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TV 23 Cadillac

Rich Greeley

### Take Time, for Education

Let me tell you a story about a young family that began their lives together in a small rural town. Father was from a large non-religious family, and mother from a large Catholic family. Their lives grew together as they worked several

> jobs to make ends meet, and in six short years, they were expecting their fourth child. Jobs were more plentiful and lucrative in the big city, so they moved to help themselves financially.

Although Father had agreed to study and join the Catholic church, his Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) brother encouraged him to attend some meetings which focused on Bible-based theology. This development caused some division in the home, but earlier he had convinced his wife to enroll their oldest son in the local SDA church school for several months before moving.

Father grew increasingly discouraged in the city as

he had grown up a country boy during post-depression times. The busyness and lack of open space were especially difficult for him. Meanwhile, there was a Catholic church down the street, and Mother renewed her commitment to be a part of it. She encouraged the oldest son to consider being an altar boy and participate in church activities.

It was only a few years until the family was broken by divorce. Eventually, the children, ages 4 to 10, would live alone with Father. The public school took up much of their time, and they had long evenings at home with little supervision as work ran into double shifts and overtime to make ends meet.

The children often prepared meals, including Macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, or just cottage cheese and pineapple. Clothing was washed frequently and clean, but the dresser drawers always had plenty of extra room.



David Bolduc

Finally, some good news to report about the new stations. Here's a bit of the back story. Typically FM antennas are stacked two, three, or maybe four high with a space of 10 feet between each antenna section (bay).

While talking with our preferred antenna manufacturers, our engineer pointed out the



antennas were close enough to the ground that a person near a tower might be exposed to dangerous Radio Frequency energy. The manufacturer and our engineer have exchanged multiple emails over the past several months. I looked for alternatives and found some highly directional antennas.

These antennas will be mounted at the same height but on different faces of the tower. We even requested commentary from the FCC. Finally, a well-known and respected engineer was consulted. He pointed out several studies he has done on this type of antenna, and long story short; everyone agrees we can move forward.

With this excellent antenna news, I have asked our engineer to determine the heights and orientation of our antennas at Greenville. I will ask him to do the same for Owosso, South Haven, and the new tower sites at Bridgman and Tower Hill.

Our field engineer recently had COVID but is feeling better now. I will soon be in touch with him regarding the Port Sanilac station. I haven't forgotten about Manistique and Houghton; I'm still looking at tower sites up there.

My workload has increased with Sandy Cole's absence, so I can only spend about one day a

week working on the details necessary to build these stations. Joy Corliss' workload has more than doubled with Sandy's absence. We love and miss Sandy, but we know God has people in His time who will help carry the work.

May God richly bless you as we press forward, proclaiming the truths for our time.



## **Changing Lives**

Many signals

We praise God each time someone makes a decision to embrace the everlasting gospel and signify their new life in Jesus by baptism. It's a significant waymark, the beginning of a new life, a new walk with Jesus



Kam Ferguson

OLD LIFE

We also praise God when we receive calls from Strong Tower Radio [STR] listeners who share their blessing of recently encountering STR or when a church member recounts meeting an STR listener for the first time. What follows are glimpses into why we've been praising God lately!

Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit just as Jesus was here on Earth.

A northern Michigan couple have been listening to STR for a few months and were convicted to visit a local Adventist church. They spoke at length with the pastor, and have continued attending this church and exploring further questions.

A mid-Michigan evangelistic series concluded with numerous baptisms, and one of those baptized said, "I know all this is true, I've been listening to STR for years."

A central Michigan Bible scholar was changing the radio dial and encountered STR during a reading of Desire of Ages.

Captivated by the depth of the chapter being read, this new listener wanted to know more and looked up their local Adventist church. Visiting the following Sabbath, this listener asked about STR and the reading. The church members contacted STR, determined the program aired, and provided a free copy of the book! We trust this new listener is still listening, still engaged.

A ministry that STR broadcasts was contacted directly by a listener who expressed great appreciation for the program and had further questions. They're clearly seeking a deeper connection with Jesus and a church that lives by and teaches 100% truth. They continue to listen to Strong Tower Radio, and we look forward to this listener embracing the full gospel in the near future!

A few weeks ago, an STR listener of 18 months walked into her local SDA church with an amazing testimony of how the Holy Spirit led her to attend *that church that day*. (I look forward to a detailed testimony in the future).

#### **Take Time for Education** ... (Continued from page 1)

Time went on and as the oldest son was ready for high school, Father became convicted that he should enroll the children in SDA schools. He feared that sports, Friday night activities, and friends would soon strongly influence them. Not sure how to go about it, he called the local academy and church school.

A meeting with the principals, James Ennis and Laverne Link, resulted in a visit to the farm home. Father shared his story and desires for his children. Both men readily agreed to have them enrolled. Then he told them there was no way he could afford tuition or how they would be able to get to the school 12 miles away. They assured him that it would all work out and that he need not worry; it was in God's hands!

It did work out!! A nearby family gave them a ride to school every day. The younger ones were able to walk across the street after school to wait for Father to pick them up after work. The oldest was able to work after school to help with his tuition.

The children, now ages 8 to 14, were soon in school, and within a year, everyone was attending church regularly. Father and the oldest son were baptized the following year, and soon Father married a Seventh-day Adventist. Mother had remarried as well, and custody-issue battles ensued.

