

Ministry News

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88.7 Owosso	90.9 Escanaba	102.7 Alpena
88.7 Port Sanilac	91.3 Decatur, IL	104.7 Lansing
88.9 Houghton	91.3 Ironwood	
89.1 Bridgman	91.7 South Haven	1110 Petoskey
89.1 Iron Mountain	91.9 Battle Creek	1540 Okemos
89.3 Jackson	91.9 Cadillac	
89.3 Tower Hill, IL	92.3 Charlotte	TV 23 Cadillac
89.7 Grand Rapids	93.1 Grand Haven	
89.9 Greenville	93.9 Mio	
90.3 Manistique	97.3 Kalamazoo	
90.7 Harrison	97.9 Newberry	

Dad



My father, Rolland Bolduc, was born in the province of Quebec the same year that HMS Richards Sr. began broadcasting on the radio with “The Tabernacle of the Air” on KNX in Los Angeles, California. He was the youngest of six children and attended a Catholic church school. When he was about 9, his father passed away, and the family moved from a farm to the city. He grew up in Montreal and learned the ways of the city during the Great Depression. During his teenage years, one of his friends, Jock, ran the streets with him and would often argue religion with my dad and the other guys. Sometimes in the tavern, Jock would start “preaching” about how Sunday was not the Sabbath and that people don't go to Heaven when they die but are asleep waiting until the Lord comes. Jock's father was an elder in the local Seventh-day Adventist church.

My dad would listen to Jock's “sermons” and thought that even though he was drunk, he made sense. In time, my dad started spending evenings with Jock's father instead of hanging out in the tavern. My dad worked with Jock's father, who was also a master plumber. My dad had dropped out of high school, but he took the plumbing test and earned his plumbing license. My dad also began attending church with Jock's father and eventually got baptized. Jock's father saw promise in my dad and encouraged him to attend Kingsway College, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding high school, in Ontario even though he was already about 18 years old.

Ironically, HMS Richard Sr., who met his wife in Canada while she was a school teacher, had held meetings in Montreal during the 1920s and baptized many people. They lived in an apartment adjacent to the hall where the meetings were held. Mrs. Richards would play the organ for the meetings and would listen to the sermons while taking care of their child. I have often wondered if Jock's father was one of the people that was baptized during those meetings.



David Bolduc,

President



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President's Perspective

We always look forward to attending Michigan Campmeeting, and we especially love to hear stories of how people found Strong Tower Radio (STR) and eventually began attending a local Seventh-day Adventist church. It was such a blessing to hear our Development Director, Kam Ferguson, interview Matt and Sara Bright and hear how they both became active members of the Edenville Seventh-day Adventist

Church. Matt will be helping Pastor Travis Smith with an evangelistic series this Fall. My wife Bethany told me we would be having spiritual grandkids soon! I had to smile and say, "Amen."

You may wonder why she said that. Way back in 2006, one of our sons was diagnosed with a brain tumor caused by Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. Bethany took this to the Lord and said, "God, You are not going to let the devil play with my baby. People WILL be in the kingdom because of what he has to go through." Matt, Sara, and many others are the first generation of Bethany's prayer. When Matt helps preach the Keys to Revelation Series this fall, those who come to the Lord will be the next generation.

Bethany and I sit on the STR board but try to stay out of the ministry limelight. We want the Lord to be front and center. After all, isn't Christ supposed to be our leader? We don't need to follow a man. To paraphrase John the Baptist, "He must increase and we need to decrease." A dear friend of ours recently had a brake light go out on his vehicle. Through the Lord's providence, he was able to share his faith with a somewhat captive audience in the repair shop's lobby. People were drawn into the conversation. In the end, our friend shared that they could hear more by tuning in to STR.

We appreciate your prayers and financial support. Remember, a total of 19 baskets of leftovers were picked up after Jesus fed the 5,000 and the 4,000. God is not lacking, but He uses us to be a blessing. Summer is always a low-funding season; please consider a special financial donation this month. We hope to begin broadcasting in Jackson, MI, in August, adding 7 more stations to our network, bringing the total to 32.

Changing Lives; It Started with Yard Signs (Part 2)



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

Last month we heard the first part of Jeff and Katey Hearth's amazing STR testimony. This month's issue completes that testimony to its current point.

Jeff's first impressions of STR were very positive, as he enjoyed the children's stories like Ranger Bill and found that STR actually did proclaim the full gospel of Jesus Christ. As they worked through questions, Jeff and Katey both found the broadcast to be solid Christian teaching, not entertainment-centered like other Christian stations commonly available.

