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"Press And Listen" Project



Iva Killian, Troxell Switch, was the first WRGN listener to receive a "Press and Listen" unit. Iva has macular degeneration and can no longer see to read. She and her late husband, Lawrence, have been faithful supporters of WRGN.

The new year at WRGN opened with the announcement of a brand new out-reach project. The "Press and Listen Project" was developed especially for sight-impaired listeners who are unable to read WRGN's new book, "Vision To Reality." Author, Shirley Updyke recently completed the recording of the book in its entirety.

The recording was then transferred to the MP3 format and the entire book is contained on one memory stick. It is played through a large MP3 player, which is easily operated by sightless people. The

cost for the complete package is \$30.00, including postage. It will be mailed to those requesting it. For many people it is more convenient to listen than to read the book, and of course the audio book is available to them also.

The project has become an out-reach in that individuals may desire to contribute \$30.00, the cost of a unit, which will then be given to a sightless person. After receiving the unit, it may be kept, given to another to hear, or returned to WRGN and sent to someone else. Call WRGN for details at 1-800-245-3688.

Cookie Collection For Prisoners



Tilly Weaver, coordinator for the Providing Hope Ministries, "Cookies For Prisoners Project" is shown with Jonathan Broschius as she picked up the cookies collected at WRGN. The project was successful.

Pastors Assist Callers

When WRGN's office closes for the day, Voice Mail service goes into effect, but still enables callers to reach someone to assist them. This service is provided by area pastors. "It has been our desire to help callers in an emergency, even after hours," said station manager, Burl Updyke. This service has been in affect for several years.

Pastors now volunteering this service include: David Elick, New Life Community, Moutaintop; Timothy Hall, Nebo Baptist Church, Nanticoke; Andy Jerome, Parsons Primitive Methodist Church; Neil Martin, Calvary Bible Chapel, Hunlock Creek; Lawrence Reed,

Harveys Lake Emmanuel Assembly of God and Kevin Straka, Second Welsh Congregational, Wilkes Barre.

"Pray for wisdom for these pastors who willingly volunteer their time for this service," said Burl

Change For Tunkhannock Listeners

Tunkhannock listeners will be kept informed of changes to the frequency on which they hear WRGN. It has been temporarily changed from F.M. 91.7 to F.M. 91.1. Because this is a temporary change, another one will be announced in the near future. Listen for these changes.

Please pray with us

PRAISE: WRGN listeners continue to make their pledge to meeting the operating costs the station will face in the year 2010. Pray that this will continue until the Shar-A-Thon goal is reached.

PRAISE: WRGN 's new "Press and Listen Project," designed for the vision impaired is yet another out-reach ministry in which WRGN listeners may become involved. Pray that both the sightless and those preferring to listen to Shirl Updyke's new book, "Vision to Realty," may be blessed by listeners' involvement in making the book available to them.

PRAY: as management works to keep the ministries here operating well. Changes recently required the temporary moving of the Tunhkannock translator frequency. Many changes in the future will be made as WIVH's primary frequency and location of the transmitter will be changed. Pray for wisdom, strength and possible volunteers to help with this gigantic project.

PRAISE: God for a wonderful past year of ministry at WRGN and WIVH. Listeners' support was sufficient to keep the stations broadcasting a state-of-art operation using the newest radio technology, all for God's glory.

PRAY: as the staff at WRGN and WIVH move into a New Year desirous of honoring God in all they do and say. Those on-air are very concerned that every word they utter be to God's glory. Keeping abreast of the newest in radio technology presents a challenge to the engineering staff here. Pray for wisdom for them.

PRAY: for the broadcasters heard daily. Many of them are pastors and

teachers who work under a full load of daily ministry. Thank God for their hearts' desire is to teach listeners how to live lives pleasing to God and to reach souls with the Gospel message. Pray for Dr. James Dobson who is leaving Focus On The Family, but has expressed a desire to continue radio ministry to the family.

PRAISE: the number of items in The Good News Library grows daily and the value of the information there makes the library of great worth. Pray that more people will take advantage of the service it provides, giving the public materials that are not questionable, but God honoring.

PRAY: for Mary Bodek and Mary Ann Lipinski, who faithfully serve to keep the library operating smoothly.

