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TEARS OF JOY

As I contemplated what to write for this article, many experiences came to mind. However, one night, as my husband was reading to me, I was strongly impressed that a

Introduction by Deb Blosser

story from that book was what people needed to hear. After obtaining permission from the

author, I am pleased to present an excerpt from the book *A Drop of Grace* by Dennis Page. May this story strengthen your faith in the power of His word as it has ours.

The story begins with Dennis and his wife, Melody, in Oregon, waiting for the pastoral ministry class to start, which had been delayed.

"Another church in the area wanted to hire us to do Bible work for them as they prepared for evangelism meetings. This was a blessing, as they offered to cover our expenses and a little extra.





However, about six weeks would pass before we received our first check. We had told no one, but we

were within a couple of weeks of being completely out of money. Then, one day, the head elder called me and asked to meet. After we talked and prayed, he handed me a check for \$1,000

and said he hoped it would help us as we waited for our first paycheck. I thanked him and shared the wonderful news with my wife. We praised the Lord, as this would help us get current on our finances.

The weeks flew by. The end of the month came, and we did not have enough money to cover our bills. We knelt that morning and asked Jesus to please make a way for us, as we needed precisely \$1,100 to pay everything without being late. We thanked God, remembering His promise, 'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus' (**Phil 4:6,7**).

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President's Perspective

The Holiday season is upon us, starting with Thanksgiving. We just finished running the fully dramatized Bible, King James Version, encompassing 78 hours of

David Bolduce programming. Imagine a time or even a place today where that would be illegal.

Our founding fathers came to this land for that very reason: to read the scriptures in their own language and homes without someone dictating how they should believe. At Strong Tower Radio, we air programming that sends our listeners to their Bibles to search out truths for themselves.

I recently received word that the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has given \$5,000 of Evangelism money for the Tower Hill, IL station. In September, my family and I (on our way to attend the

3ABN Fall Camp meeting) met with the tower owner. He gave me a tour of the equipment shelter and showed me where our equipment could be installed. After having a good conversation, I had prayer with him. I look forward to interacting with him in the coming months.

Progress is slow at several of our tower sites as of this writing. I have been communicating with an Amish gentleman who has agreed to build several equipment shelters for delivery at our new tower sites. Several tower owners want us to commit to a contract, meaning we would have to start paying tower rent even though our engineers are still working out the details.

On our way back from the 3ABN camp meeting, I was struck by how far the Lord is extending our ministry. As we drove up across the Michigan state line heading north, we started seeing signs for Bridgman, South Haven, and Greenville.

It will be exciting to be able to tune into STR in those areas and over towards Owosso and Port Sanilac. Also, in the UP in Manistique and northwest towards Houghton.

Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support!





Changed Life

To her surprise, one day in December 2021, Gwen Kern began listening to 90.7 FM, WBHL. She had for many years listened to another station, 90.1 FM, yet one morning, she turned on her radio right at 8 a.m., and it

was instead tuned to 90.7 FM, Strong Tower Radio



(STR)! Bible Answers Live, with Doug Batchelor and Jean Ross, was on the air, and Gwen listened with great interest. Having no explanation for how the radio signal had moved, she didn't change the dial but instead continued listening.

For years, Gwen had been accepting pastoral answers from her Lutheran upbringing for Bible questions. After moving north from Saginaw in 2021, she began searching for a church that followed the Bible and worshipped God in church, not entertainment! She had explored various churches in her area, across various denominations, to no avail. The worship services at some didn't glorify God; others taught unbiblical doctrines and/or

had no Bible answers for Gwen's questions. Once again, God had an angel move the radio dial to connect His seeking child with the Truth as it is in Jesus! Praise God!



Gwen listened more and was thrilled with what she was hearing. "This is what I've been looking for, deeper Biblical Truth," she thought excitedly.

Some things she heard were new to her, and she checked in the Bible: sure enough, that's what it says!

After a couple of weeks of listening to STR, she was convicted of the seventh-day Sabbath. She looked up the nearest SDA church, walked into the Gladwin church the following Sabbath, and wondered why only seven people (remember Covid-19 recovery) were in such a large church!

Those seven gave Gwen a warm welcome, and she relished the Biblical message with the genuine worship experience! She returned the following Sabbath and so appreciated Pastor Yonas's straightforward, Biblical message. By the third Sabbath, Gwen began Bible studies with Coral Tennant, a Gladwin member who, a few years prior, had joined the SDA church as a result of listening to STR!

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The next day, we visited with the pastor and his wife before we transferred out of the area and began working with the new church.

We brought them the list of people we had been studying with so they could follow up with them. As I talked with the pastor, I noticed his wife taking Melody aside to speak with her. She asked her how we were doing, and Melody told her we were doing fine. She then said that when I had been preaching at their church that Sabbath, God had impressed her we needed help.

My wife told her we don't tell anyone what we need; we just leave it with the Lord. The pastor's wife asked for our mailing address, and said she knew what to do.

The next day, the same pastor called and asked if my wife and I could meet with them again. When I called my wife, she was picking up a few things at the grocery store. I told her of our appointment with the pastor, but before I hung up. Melody asked me if she could get a plant to give to one of our students who had



lost a loved one. 'Ten dollars isn't going to make a difference at this point, so go ahead and get it,' I said. We needed \$1,100, and time was running out.

We met with the pastor and his wife at a Goodwill parking lot. They greeted us, and smiling big, the pastor opened the back of his SUV to reveal several boxes of groceries and fresh produce. We were amazed: it was more than we could eat in a month!

My wife and I looked at each other and knew we were thinking the same thing. Several families we were studying with could use some extra food, and we wanted to share the blessing with them. We were so grateful and thanked the couple repeatedly. They helped us move all the food to our van, prayed with us, and before they drove off, they handed us an envelope. We looked at each other and thanked the Lord for being so kind to us.