Before they ever visited a Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church, they began making changes in their life based on STR listening, confirming in the Bible what they'd heard, and taking action in faith.

Jeff also brought their questions from STR listening and discovery to the Bible study at Nunica Bible Church. Instead of receiving satisfying answers, he was asked to stop asking such questions. For 3 years, Jeff and Katey had listened to STR, then God used the COVID-19 situation to impress them that it was time to change churches. They walked away from the Nunica Bible church they'd attended for the past few years and were impressed to begin attending the Ionia SDA church. They have no logical explanation for the impression; they simply moved forward and walked into the Ionia church.

Ionia SDA church welcomed them and gave them relational space to grow, not pushing them to "stop this or start doing that," which Jeff and Katey found very helpful. They had heard that the "SDA's worship Ellen White," and in their initial visits, they keenly looked for unbiblical teachings and found none. They began attending regularly.

Katey's mom Nancy, who lives with them, had been observing the changes in their lives and began asking questions such as "what's this thing about the Sabbath?" She also inquired about other areas. An avid history reader, Nan's journey to full truth took a fast track when she discovered a *Great Controversy* book at her dentist's office. She read it voraciously and was convicted by its powerful sequence of truth. She began attending the Ionia SDA church with Jeff and Katey while still attending Nunica Bible church on Sundays for several months. The contrast became increasingly apparent as Nan's depth of Bible study and learning capacity at the Ionia SDA church far exceeded her experience at the Nunica Bible church she had attended for so long. She stopped attending church on Sunday and fully accepted the seventh-day Sabbath!

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Dad (Continued from page 1)

Early in his freshman year at Kingsway, my dad heard the principal and the maintenance director talking about how another one of their hot water heating system components had failed, and they didn't have the funds to repair it. My dad told them he had his plumbing license, and if they gave him a couple of guys to work with him, he would repair the system. Over the four years of his schooling, my dad and his crew upgraded the heating and plumbing system at the school. My dad loved to travel and hoped he would be able to go with some of the students as they visited churches to share the advantages of attending Kingsway College. One day, he complained to one of his friends that he never got to go on any of the church visit trips. His friend looked at him and asked, "Ronnie, do you want to know why? They are telling everyone at the churches how you are working at the school and paying your tuition."

When it came time for my dad to graduate, the principal told dad that he had contacted an administrator friend at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital near Chicago, IL, telling them about all the work my dad had done at Kingsway, giving him a great reference. The administrator welcomed the reference, and after graduation, my dad boarded a train for Chicago with \$50 in his wallet. Unfortunately, someone on the way picked my dad's pocket, and he arrived at the Chicago train station penniless. He borrowed a dime from a kind stranger, found the phone number for the hospital in a phone book, and told them his situation. Someone from the hospital picked him up, advanced him funds to get set up, and showed him his housing.

As time passed, he became a United States Citizen; he met my mom, Judy, and they eventually got married and moved to Central Illinois. My dad loved to read the scriptures and the writings of Ellen White. I would often see him sitting on the couch reading. His Bible was worn and had many passages underlined. He knew of my love for electronics and didn't try to mold me into an image of himself. My dad had to take early retirement due to health problems. He learned to make the best gluten roast, and we would take it to my grandma's every other Sabbath. We rarely took any leftovers home. My dad and I would often talk late into the evening while waiting for my Mom to get off work. For a while, we only had one car, so my dad would take my mom to work and pick her up. I loved going with him on Sunday nights because we would listen to the car radio and tune in to "the Voice of Prophecy" on WMAQ out of Chicago.

Together, my parents raised my sister, my brother, and me to love the Lord and do what is right because it is right. Both of my parents are resting now, waiting on the Second coming. Their headstone is simple; it has John 3:16 quoted.



Changing Lives; It Started with Yard Signs Part 2 (Continued from page 3)

Katey fully embraced the everlasting gospel through profession of faith in 2021, while her mom Nancy was baptized in summer 2023, both at the Ionia SDA church. Jeff was held captive by several things in his life, which he wrestled to free himself from. Some would urge baptizing anyway and letting God work it out in His time. This is not consistent with true conversion. When someone has another god in their life that controls them, if you baptize them in that condition, you lie and baptize someone while they're still knowingly breaking God's law.

Jeff's efforts weren't bringing victory, and it was discouraging. Jeff was trying to remove things from his life without replacing them, leaving a void to which those addictions quickly returned. The Holy Spirit connected him with the message of John 15 through several different ways, and Jeff learned the vital principle of the branch abiding in the vine. To gain victory over anything, we must put Jesus in place of that thing. Abide in Christ, not in that which I want gone from my life.