PRAY: for Jon and Tiff Bowman serving as operators of WIVH in the Virgin Island. They recently expressed thankfulness for the love shown to them by listeners in the states who remembered them with gifts and cards. They raised their support to serve here. Pray that their supporters will remain faithful.

PRAY: as they strive to keep WIVH operating. They have recently faced many technical problems. These seem to be cyclical. Praise God for how He provides volunteers coming to their aid.

PRAY: for WIVH listeners. They write to say how much WIVH is a blessing to them. Many say the broadcasts are drawing them back to God.

Last year Remembered: God Was Good!

“As we look back to the year 2009, the handprint of God is evident,” said WRGN station manager, Burl Updyke.

It was approximately a month following WRGN’s 2008 Shar-A-thon that the goal was met on December 16 and the year 2009 opened with that good news. Shar-A-Thon 2009’s goal is still to be met with \$2267 still needed.

The moving of two translator frequencies was accomplished in early 2009 for both Hazleton and Catawissa. A successful February’s Skate was conducted. The Radiogram showed many visitors and new Good News Library members. A first book sale was held for the library’s benefit.

March brought WRGN damage to its Scranton translator antenna knocking the translator off-air temporarily. Letter month was a blessing as over 30 letter writers ex-

pressed their love and appreciation for WRGN. A very successful Mission Possible was conducted. The station’s Facebook site was established. The Yard Sale was bigger than ever and WRGN made an appearance at the Luzerne County Fair. WRGN’s Radio Dog was introduced there. October, “Clergy Appreciation Month,” saw many local pastors recognized on-air and awarded gifts.

New WIVH operators, Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman began their service there in October 2009.

The highlight of the year was the marking of WRGN’s 25th anniversary at a banquet and the release of Shirl Updyke’s new book, “Vision To Reality.”

“Through a most busy, productive year of broadcasting the Good News of the Gospel of Christ, God’s faithfulness was evident with every step of the way,” said Burl

WRGN Studios Had Many Visitors During 2009



Cub Scout Pack 693, Harveys Lake, toured WRGN recently. Shown are: Ryan Dovrand, Adam Motovidlak, Paige Motovidlak and David Williams. Second row: Evan Newell, and Sage Visneski.

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WRGN's Radio Dog "Sparkie" poses with Luzerne County Fair Queen, Nicole Clemson.

Facebook Membership Grows

Two hundred and seventy-two fans have "written on the wall" of WRGN's Facebook. That is 36 new ones since October 1.

Some recent comments came from Nancy M. Buck-Randolph who wrote: "I enjoy your radio station very much. I have been listening since the station came on the air."

Kathy Gibson said she loved the Christmas greeting from WRGN staff. She always loves the station. It's part of her work day.

Joan E. Lampman: "Great job, Jonathan, congratulations on your new daughter. Joan said she contin-

ues to pray for additional funds to complete WRGN's Shar-A-Thon goal.

Kerilynn Frey was praising God for the beautiful snow lining the trees in Stillwater as she listened to "Shirl and You." "I love WRGN," she said.

WRGN annual
skate, Monday
Feb. 15, 6:30-
9:30PM
Skateaway, W.B.

Here at the studios...

During the past month at WRGN's studio we heard from fourteen new listeners. It's exciting to know that people new and old to Northeastern Pennsylvania are finding Good News Radio, WRGN. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, are listening but do not tell us so. So everyday, we thank God for new opportunities to reach out to listeners.

Marshall Novak, Scranton, is not new to WRGN. However he took time to write a letter of appreciation for the station and included his photo, which is on our bulletin board. He said, "I will not stop listening to WRGN until the end of time." He is looking for someone to write to him.

"As we walk through life we can be planters of the seed of eternal life," said Bill Burger, of Hazleton, as he encouraged listeners to be witnesses for the Lord. Bill had recently gone through many problems with furnace lines freezing. Like many WRGN listeners he has found that painful lessons are usually doorways to new opportunities.

Shirl says it delightful hosting "Shirl and You," when holidays approach because people who are usually working are able to hear and get involved in the program.

John Dempsey, Palmerton, reminisced about how his family used to have a Christmas Slovak supper. But everyone is too busy these days for such elaborate preparations. He misses them. He understands, though, as he works at two jobs.

