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Tim Whitehead, Executive Director, is currently at the annual meeting of the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters in Miami, FL. Pray that he connects well with experts and suppliers as he participates.

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As 2023 wraps up, the Galcom staff and Board start to flesh out our radio production and station installation plans for the next year. Pray for wisdom as we rely on God's leading to make these decisions.

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Last month, Galcom sent a mission team to Ecuador to distribute 800 Compass players with a Spanish audio Bible, tuned to the *Ondas de Esperanza* (Waves of Hope) radio station. Pray for a life change in all who received a player.

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Please lift Francis Njoroge up in prayer; you can read about his excellent work in the articles of this newsletter, where he put his expertise into assessing and evaluating the needs of Galcom-built radio stations in Tanzania.

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The Compass radio/player has now reached an exceptional quality level when it comes to the audio player and FM receiver. Please pray for the AM version in development. Progress is underway, but a lot remains to be done.

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Donna Tompkins, our Galcom VAR in Nova Scotia, asks us to join her in prayer that COVID doesn't come back this winter and close down the hospitals. The hard shutdowns in the Maritimes have been difficult to endure.

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One of the roles Shelley Wyatt, Missions Administrator, fulfills is screening mission-trip members and sorting the travel plans and schedules for each trip—a challenge at times! Pray for her as we ramp up mission trips.

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As we pray for peace in the Middle East, let's remember the people groups there. Pray they would come to know Jesus, who gave his life to ransom "people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." (Rev 5:9)

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Martie van Niekerk has transitioned from Administrative Assistant into her new role of Production Administrator. Please pray that she will continue to learn quickly and be a blessing and a support to all our wonderful volunteers.

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Galcom has had an order of ImpaX players that have sat in our warehouse since 2020 because of red-tape problems with Kenyan customs. They have finally shipped! Pray for safety from the recent violence as they are distributed in Kenya.

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Cathy Horvath has retired from the Production department but continues to bless Galcom by volunteering in numerous ways. Treats mysteriously appear in the kitchen some mornings! Pray for God's blessing on her.

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Pray for our friends at Aujourd'hui l'Espoir. As we attempted to apply for the first five repeaters in the Radio Espoir network, the government put a two-year moratorium on new applications. This is discouraging and frustrating.

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Ben Schroeder, SIM missionary to Nigeria, was a recent guest on the Mission Compass, appealing for people to come and help him with building projects, teaching, and praying. Pray God will provide the people Ben needs!

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This summer, Mission City Baptist Mission Coordinator Jerry O'Connell from Brantford, ON travelled to Mexico with a Galcom team. Pray for the church as Jerry plans to return soon with a full Mission City team!

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Kevin Horan, seconded to Galcom from Global Recordings Network to be our IT Technician, is an amazing asset to the ministry. He is asking prayer for the salvation of his aunt Debbie and brother-in-law Robert.

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Pray for Supa FM Radio in Kenya's outreach among the Samburu people, as they provide practical help as well as spiritual guidance to this largely non-literate, semi-nomadic people group.

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Lynn and Kevin Baker have some upcoming visits to churches in their region of Alberta in the next few months. Pray for their success as they share the ministry of Galcom with others.

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Please continue to pray for our friends at FEBC Ukraine. There has been no reprieve in the fighting there, and their staff continues to serve in both practical and spiritual capacities. Pray for divine endurance and peace.

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Pray for Tom Flack, who devotes two days of his week to soldering radios at Galcom. After working so hard, he relaxes on Saturdays by watching six games simultaneously on four different screens!

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Historically a remote people, the Adi in Bhutan are still socially isolated. Even their villages stay separate from one another, governing themselves by individual councils. Pray for the Lord to place loving workers among the Adi people.

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Pray for our friends at Thru the Bible, who have graciously given us access to the J. Vernon McGee radio teaching program in over 150 languages to be distributed on our partner radio stations around the world.

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The year-end work of tying up all the financial loose ends is always a lengthy process! Pray that Andrea McGuirl, Accountant, will have the patience and stamina to complete it.

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Galcom Consulting Engineer Francis Njoroge was finally able to visit from Kenya in October. It was great to plan future projects in Africa with him, including his help in training our partners in Tanzania in April 2024.

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Ken Tompkins, our Audio Library Coordinator, works remotely from his home in Nova Scotia. He is asking us to pray that the Lord helps him get through the winter with all the ice, snow, and shovelling!

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Your Network of Praise is a radio ministry out of Montana with a global outlook; they have provided thousands of radios to ministries in West Africa this winter. May God bless their listeners who gave generously to this project!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED!

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For 2024:
"May He grant you
your heart's desire
And fulfill your
whole plan!"