FREEDOM! Jeff became a free man and testified of his faith before his church family in Ionia, now able to join them in more than fellowship. That was Fall 2023, and Jeff wanted to be rebaptized in the river or in some other outdoor setting. That would have to wait for a warmer time, yet various circumstances brought him to November 2025 without being rebaptized. The opportunity then came when the Ionia church went to Camp Au Sable (CAS) for the weekend, and pastor Nick Hold made a call for baptism or rebaptism. Jeff took the opportunity and was rebaptized in Lake Schellenbarger at CAS that November 15th Sabbath afternoon!

Praise God for lives transformed and for STR's active role in their experiences! Jeff, Katey, and Nan still enjoy listening to STR. Jeff especially enjoys the sermons he hears on the STR program *Fresh Manna* at 11 a.m. while on the road, and all enjoy Bible Q&A programs like *Bible Answers Live*. Now that Jeff and Katey have an almost 2-year-old daughter, Hannah Ruth, they especially value the children's stories on STR, and that STR content is always safe and a blessing to "little ears."



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CURRENT EVENTS

Tom Mejeur



**Production
Director**

STR is enthusiastically commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We have produced an original STR mini-series entitled *Declaration at 250: Religious Liberty, Then and Now*. It is very important to know what we are honoring and to reacquaint the public with the foundations of this great free country.

This declaration boldly stated the Founding Fathers' beliefs and intent. Each word in this document was debated vigorously and with deep conviction, even straining the delegates' long-held relationships. We are so blessed that these seekers of freedom drafted a document such as this that helped fan the flames of freedom for us. It has become a benchmark for those who yearn for religious freedom and personal convictions of conscience.

Our guest subject matter experts share aspects of this long road. They are Jennifer Gray Woods, Scott Ritsema, and Pastor Jay Gallimore.

We have added Rich Aguilera's creation program *God's Great Earth*. Our **STR Today** will feature The July **Garden Guy**, the **Creation Animal Care** and Swimming Safety Tips. The **STR Feature** program will include interviews with *Coming Together Ministries*, tours of the Edenville and Niles Adventist Schools, and the Andrews University *Animal Husbandry* program.



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Facts That Affect You



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

Strong Tower Radio listeners express great enthusiasm for Amazing Facts' radio program "**Bible Answers Live**" (BAL), which is recorded live most Sunday evenings and rebroadcast Monday-Friday on STR at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each BAL program begins with an amazing fact that is then tied to a spiritual lesson. Listeners also gain great spiritual blessing from a similarly themed 15-minute message from the late **Joe Crews**, which airs Monday – Friday at 5:30 a.m. and 3:00 pm and begins with "Facts That Effect You."

Tapping into that theme this month, I'll share some facts about STR, which are also facts that affect you.

- *This radio ministry is supported by you, our newsletter readers (not all), other mission-minded donors, and some listeners (3-5% of annual budget most years).
- *In the past 6 years, STR's station count has doubled from 12 to 25 and the population reached has also nearly doubled from 2.6 million to 4.8 million via the AM/FM dial.
- *Operating costs have doubled from \$450,000 to \$900,000 annually, or from \$37,500 to \$75,000 per month. Cost per person covered still averages \$.18/year, or 1.5 cents/month, supremely economical!
- *To cover expenses in a systematic and orderly fashion calls for *an additional 600 donors at \$50/month.*

So far this year, you or a friend have likely experienced losing one or more loved ones. We're feeling that impact at STR too, losing friends, family, and numerous long-term donors who have recently died. While some bless STR with a portion of their estate, they still leave a void in monthly financial giving, which is essential to keeping this ministry on the air.

Some of you reading this article have not yet become monthly donors. What holds you back?

This is my **bold and urgent invitation to you: join the hundreds through whom God sustains this ministry now midway into its 17th year of broadcasting the everlasting gospel to all who will hear. The Holy Spirit transforms hundreds of lives through the broadcast. Be part of that experience today!**

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STR Engagements:

7/11 11:00 a.m.	David Bolduc	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
7/11 11:00 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Marquette Seventh-day Adventist Church
7/18 9:30 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Manistique Seventh-day Adventist Church
7/18 11:30 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Riverside Seventh-day Adventist Church
7/25 9:00 a.m.	Kam Ferguson	Marshall Seventh-day Adventist Church

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