Eventually, some children returned to be with her and finish high school in her town. The relationship between the two couples was quite awkward and often very un-Christ-like. Mother's view of Adventism was. "I will never set foot in that church."

The oldest son graduated with a degree in education.

One of the daughters became an RN and a missionary; the remaining children did some post-high school education and worked hard at their jobs and raising families.

Today, the children attend church; Father, at 92, is still going to church every Sabbath, and Mother, who Seventh-day Adventists befriended, studied with them and eventually was baptized nearly 30 years ago. She regularly attends the 13th St. Seventh-day Adventist church in Cadillac, MI.

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# Plug in to

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**TOWER** 

## CURRENT EVENTS

RADIO

Strong Tower Radio believes

we need to support Godly fathers.

We make it a point to acknowledge and
honor dads/granddads each year. We also



By Tom Mejeur

help local churches and the Michigan camp meeting do the same, and Father's Day at the Michigan Camp meeting was so much fun! Just look at the pictures of the heartwarming precious moments

as sons and daughters say to their dads and granddads: "Happy Father's Day" and "I love you!"

We had an engraved STR Father's Day pocket knife the children could give to their dads/granddads and instructed them on how to present the gift properly. Look them in the eye, and speak clearly "so

their hard-of-hearing dads/granddads could hear them!"

Meanwhile, on the radio, we debuted the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church's Father's Day STR Variety Hour along with the Cedar Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church's Father's Day Tribute.

During the Camp meeting "Soul Winning Hour," STR had a Canadian listener's changed life story. During the last Sabbath evening platform time, we shared Holland Pastor Mike Lambert's story of a listener hearing a "Fresh Manna Program" sermon that led to a forty-person Bible study class!!

We also recorded 13 new programs in our remote studio. These included interviews with Pastors Stephen Bohr, Sean Boonstra, and Joe Reeves, evangelist Tim Rumsey plus Adventist World Radio. It also included such subjects as a decluttering ministry by Patsy Towar, Cyndi Woods on disability awareness, Jeremy Hall on teenage depression, the 'Discovery Mountain' program voice talents, Jim Slater regarding faith and finance, Julia Roach with "original meat"

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food products, Great Lakes Adventist Academy dorm life, and more. Stay tuned to hear these programs over the next six months.



#### Take Time, for Education (Continued from page 4)

Somebody spoke up; somebody shared, somebody ignored the obvious and said God would provide, and somebody said, "I know these are not Adventist kids but they need to be in our school." Somebody gave. Somebody prayed.

Somebody cared, and it made all the difference in the world - to me.

Which one of those things can you be doing? Will someone greet you in Heaven and say thank you? I have a long list of people to thank. I have an even longer list of people with whom I need to be sharing my love for Jesus with. I encourage you to look at your list (or make one) and start doing things to show them what Jesus means to you.

# Reach out, with Holy Boldness!

#### Changed Lives- Many Signs (Continued from page 3)

A friend recently shared that his aunt, who doesn't profess Christianity, told him a few days prior that she's been an STR listener for the past two years! It was a surprising encouragement to him, and we say, "Praise the Lord!"

A new friend I met recently told me that a client of his asked him whether he was an Adventist after he had prayed with the client. He said 'yes,' and the client shared that they listen to STR and that my new friend reminds them of the people/content of STR!

A listener recently contacted a local SDA pastor and asked to meet with him because he wanted to know more about our beliefs. All he knows about SDAs is what he's been learning from listening to STR for several years. That meeting led to another, and then to Bible studies, praise God!

Friends, this has all transpired within the past few weeks!! The Holy Spirit continues to escalate His work through the radio dial, drawing people into all truth. You've clearly been joining us in praying for more listeners to be drawn to Jesus through our broadcasts!

Please keep praying for these listeners that more will tune in to hear the eternal truth on Strong Tower Radio, where many lives are being changed. Hallelujah, glory to God!!

## **Scarcity or Abundance?**

Each day I venture out to the barn and feed our three goats, yet each day they act like food

is scarce, and they must butt heads with each other to gain extra food.

How foolish goats. I feed you well daily, yet



you act like this might be your last meal! It's a sad reminder of what our sin has done to the plant and animal kingdoms.

How have we been viewing life lately; through the lens of scarcity or abundance? What would God testify about us? Would He say, "My child, I feed you well daily and take care of your needs, yet you act like this might be the last thing you receive! You take as much as you can from others and fret about many things, don't you trust Me?" To others, would He say, "My child, I feed you well daily, take care of your needs, and you give more and more of it to others in need; you act like there's an endless supply? You are learning to trust Me with everything; I can give you more and bless many that way."

#### Scarcity or abundance?

More than just a personal worldview, these are the two groups in this world. Those who see scarcity worry that the world will soon run out of food, clean water, energy, room for all 8 billion people (and counting), and other natural resources.

God calls us to be wise stewards and directs us to be fruitful and multiply. That principle applies to all that we do, not only populating Earth. Some (not all) see abundance and want to carry out God's fruitfulness command using multiplication, believing God will provide as He promises.

As you support Strong Tower Radio with your prayers and financial gifts, God multiplies your fruitfulness to His glory. Through the broadcast, lives are being changed for eternity. As one listener named Michael recently shared, 'Trust me, we're listening. Your impact is unreal!' (as in, out of this world!)

Thank you for sharing your abundant worldview with STR.



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