- Psalm 20:4 NASB

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Missions Team Lead Al Wyatt led a team in November to Ecuador, to work with *Ondas de Esperanza* radio. He puts his Spanish skills to good use there! Pray for his leadership in upcoming trips in 2024.

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We see Global Recordings Network as one of our "parent" ministries. Pray for the new Canadian Director Mark Griffin as he leads the ministry to greater impact around the world, recording Bible stories in minority languages.

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Inuunerup Nipaa, The Voice of Life radio network in Greenland, has the potential to reach 99% of the population, but some stations are off the air due to weather damage. Pray for the team as they install the new parts we recently shipped.

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Please pray for Board member Joan Cushnie and her husband Don. She was instrumental in compiling our Policy and Procedures manual and is currently working with our Director on a new Board handbook.

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Praise God for the team from Tsawwassen Alliance Church in BC that travelled to Ecuador recently to distribute Compass players. Pray for this thriving church as they search for a new lead pastor.

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Recently, Galcom ED Tim Whitehead attended the CCCC's Charity Roundtable, discussing how Christian charities interact with our government. Pray for the CCCC, who accredit Christian groups and represent us to the government.

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Last year, we reached the threshold of 1,500,000 radios and players sent out in our 34-year history. Join us in prayer for God's leading as we enter our 35th year of ministry together with you!

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We were introduced to Radio Uhai in Tabora by our friends at Global Recordings. Radio Uhai needed more consistent power for the station, so Galcom funded solar panels in 2020. Pray for their ongoing financial needs.

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Please pray for the foster child of Chief Engineer Pierre-Yves Mutrux and his wife Christine. Born with serious health issues, he is making huge progress but still needs a lot of medical attention. Please also pray for a long-term placement for him.

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Roger & Heather Ewald, Galcom VARs, have a grandson due mid-January and will be driving 1100 miles to look after the older two grandchildren. Pray for their safety as they prepare to leave at a moment's notice!

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Being Hindus in Muslim Bangladesh puts the 1.5 million Rajbansi people in a difficult position. Pray that these agricultural people will hear Gospel radio programs and recordings that will lead them to put their faith in Jesus.

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Don Middleton, Galcom VAR in BC, is asking us to pray for an American church he attends; he is hoping for opportunities to share Galcom there and secure them as prayer partners. "This is of more value than gold," Don says.

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Pray for Divine Radio in Kahama, reaching over half a million people in northwest Tanzania. They rent space on a tower, which saps their funds so they can't make vital equipment upgrades. Pray for land to erect their own tower.

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Carolina Bartholomew fulfills the role of Spiritual Care Facilitator at Galcom as she works to complete her MTS in Counselling and Spiritual Care. Pray for her reliance on the Lord as she completes the difficult last leg of her degree.

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Galcom radios were originally made in Tiberias, Israel at the "tentmaking" business of Galtronics. Please pray for the many friends working there, or at our sister ministry of MegaVoice, during this difficult and dangerous time in Israel.

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Faye Whatford, Communications Team Lead, is studying for her CFRE certification in fundraising. Pray for her attempts to fit this extra training into her already packed work schedule.

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Nations One broadcasts from a "mother station" for new installations in northern BC and the Yukon. Pray for salvation yields from the Gospel broadcasts going out to Indigenous reserves from these new stations.

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As we continue R&D work on our new Compass player, input from Board member Roelof Datema has been vital; he has an engineering background, experience on Galcom station installation trips, and knows exactly what our partners need.

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Pray blessing on Rehoboth United Reformed Church of Ancaster, ON as they send a team of volunteers tonight to help us in our production department. This crew has faithfully served monthly for almost 10 years.

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We're excited that Mission Fest Vancouver 2024 is happening right now. This conference has undergone many changes in the last few years. Pray for its continuation and the crucial connections made there!

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Peter and Linda de Kat are talented volunteers in Galcom's production, photography, and mission trips as well! Peter asks for prayer for his mother, 88, who is recovering from shingles, which has left her very frail.

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Promise Radio in Karagwe is the newest of the stations Galcom built in Tanzania. Pray that as they attend our April training they will overcome the challenges they have been facing with environmental damage to equipment.

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Only 900 Sila people live in Vietnam. They practice an ethnic religion, farm and hunt for their food supply, and struggle with malnutrition and malaria. Ask the Lord to send Christian medical workers to soften the people's hearts.

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Michelle Cope, Ministry Agency Coordinator, deals with ongoing winter colds as her four young children and teacher husband, Dan, bring various illnesses home from school. Pray that they all stay healthy!

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Radio Joy in Kigoma is hosting the training for our Tanzanian broadcasting partners this April. Pray as we research an upgraded repeater station to reach Kasulu. May God bless them as they share with other broadcasters in need.

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Anthony Ngai brings a wealth of knowledge of the Christian radio industry to our Board meetings because he leads the Faith FM network of stations in southwestern Ontario. Pray for Faith FM as they air the Gospel daily.