Debbie Muller, Swoyersville, became very reflective as she gave thought to the New Year. She said

she wanted to draw closer to the Lord, lose a few pounds and wished the whole world could be saved. She said she loves, loves, loves WRGN.

On "National Ice Skating Day," Cathy Hawk, Parryville, told of her experience of falling through the ice. The ice kept breaking under the person trying to rescue her. "I remember praying that I knew I would go to heaven." She was rescued and through other incidences is certain God is looking out for her. We're glad of that.

Truck driver, Tom Evans of Texas, told of the blessing he receives through his ministry to other truck drivers. He called from Pittston at a truck terminal there.

Tom Potsko, Hanover Township, has listened to WRGN for four years. The station was recommended to him by a friend.

Tim Haas, Lehighton, said about ten years ago he was awakened to the reality that to follow Jesus is the greatest step any man can make.

A subject that proved to be fun and of interest to listeners was re-gifting. Most were of the opinion that it was an o.k. thing to do.

Visit us at WRGN Studios. We're here for you!!

Be good to yourself...

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From us
to you ...



January 2010

Dear Ones:

WRGN's "Press and Listen Project" is just getting off the ground with promotion starting the end of December. In our twenty-five years of radio ministry we have learned that it takes approximately two months of on-air promotion before we have reached the majority of listeners with a message. Some people think that seems like forever, since they hear the spots every day. However, not everyone listens every day.

This is a project especially for the vision impaired, those unable to read Shirly's new book, "Vision to Reality." Shirly has recorded it in its entirety. An MP3 player, designed for use by those who don't see well, relays the untold story of the founding of WRGN/WIVH. Some listeners who are not sightless, but prefer hearing the book, find the project ideal for them, also.

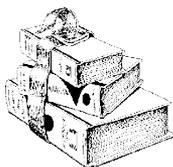
At WRGN we have made this project one in which all listeners may get involved, making it possible for the book recording to be given to others. Listeners may cover the cost, \$30.00, and the unit is given as a gift to someone else requesting it. The player may be kept to hear again and again, loaned to others, or returned to WRGN for giving to another person.

Giving so others may benefit is not a new idea to WRGN listeners since they give monthly so others may hear the broadcasting of the Good News. You may call it sacrificial giving. It is good for all of us to remember that sacrificing to build the faith of others brings a joyous reward. Your giving keeps WRGN on the air and your giving to this new project will also build the faith of others as they become aware of God's workings in the ministry of WRGN/WIVH. "As we relate to the faithfulness of both God and the Updykes, the book really helps us to be thankful for what we have in WRGN's ministry," said a recent reader of "Vision To Reality."

Call the station at 800-245-3688 and tell us you'd like a "Press and Listen Project" sent to you or to another person. May God bless you greatly in the New Year 2010.

Looking to a New Year of Blessings Here,
We're Sincerely Yours,

Burl & Shirley Updyke
Burl and Shirley Updyke, WRGN/WIVH



New at the Library



The Good News Library is close to reaching 15,000 items available for loaning to members. A membership to the library is \$5.00 per year. It is open 9:00 to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

A DVD entitled, "The Parables of Jesus" enables the reader to gain new insights into His parables and their meanings. This helps readers appreciate more fully their relevance for their own lives.

In the book, "God Is Closer Than You Think" readers learn that intimacy with God can happen right now. The book shows how to enjoy a vibrant moment-by moment relationship with God.

The untold story of Global Christianity is told in the book, "Kingdom Without Borders." The author coaxes readers to expand their vision of the possibilities and promise of a living faith dynamically shaping lives, communities and nations.

The DVD, "Boundaries in Marriage," encourages couples to make a good marriage better and even save one that is headed for disaster.

Clinical ethics is a relatively new discipline within medicine, The author of "Medical Ethics and the Faith Factor," draws on his extensive medical knowledge and experience to offer a wealth of guidance regarding real-life dilemmas in clinical ethics.

In a six sessions DVD by Andy Stanley, he helps readers discern in a culture of deception. In "Twisting the Truth," he describes how the truth gets twisted in our lives and culture and how to recognize and overcome them.

Kay Warren, wife of Pastor Rick Warren tells how God's plan for her life was far different from what she had in mind. Can a person accept such a circumstance and surrender their goals to God? Read Kay's story in "Dangerous Surrender."

All these items and thousands more are for loaning to anyone joining the Good News Library.

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