We got back to our van and then opened the envelope. To our great surprise, we found \$1,110 cash inside. We cried tears of joy. Jesus had heard our prayer, and He even added the extra \$10 for the plant! We serve an AMAZING God! All throughout school. He continued to make a way and, in the process, grew our faith."

To obtain the full story of Pastor Page's life, A Drop of Grace, visit his website at www.dropofgrace.org. He is committed to donating two books to the Christmas Behind Bars prison ministry for every hard copy you order.

Changed Lives Gwen Kern (Continued from page 3)

A thorough Bible student, Gwen finished a study series with Coral and another with Pastor Yonas and then studied out the 28 fundamental beliefs of the SDA church. She even wrote all the texts referenced with all 28 beliefs to see if they supported the doctrine with which they were listed. Everything checked out!

In June 2022 Gwen visited the Michigan Camp Meeting at Cedar Lake, Mi and had a great experience. She marveled at such a large gathering of like-minded believers!

STR listening continued to strengthen and confirm what she had found in Bible study, and Gwen pondered her next step. That next Sabbath, a more outspoken Gladwin member asked, "You believe the truth, why not be baptized and become a member of this church!" It was just the encouragement she needed. Gwen moved forward with several others to be baptized on September 24, 2022, at the Gladwin SDA church, embracing the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ!

As she thought back to when she first discovered STR, Gwen recalled initially struggling with listening to Pastor Stephen Bohr, a deeper Bible preacher than she'd ever experienced. "He absolutely goes so fast," she marveled!

After almost two years of STR listening, further Bible study, and being a part of the Gladwin SDA church, she is now better able to understand the messages and their present truth and related themes. Praise God!

Gwen still regularly listens to and supports Strong Tower Radio and really likes the varied program formats comprising this ministry's unique broadcast blend. "Strong Tower Radio introduced me to the truth," Gwen states emphatically. Not a truth, the Truth. Glory to God for another changed and changing life!

IS HIRING!



[•] We're seeking a dedicated & organized Office Manager for God's team at Strong Tower Radio. Prefer, (but not necessary), experienced with a non-profit or faith-based organization, knowledge of accounting/financial budgets & familiar with media-related operations.

For more information contact Joy.Corliss@StrongTowerRadio.org.



Plug in to



CURRENT EVENTS

Thanksgiving is one of our Thanksgiving is one of our favorite holidays!! Our programming will be welcomed by your

holiday family & friends (playing in the background), providing the ambiance for your gathering or while driving to and from these destinations.



Tom Mejeur

We will assure you quality Christian music, stories & Thanksgiving thoughts that will impress your visitors. They may inquire & become Strong Tower Radio listeners after your subtle witness. Have our sharing cards on hand so they can program their car radios and install the smartphone apps.

November program topics include Veteran's Suicide Prevention (It was broadcast during Veteran's Day week, but this is an important topic that needs to be heard). We have an exclusive interview with Dr. Lela Lewis & Scott Ritsema of *LibertyandHealth.org*, which was a guiding light in the dark-misinformation days of COVID. We are working with Scott who has documented part of the "original" Thanksgiving story that bears being told (and heard)! Thanksgiving Day programming begins at 6 p.m., November 22, and continues for 30 hours of Thanksgiving specials.

We've gone on the road to track down compelling Michigan stories for you! We are anxious to air virtual tours we recorded at the Port Ludington Marine Museum, the Mason County's White Pine Village & the Hart Historical District Museum.

We are working on a new series of programs we're calling, "The Top Ten Community Issues." We have an unusually broadminded Chamber of Commerce President who has prioritized issues that affect a community's quality of life, affordable housing, childcare, internet access for all, public transportation, mental health services, healthcare, jobs & training, rural investments, and drug and human trafficking. Stay tuned for this series.

We are talking faith now! We have redesigned our sharing cards & bookmarks to reflect the eight (soon-coming) stations for which we've been granted construction permits. We thought we'd reached the limit of the number of stations that could fit on the back of our previous cards, but our designer, Jennifer Brooks, found a way!! They are printed and now available for you.

Contact Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org to obtain them.

Undeterred By Circumstances

Circumstances can change rapidly. In 1929, the stock market reached (then) record highs and all who could were investing.

Suddenly, on October 18, the market reversed and

began a freefall that, by October 30, Kam Fe wiped out half the stock market's value. The market would not recover that valuation level for over 10 years and helped usher in the Great Depression.

Against this backdrop, on October 19, 1929, the late H.M.S. Richards launched the first coast-to-coast religious radio program called *Tabernacle of the Air*, broadcasting on KNK (AM) near Los Angeles, CA. Many considered this a foolish venture, given the circumstances of the time and the uncertainty of response. Yet Richards forged ahead, and that ministry still operates today as *The Voice of Prophecy*!

Strong Tower Radio was launched in the midst of economic ONG weakness (2007-2009) as a one-station plan. God had bigger plans, and despite circumstances, grew the Ministry from one signal then to fifteen now. Strong

Tower Radio currently holds construction permits for eight new signals, with access to purchase another in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The stock market is turbulent, and inflation continues eroding all households' purchasing power. Times are uncertain, and circumstances unstable; why do this now? We follow the living God, Who still has bigger plans and is undeterred by circumstances. Prophecy is fulfilling rapidly in plain sight, and there is no time like the present!

Thank you for investing your prayers and finances into this ministry! Now is the time to step forward with greater sacrifice, undeterred by circumstances, to reach more with the full gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you for investing in changed lives for eternity! Please make investments using our secure website, StrongTowerRadio.org or by calling 231-468-2087. You may also donate by check or money order mailed to: Strong Tower Radio, PO Box 567, Cadillac, MI 49601

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