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Jessica Lindsay, Partner Services Coordinator, is busy, but also so blessed, with the many year-end donation receipts she processes in the early months of 2024. You generous partners make this a big job, and we're so glad for it!

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Missionfest Manitoba starts today! Pray for the attendees and their future role in serving the Kingdom, in whatever way God has planned for them.

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Galcom staff are currently manning the booth at Missionfest, and it is a long day packed full of important conversations. Pray for the endurance of those representing our ministry to the visitors they meet.

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Lord willing, Kevin Baker will soon travel to South Sudan for an upcoming radio-station installation. Pray that the project will go well, equipment will arrive, there will be safety on the trip, and for good health for the team.

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Tax-receipts for 2023 are due to be mailed by the end of the month. We are so honoured to partner together with you in sharing the Gospel through radio throughout the world. God bless you for your role in the Great Commission!

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Last fall, Tim Whitehead travelled to India and learned there are nearly 400 million people there who are non-literate and have no access to electricity. Pray for successful plans with manufacturing and distribution partners.

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Louise Claros, Galcom VAR in Gatineau, QC, sows seeds for the Kingdom by sharing the book of John or evangelistic pamphlets with the people she meets on the train or in town. Pray for the success of her outreach.

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Moldova is the poorest nation in Europe, and Little Samaritan Mission could not afford to import 500 radios Galcom partners provided last year. God bless those of you who gave to our shipping fund to get them there!

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The 69K Bengkulu people are Muslim and live in Bengkulu, Indonesia, in wooden homes raised on stilts and painted with special motifs. Pray for Indonesian Christians to tell them of eternal life which is only found in Jesus Christ.

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Pray for Iain Sommerville, an active volunteer in many areas of Galcom. A retired university professor, he has recently published two books with a Christian worldview, *The Touch of the Master's Hand* and *The Tragedy of Evolution*.

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Living Water Radio in Mwanza was the first of four stations we built in Tanzania over the last 15 years. Pray that Bishop Magike and his radio team will be able to step away from their many ministry duties to attend our training in April.

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Galcom is growing, and we need to renovate and physically restructure the new workspaces for our Compass production. Pray for Mitch Whatford, Production Manager, as he spearheads this crucial, complicated task.

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Give thanks for Milton and his team at GRN Bangladesh. They are preparing to record four more books of the Look Listen & Live series in the Koda language. Pray for God's guidance in all areas of their lives and ministry.

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Board Treasurer Ken Vis is an invaluable member of the team; he filled in at Galcom as both our Accountant and Production Manager at different times. He has a unique perspective on the detailed workings of Galcom.

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Cheyne Presbyterian Church in Stoney Creek, ON has supported Galcom since its inception with finances, staff, volunteers, short-term trip participants, and even Board members. Please pray as they search for a new pastor.

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Pray for continued healing for volunteer George Johnson as he recovers from surgery for lung cancer. His positive attitude is a great blessing to those around him.

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The 250,000 Nepali in Malaysia are mainly migrant workers and often too busy trying to survive to think about spiritual matters. Pray for the Nepali people in Malaysia to have a desire for spiritual truth that will lead them to the cross.

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We've had a long partnership with Lighthouse Radio in Belize. We recently moved them to a better location with a better broadcast range. Pray that their 20th anniversary celebrations will bring more people to faith in Him.

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Bishop Boaz Sollo operates Overcomers Radio in Iringa. Our recent visit revealed it is in the worst shape of all our Tanzanian broadcast partners. His team will have far to travel to our training in April. Pray that God will provide the funds.

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Please pray for Tim Whitehead's family, who are currently spread around the world serving God. His wife Melody needs special prayer as she works in downtown Hamilton, ON, serving the homeless and refugees.

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There are 1,200 Hemshin in Kyrgyzstan who migrated from Turkey. Completely Islamic, there are no Hemshin Christians in Kyrgyzstan and few of the Kyrgyz follow Christ. Pray for Armenian believers to witness to them.

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Grace Constable, our Administrative Assistant, considers playing violin for worship as one of the great joys of her life. Pray for her as she continues to serve the Lord in this way!

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Long-time partner Scott Beigle and Faith Radio Tallahassee continue to reach out through their network in Florida in English and Spanish, as well as supporting stations in Kenya and Uganda. Pray for provision for all their outreaches.

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Marquis and Zara Valderrama travelled from Peru to Ecuador to work with our mission team in October. Please pray we will be able to return to Peru to work alongside them among the Quechua in 2024.

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The 24,000 Chara people in Ethiopia practice an ethnic religion mixed with a syncretized form of Orthodox Christianity. Pray for Gospel resources to become available in their language.



Pictures in this newsletter, unless otherwise noted, are of Tanzania.