

# **Ministry News**

90.7 Harrison 90.9 Escanaba 91.3 Ironwood

91.3 Decatur 91.9 Cadillac 91.9 Battle Creek

92.3 Charlotte

93.9 Mio 97.3 Kalamazoo 97.9 Newberry 102.7 Alpena 104.7 Lansing 1540 Okemos

93.1 Grand Haven

TV 23 Cadillac



## The Wind is Blowing!

We praise God when someone embraces the everlasting gospel and begins a new life in Jesus, signified by baptism. At Strong Tower Radio (STR), there's further rejoicing when those baptized have been introduced

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NEW LIFE



or nurtured in present truth through the broadcast. We also praise God when STR listeners call and share their blessing of recently encountering STR or when a church member tells us about an STR

listener visiting their church for the first time. We've seen many clear signals of the Holy Spirit working through the radio broadcast!

A northern Michigan couple listened to STR for a few months and were convicted to visit a local Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church. They spoke at length with the pastor and continued exploring what they were hearing on STR, comparing it to Scripture.

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

A Central Michigan Bible scholar was scanning 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 more and looked up their local SDA church. Visiting the following Sabbath, this listener asked about STR and the reading. The church members contacted STR to determine the program aired and then provided a free copy of the book within minutes!

A ministry whose program 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 listening to STR and even attended Camp Meeting last June with testimony that they were greatly blessed!

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David Bolduc

Strong Tower Radio began as a missionary endeavor. My wife, kids, and I left friends and family and moved

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several states away to start our first station. Fortunately, we had friends and family at our new home. There

was no guarantee the ministry would Cadillac be a success. All we had was faith that the Lord would provide, and He has provided us with 15 stations and a TV station!

Some of our existing and new stations will be blessed to have many supporters and church congregations in their coverage. Other stations could be more blessed. Recently, we learned that the monthly tower rent for WAVC was being increased two and a half times, going from \$600 to \$1,495 per month. Unfortunately, that station is not in an area with a large support base, even though it is within 10 miles of Camp Au Sable.

From the beginning, we have focused within the coverage of our stations trying to garner support from potential listeners. Over the years, we have received support from a few individuals who could not receive the station over the air. These individuals have a true missionary spirit.

Recently, I have asked the STR staff to focus on the stories of individuals who have come to have a closer walk with the Lord because of STR. STR isn't about how far our signals reach out; STR is about how the Lord is reaching into people's hearts through radio and our web stream, and changing lives - one at a time.

I have used this article over the past year to update the progress of our new stations. I am in the process of hiring engineers to make these stations a reality this year, so by the end of 2024; we will have 24 stations on the air! We REALLY need your support in prayer and as the Holy Spirit prompts you to give. Thank you. Happy New Year.

**24** stations, broadcasting



in 2024

## Be Ready!

by Mike Christie, STR Volunteer Testimony

Last night, Thursday, could have been better for me. I was preparing for the Michigan Conference camp meeting, which started the next day, when I received an unplanned phone call telling me, "Hey, we're picking you up tonight." "Say what," I said, "not tomorrow?" "No, not tomorrow," said they! I was not happy; I had other plans.

They arrived, and I rushed out the door with my things, wondering how much I was forgetting. I arrived at camp late at night and realized I left something important at home. I texted some friends to help bring me this item, and they did so the following morning. Thank you, my friends!

This experience reminded me of something that is rapidly approaching friends. There was no warning that I would be picked up on Thursday night. My plans were all set, yet other plans displaced my plans! Jesus tells us, "Behold I come quickly" and "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man comes." [1]

Friends, I wasn't ready to be picked up and was caught by surprise. I want to be ready when Jesus returns, not surprised!

Be ready and use time wisely while we have a few more moments, for all we will take to heaven is our character and those with whom we share Jesus. Jesus tells us plainly that His return will be" as a thief in the night." "Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Lord returns." [2] Be ready!

[1] [Rev 22:12, Matt 25:13]

[2] [2 Pet 3:10, Matt 24:42]



#### The Wind is Blowing (Continued from page 1)

A few weeks ago, a southern Michigan 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*! Look for this testimony of intervention to appear in this newsletter within the next few months.

A friend shared that after praying with a new client, this client then asked him whether he was a Seventh-day Adventist. He said "yes" and wondered why the question. The client then shared that they'd been listening to STR for two months and said, "You're just like the people on STR." They were listening on the newest station, WMPA, 93.1 FM, which had just returned to the airwaves this past March. Two weeks after that initial visit, this client died of a stroke. Eternity will reveal the impact that STR and my friend had on this listener during those final 2.5 months.

Speaking of WMPA, generous donors gave nearly \$50K in late June and July and provided the funds to pay for this Grand Haven station fully! In conjunction with this provision, the station resumed full power in early July, broadcasting at 6kW from Spring Lake, MI!

