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ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

Dear Friend,

After two years of lock-downs, we are celebrating that our Missions team is out and building radio stations again. Kevin Baker travelled to Belize this spring to move Lighthouse Christian Radio to its new location; he brought along Dan Hatfield, our partner in ministry to Canada's First Nations. A couple of months later, Al Wyatt brought three volunteers: Don Middleton, Bob Gaines, and Lazlo Barany to Mexico to repair and upgrade Radio Restauración for Pastor Octavio



Bob Gaines, Guinea-Bissau

Valenzuela. Then, just a few months ago, our Consulting Engineer Francis Njoroge and his team in Kenya travelled to the Samburu region to install Supa FM. At the time of writing, Francis is in Tanzania installing a solar-panel array for a Christian radio station there.

The moral of the story is that opportunities for new Christian radio stations abound, and we need people to help us with the work that needs to be done. With new stations, that means a greater need for radio distribution

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The new tower at Lighthouse Radio, Belize

as well. We have started conversations with our partners about short-term mission teams to visit them and work alongside, sharing their personal testimonies, explaining the Gospel, and handing out a radio face-to-face. Please pray and ask God if He's calling you to participate hands-on with Galcom. You may think you are not qualified (I'm certainly not qualified to build a radio station), but God can use your story, and almost anyone can hand someone a radio. I have seen it firsthand as we meet someone at their door in Haiti; they are going through a divorce or some other family issue, and someone on our team has a testimony that applies to their situation. God wants to use your story!

So, check to see if your passport is up to date, contact our office to ask about our plans for 2023, then start praying to see how God wants you to get involved in the Great Commission.

With you in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Whitehead'.

Tim Whitehead
Executive Director

Please visit galcom.org for information on any upcoming events.

SIGNPOSTS TO GOD

Galcom is again going throughout the world, installing radio towers and stations, so that more people can learn the Way and grow in their walk with God.



Clive Welsh, the director of Lighthouse Radio in Belize, had been waiting patiently for help to replace his badly-rusted tower since 2020, when COVID shut down any opportunity Galcom had to make a trip. But we were finally able to send a team out in March of this year. What was unique about this installation was the location of the tower itself: although the 100-ft tower was designed to be free-standing on the ground, the team mounted it on the top of Lighthouse's building for further broadcasting reach, and added guy wires for extra stability to withstand the intense storms coming in from the ocean. Clive, top left, was delighted with the results!

Field Technician Kevin Baker will be back to Belize to paint the tower so it is protected against the salt air that corrodes metal so quickly near the ocean.

SUPA FM station officially launched in Maralal, Kenya on July 7, 2022. "Supa" is a Samburu word meaning "hello"; the station hopes to start the conversation with listeners in the Samburu area about Jesus and what it means to be a believer.

Galcom provided the equipment for the on-air and production studios, the transmission equipment, and the 200-ft tower. The studio was beautifully finished, with thoughts of potentially using it for audio-visual production as well.

Francis, Galcom's engineer, and the team were surprised on the second day of installation when NEMA (the National Environment Management Authority) arrived with police, demanding further paperwork for their approval on the station; Francis had never encountered them before in all of his installation projects. They were forced to halt until they could comply with NEMA's demands, which took about a week. But SUPA FM finally received approval to continue the construction.





MEXICO

Al Wyatt, Galcom's Missions Team Lead, headed up the team of four to install a station for Radio Restauración in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico in June of this year.

God was in the provision of each vital member of the team, left to right: Al was necessary to climb the tower in order to help hold the antenna in place as it was mounted in the strong wind. Bob Gaines is an expert tower builder and climber and has been on many trips for Galcom. Laszlo Barany performed the propagation study which determined the type of antenna, the height of the tower, and the size of the transmitter for the station; his knowledge of the specifications was invaluable. This was the first time he was able to go on an installation trip. Don Middleton was able to solve unexpected problems connecting the studio to the tower using the latest technology. Pastor Octavio Valenzuela, the station director, had for many years stored his transmitter and equipment in an old fridge to protect it. It was more than time for an upgrade!

Just completed in October of this year, Radio Uhai in Tanzania now has an upgraded solar-panel system installed by a local African contractor called Optimum Renewable Energy. The electricity in Tabora, Tanzania is often unstable, producing brown-outs and surges in power that wreak havoc on the station's broadcasting equipment. Generators are expensive and noisy for a radio station. The answer: Galcom Canada and USA helped fund the installation of solar panels, along with batteries and an inverter, to regulate and balance the power coming from both the local electricity and the sun; now, there is a clean, steady stream of 220V AC to the equipment. Galcom was able to use an African company for the installation, thereby saving on the cost of shipping and sending workers, as well as boosting the local economy. Uhai Radio's Director, Deus Kanunu, says, "The system, both at the studio and the main tower, are working very well. Glory to God!"



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