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SO, WHAT HAPPENED IS...

Dear Friend,

I was recently speaking at one of our long-time supporting churches, and one of the people there approached me and said, "Tim, we've been praying for your microchip shortages! What happened with that?" Of course, I shared the details, but it got me thinking. Maybe we need to be more conscientious about letting our prayer partners know the outcomes of our prayer requests.

down the gangway from the plane, he spied US\$100 on the ground—just enough to pay an overnight fee at a mission house and a cab to and from the airport.

If you've already read *Waves of Hope*, let us send you our devotional, *Thirty Days of Faith*. Allan and his wife Florrie compiled even more stories of answered prayer, including one from me. We were asked for 10,000 radios for a ministry



Ukraine, 2023

WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU BY SHARING GOD'S ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

Over the past few years, we have asked you to pray for inventory shortages, shipping challenges, license applications, and staff health challenges. God has answered all our prayers, and we want to encourage you in your faith by sharing those answers. In fact, throughout this prayer calendar we want to highlight praise reports as well. Join us in thanking God for what He has done!

If you really want a boost for your faith, please ask us for a copy of our Founder Allan McGuirl's book *Waves of Hope*. One of my favourites is the story of Allan running out of cash on a trip home from a conference in Israel. As he walked

working in South Sudan. As a partner of Galcom, you know that we split the cost of our radios fifty-fifty with our mission affiliates. So, in 2017, it meant that in order to say "yes" to this order we needed \$10 per radio or \$100,000, which we didn't have. I don't want to give away the ending, so you'll need to get the book!

Who knows? This edition of our newsletter may end up inspiring a few chapters in a future Galcom book celebrating God's leading and provision. But the lesson in all this is: PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!

With you in Christ's service,



Tim Whitehead
Executive Director



Emergency supplies arrive in Ukraine

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

THANK-YOU NOTES

YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFULLY PRAYING FOR
ALL THESE CONCERNS OVER THE YEARS.
HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH THEM!

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Mission Trips Grounded
Our first radio-distribution team in three
years just returned from Oaxaca, Mexico.
It has been a long wait for post-COVID
travel to resume again! The team gave out
265 audio Bibles in seven different
churches. Al Wyatt, Mission Team Lead,
made a point of asking the people to
whom he gave a player if they could read.
Everyone, including the pastors of the
churches, said "No."

Radio in Quebec
This has been the longest continual
prayer item in Galcom's history! God
first laid the people of Quebec on
Founder Allan McGuirl's heart back in
2003. After years of red tape, Radio
Espoir launched in the fall of 2021.
An application for rebroadcast
stations is currently awaiting
approval, so keep praying!

Shipping problems
As the world took a time-out for COVID,
shipping to foreign countries was next to
impossible. Then, as the borders opened up,
shipping costs went sky-high, and continue to
be prohibitively expensive—so much so that
some of our ministry partners can't afford to
get the radios to their destination. We told
you about our new Shipping Fund last
newsletter, and you have graciously designated
funds to help these ministries out. Thank you
for being the answer to this prayer!

played components edged R&D team began pass player, with fewer, more available parts, then unforeseen reference with the radio elements that were affected of the countries where we M version is now completely pray as the team tackles the portwave version next.

Volunteers Locked Out
Remember the early days of COVID, when everyone was isolating at home? This posed a huge problem for the production department: all our radios are made by volunteers on-site! Production set up a system where the parts for each step in the radio assembly were delivered to volunteers, then picked up and given to the person doing the next job in the process. Incredibly, even with this complex procedure, our volunteers were able to produce the second-highest number of players ever in 2022, and the third-most players in 2021.



We pray for you too! Every morning the staff at Galcom gather and pray for the requests you send us. Then your name is put on a Post-It and folded into a butterfly. It's a visual reminder of your requests!

Microchip Shortages
In the early days of the pandemic, China shut their cities down completely, with an incredible impact on worldwide supply chains of microchips and components for circuit boards. At one point, Galcom was being given delivery dates that were six months to two years from the time of ordering! God was gracious and went before us, again using you wonderful partners as provision. In 2021, Galcom's giving skyrocketed, and the funds were there that we needed to purchase our components quickly, before the supplies ran out. God is good! Now delivery times are almost back to normal.

"Spending of funds is confined to programs and projects approved by the organization. Each restricted contribution designated toward such an approved program or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the organization, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where needed most. Gifts are acknowledged and receipted with an official receipt for income tax purposes."



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