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“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when dreams come true at last there is life and joy.”
Proverbs 13:12

Dear partners:

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It is a Happy New Year when I say, “THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!”

I will never forget Margie coming into my office saying, “Jackie, I’ve just received notice we will hear our first program to be broadcast directly out of Israel in two hours.” It was then that I remembered we were in a different time zone than Israel, and their December 1 was moments away. I clicked on my computer to HighAdventure.org, and watched as the clock started counting down. Then, fifteen minutes before the blast-off, I started shaking, wondering, “Will this happen?” The High Adventure staff did not want to fail you or the Lord. All I could think about was how each of you stood with Israel. Your calls and notes were so encouraging as you kept saying, “God is with us. Keep going.”

Then it was time, and suddenly the voice of our “on air” broadcaster, Pat Kowalick, announced “This is Kol Hatikva, your *Voice of Hope*. High Adventure Ministries is broadcasting the Word of the Lord from our studio in Jerusalem.” It was electrifying to hear this great message. Israel now knew about you and your love and support for them.

It was then that the thoughts came of so many of our partners who are in heaven and yet trail blazed and sacrificed so we could experience this very moment. It took blood, sweat, and tears to see our mission accomplished. Then I asked myself, “Is this moment worth it?” With great fear of God I have to tell you pain and loss seemed to overwhelm me. In my heart I felt it was too great a price to pay. Then a vision came into my mind. I saw all of us trudging and persevering up a long road toward the heavenly gates. We were still not in our heavenly bodies and it was apparent many of us had endured great adversity. We were focused, and continued to move forward. I looked ahead, seeing many people looking and cheering us on to finish our race. It was evident that they knew about us and were aware we were on the way to join them. It was then that I heard the Lord say, “Jackie, I am a sovereign God. None of you will ever know this side of heaven what you have done for My Kingdom. You ‘look through a glass darkly.’ But in My perfect timing you will see all those whose lives you have touched and the impact you have had in the world.”

Then I knew. It is worth it! This is a great victory for the God of Israel and our Lord Jesus Christ. 2012 is here and we are looking ahead with expectation to do even greater things for the God of Israel and continue to Fulfill Our Prophetic Destiny!

Jackie Mitakum Gockey

BAGHDAD, IRAQ: In 1988, the Pastor who operates our suitcase radio station in Baghdad was one of 57 believers arrested by Saddam Hussein's special security forces for meeting to study the Bible. His father received 5 years in prison. He, his mother and 16 other believers received 1 year in prison. He was released after 5 months. He never stopped serving the Lord. As soon as he was able, he started to pastor a small church in Baghdad.

Although he was originally educated to be a Mechanical Engineer, he answered God's call to minister as a pastor. When the United States troops liberated Iraq, he began with a suitcase radio to broadcast into Baghdad. Today, he houses an entire floor of radio ministry. He has 11 staff people making special programs all day long.

Our pastor received Iraq's first ever Christian radio broadcast license. The Iraqi government asked him to travel to Paris and represent Iraq at a special United Nations broadcast conference. He did, and his participation was so well received that his government expressed their appreciation by granting him open doors into Iraq's communities for radio licensing. This is AMAZING, as licensing has since been closed off... but, he still has an open door.

High Adventure Ministries' partners in the United States and Canada helped him increase his power from 500 watts to 2 KW, and raised a new 150' tower. Other partners have since joined us and now support his 11 staff with \$1200 per month. He monitors the station and is well heard at least 50 miles north, and 55-60 miles south (to the edge of ancient Babylon). The coverage is now at 8 million people living in and around Baghdad—over 35% of the entire nation's population.

He receives a consistent flow of responses, primarily from Muslim listeners. He tells of being in a Muslim-owned taxi where the driver/owner played his station all day long. When asked, the taxi owner admitted he knew it was a Christian station, but said it is the most positive radio on the air—others are too negative.

In a Baghdad marketplace, the pastor told of us one Muslim store owner who has his radio set to the station all day long. It is so loud that ALL the marketplace customers can hear it. Muslims listen because they are SO tired of bad news—they live to hear the good news that Christian radio brings to them.

Another report from the pastor tells of a major demonstration in Baghdad. A police Hummer was in the centre of the street trying to control the crowd. The Hummer's radio was loudly playing the station publicly!

Pastor tells of a phone call he received on the station call-in line (they have a "live" call-in-for-prayer line.) The caller expressed interest (on the air) to know about Jesus. A meeting was arranged (to be sure it was not a trick), and he privately shared about the Lord. The man made no response, but two weeks later, called again. He asked the pastor to come meet him at his home. During their conversation, the pastor let it slip that he had himself been investigated by security forces some time back. The man thought he heard him say that he was in security, but when he clarified the arrest of the group of 57, the man replied, "Yes, I remember. I was one of the security officers that arrested your group." He continued to minister the WORD, but refused to lead him to the Lord. He explained that if the man was serious, then he should go into his own bedroom and give his life to Christ... then the pastor went home.

In the very next call-in broadcast, the man was the first caller. This man said he went into his bedroom, got on his knees, and gave his heart to Jesus! He made this declaration right over Baghdad radio!

