advice
- Came to Kigoma and ripped CDs and made play lists
- Gave funds



You, our faithful supporters, are the workers in the harvest that made *Radio JOY* happen!

- Helped with promotional work
- Served on our Board of Directors
- Ran the Boston Marathon
- Helped pack and ship equipment
- Built tower sections
- Did a thousand more things
- Believed with us that this station would bring God glory ☩

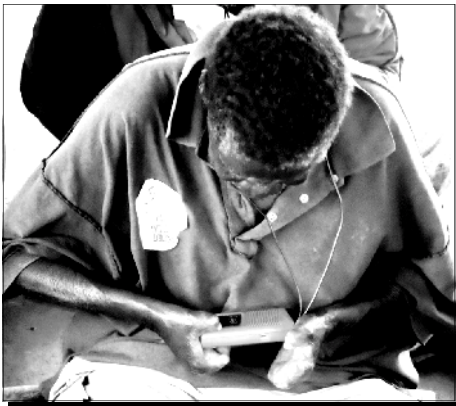


FROM THE FAR SIDE

Voice from the Wilderness!

Radio JOY is blessing the Kigoma Destitute Camp

Each resident has been given a solar power radio fixed to our frequency. They owned their radios for a few weeks and to our surprise, were checking for the radio signal each day. They were among the very first to hear the new station when it came on air.



The Inspection



Everything was going smoothly until we went to full power for the first time. The amplifier shut itself off! After clearing my mind for a few minutes, I figured out the most likely cause was a faulty lightning arrester. After getting it out of the circuit, we were at full power and all was well. The picture above shows the moment we got our approval to go on the air.

Scripture Stories in English and Swahili



Claudia and another missionary, Ruthie Johnson, are recording a "Through the Bible" series of Scripture stories in English and Swahili. They are intended for children but everyone will enjoy them. There is a weekly memory verse. It will be a way for some to learn English, as well as the Bible.



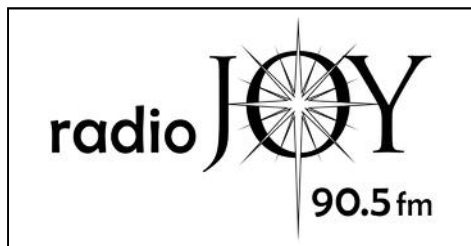
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When Did You Get Your Logo?

Q. When did you get your logo? I hadn't seen it before.
(asked by a Tanzania missionary)

A. Sue and Hal Hoege designed the logo a few months ago. It now appears on T shirts, hats, tire covers, signs, letterhead, business cards, pens, and bumper stickers.

Advertising the new station is fun. We hired loud speakers and sent our Land Rover all over town announcing the new station is on



The black and white version of our logo. It really "pops" when it is in color.

the air. A thousand leaflets were distributed giving the station name and frequency. A large sign hangs on the gate of our ministry center. Signs on the doors of our vehicles and logo tire covers make them look so "official" as they drive the town.

Thank you Hal and Sue for our great logo and all the work you have done to make Radio JOY a success. ☩

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3