Praise God, Who has moved upon the hearts and minds of His people to give so generously!

This past summer, a Central Michigan listener contacted a local SDA pastor and asked to meet with him. This listener wanted to better understand what SDAs believe and stated that all he knows about SDAs is what he's been learning from listening to STR for several years. That meeting led to another, and currently to Bible studies, praise God!

Another central Michigan listener of over three years walked into his local SDA church and stated, "I've been listening to STR for 3.5 years, and I decided to do something about it!" We recently learned of two baptisms in the Grand Rapids area as a result of STR listening. We're still pursuing details on those testimonies!

This past August, STR listener Jeremy Swanson was baptized at the Cadillac, MI, SDA church. A listener for about one year, Jeremy found the broadcast true to the Bible, studied further with pastor Roldan, and embraced the everlasting gospel.

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Several more family members are being convicted as they study, and by God's grace, will soon join Jeremy in that life commitment. All glory to God!

Friends, all this and more has transpired within the past few months! The Holy Spirit continues to escalate His work through the radio dial, drawing people into all truth. We praise God and thank you, as you've clearly been praying with us for more listeners to be drawn to Jesus through the STR broadcast! Pray even more with us! Many are now responding to the signal they've been hearing for several years.

As STR is able to continue broadcasting, many more seeking souls will hear the everlasting gospel, grasp it by faith, and join this end-time movement to which God has called His people!

Thank you for making this possible, as the Holy Spirit sustains this ministry through your continued prayer and financial support.

May our heavenly Father abundantly bless you as you keep the listeners and ministry of Strong Tower Radio in prayer. The Wind is blowing, friends, \* and many lives are being changed! Thank you Jesus!

\*John 3:8

### **Correction!**

In last month's Changed Lives article, I used the wrong last name for the Manistique church member who connected Staci Hoig-Kimbler with her local Seventh-day Adventist church. It was Rick <u>Weber!</u> Please accept my humble apology for using the wrong name!

# Strong Tower Radio is Hiring!

We're seeking a dedicated & organized Office

Manager for God's team at Strong Tower Radio.

Prefer, (but not necessary), experience 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 STRONG in to

# CURRENT EVENTS

Christmas is a memory, our New Years celebrations are past, and we now look to God to see what He has in store for us during 2024.



Tom Meieur

What can you look forward to this month?

STR Today program topics include; January Theme. Garden Guy 2024, Wellness Works with Dr. Kim Azelton and Pastor Bob Benson (Part 3 of 4), and interviews on Faith and Finance with Jim Slater, and Getz Marriage Counseling.

Our STR Feature interview topics include; Contractual Surrogate Pregnancy with Right to Life's legislative liaison, Genevieve Marnon, and Pastor Jay Gallimore, Grand Rapids Health Immersion, and Oral Health with Dr. Wendel Lawrence and Vicki Griffin and Depression with Nathan Hyde.

More exciting on-location interviews, "A Day at the Escanaba SDA Food Pantry," Hart and Ludington Museum virtual tours, and "The medical missionary Jesus, Healing, the Gospel and Me" with Doctors Wes Youngberg, Tim Riesenberger, and Joyce Choe are scheduled to air. We are currently working on Human Trafficking interviews that will air sometime this month, stay tuned to Strong

Tower Radio for these and much more!



#### Since God is For Us

As you review the year we've just completed, what have you seen? We've seen and do testify of God's faithful provision and guidance that the Holy Spirit continues transforming more lives, of missed or gained opportunities, of many obstacles thrown in our path, and



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of our greater need for prayer! As we look ahead, we expect society's agitation to escalate as global problems increase and many hearts fear the future. Self-preservation never ends well (see **Matt 16:25, Mark 8:35**), yet nearly all the world pursues this course.

How do you view the year ahead? Anticipation? Apathy? Anxiety? Let me remind you of who you are: Through creation and redemption, you are a child of God, a joint heir with Jesus.

Though we may suffer in this life, God's glory to be revealed in and through us far outshines any hardship!

Our heavenly Father gave (still gives) all of heaven (in Christ) for us; He holds nothing back! Since God is for us, who can be against us?!\* Be of good cheer, my reading friend; while all who follow God will have trials in this life, Jesus has overcome the world, and those who obediently love Him will see all things work together for good. The best days are ahead as we take hold of God's transforming grace, and the gospel goes forth with greater power! \*

Many will take their stand under Prince Emmanuel's banner, and many are connecting with Jesus through radio. Thank you for upholding Strong Tower Radio in prayer as we broadcast the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' message (**Rev 14:6-12**) 24/7/365.

God's Spirit works more and more through the broadcast to transform hearts by His grace. Thank you for confidently investing your God-given resources into this ministry as we grow through 2024!



