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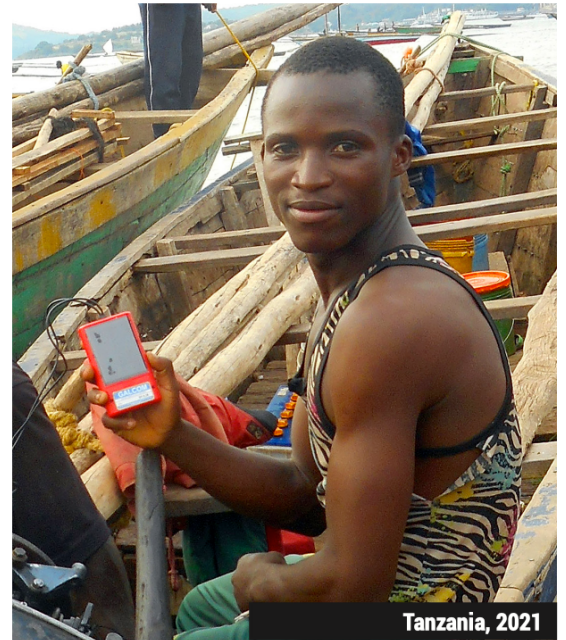
BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIERS

Dear Friend,

Thank you for being such a vital part of the Galcom ministry. Your prayers and giving are changing lives and communities around the world. Over the years, God has led us to come alongside local partners in order to multiply their impact through audio technology, often at times and in instances where He is moving miraculously!

We sent 100,000+ radios to Colombia from 2005 to 2010, and we got to see our partner Russell Stendal participate in peace talks between the government and FARQ rebels, ending over 40 years of civil war.

We installed 14 radio stations in Greenland from 2009 to



God keeps bringing us back to Tanzania. There is something strategic about it, as it is what missiologists consider part of the "Buffer Zone". Islam is predominantly across the north and east coasts of Africa, with Christianity more widespread in the interior. I'm sure you've heard of Boko Haram and al-Shabaab, the terrorist groups that attack Christian communities in Nigeria or Somalia. These groups are active in the buffer zone where Muslim and Christian communities meet. Tanzania, being a coastal country, is pretty much all buffer zone.

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2016 which covered 99% of the population, sparking revival and accelerated church growth.

Recently, God has led us to Tanzania, where we have installed f radio stations and partnered with two others over the last 10 years or so. Earlier this year, our Consulting Engineer Francis Njoroge visited all the stations, made the minor repairs that he could at the time, and came back with a 20-page report on the successes of the stations and a list of things that need upgrades or repairs.

This is why radio is so effective. Christian workers can now reach safely into areas that they couldn't go to in person. Secondly, the few workers there are able to reach a much larger audience. Radio is so effective in breaking these barriers that it is the best tool for missionaries and pastors in these dangerous areas.

Enjoy the testimonies Francis recorded on his trip, and pray as we plan a training session in Tanzania in April 2024 to equip even more workers to reach the unreached with the Gospel.

With you in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Tim Whitehead
Executive Director



To learn more about this project, scan the QR code above to watch Francis' documentary on YouTube.



Tanzania from the top of a radio tower



Studio in Karagwe

Promise Radio in Karagwe

Successes: The coverage of Promise Radio is expansive: the strong signal area is 9,521 km², reaching more than 850,000 listeners.

Challenges: The government changed Promise Radio's frequency, which has affected the tuned antennas that were previously installed; they need to be recalibrated. Equipment has also been stolen.

Living Water FM in Mwanza

Successes: The station has led to an unprecedented increase in the church congregation in this area; so much so, that the church is now building a 10,000-seat facility to accommodate the growing numbers.

Challenges: Equipment upgrades are needed, including the studio mixer, broadcast console, and computers.

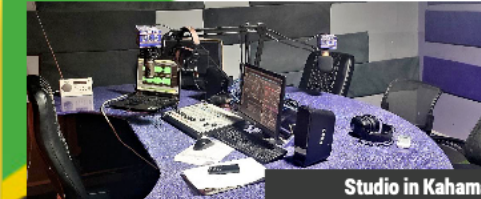


New church in Mwanza

Divine Radio 93.3 in Kahama

Successes: Divine Radio is a prominent FM station, covering a wide area in this growing economic region.

Challenges: A new studio transmitter link is required to replace the failing one, crucial for transmitting audio from the studio to the transmitter site. Rental costs on a hired mast and transmitter are creating a financial burden.



Studio in Kahama

Radio Joy in Kigoma

Successes: Radio Joy is a popular radio station, broadcasting in various languages, including Swahili and English, ensuring many can connect and engage with the station's programming.

Challenges: Radio Joy needed to overcome geographical challenges to increase its signal range. With the assistance of Galcom, a repeater station has been placed in the Heru Juu Mountains, reaching under-served locations.



Repeater for Radio Joy

Radio Uhai in Tabora

Successes: Radio Uhai is a Christian station that goes beyond spreading the message of Christ; they also provide local news and foster a sense of community in the area. The station has planted more than 25 churches in the region to disciple new believers.

Challenges: Galcom recently installed solar panels for Radio Uhai, solving the problem of unreliable power and enabling them to broadcast 24/7. This has also resulted in significant savings to the station.



Solar panels at Radio Uhai

Overcomers FM in Iringa

Successes: Iringa is the government seat of the region, and its altitude is 1,550 m above sea level, creating a large signal reach for the station.

Challenges: There is a severe shortage of essential equipment, including headphones and microphones. Overcomers FM also relies on a borrowed transmitter and rents space on a mast because they do not have their own.



Listeners in Iringa

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Tanzania is a country located in East Africa, has a population of approximately 60 million people, and is known for its diverse wildlife, scenic landscapes, and rich culture.

Galcom has set up several FM radio stations across Tanzania, with a particular focus on reaching rural and remote areas.

In addition to setting up new stations, Galcom has also worked to improve the functionality of existing stations by providing technical support and equipment.

We commissioned Francis Njoroge, our Consulting Engineer in Kenya, to go on an inspection and maintenance trip to Tanzania to see how the stations are running, if there are any concerns, and perhaps do small repairs or preventative maintenance for them.

Here are a few of his findings.



Francis Njoroge

Towers in Tanzania

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