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Radios Given by . . . Angels?

Adventist World Radio broadcasts to a number of countries where people do not have freedom to worship according to their consciences. In fact, many times the people in these places suffer great persecution for following the Christian faith. In one such place-- which will remain nameless for the security of the people involved--Christianity had not penetrated at all, and the government wanted to keep it that way. It is a very isolated area made up of tribal people who only followed tribal and ancestral religions. The strong determination by the government is reflected by the fact that one man recently was shot dead trying to go to this area without proper permission.

In spite of the road blocks and the special permits required for anyone to go into this area, AWR received piecemeal information that a large number of people were listening to the AWR radio programs. The radio waves had jumped over the soldiers, the police, the roadblocks, and all the efforts to keep these people from being "tainted" by influences from the outside world, including Christianity. That is cause for rejoicing in itself. But there is more to the story.

Just within the last two months AWR received a confirmed, reliable report that told the following experience. There were six different tribal villages in mountainous regions that had absolutely no contact with each other. They live in mountainous regions. The individual who brought out the report talked with the chiefs of each of the six villages, and each of them told the same story without awareness of events in any of the other villages.

Each chief told that some strangers whom they did not know had come to their village. These strangers were tall and had an aura of bright light about them. These bright beings gave the chief in each village a radio. They showed the chiefs how to use the radio and then carefully showed them how to tune the radio to hear the Adventist World Radio programs. They told them the frequency and the time of the programs. After a few words of encouragement, these strangers suddenly disappeared and the village people never saw them again. In each village, unbeknown to the other villages, the people began to listen to the AWR program, gathering around that radio every day. The reporter said that these village people are now very devout believers. They keep the Sabbath and worship while listening to the radio.

Our AWR producer for this area said, "I must believe that this is the angels who care for these people. It is unbelievable, but we must believe. I had goose bumps all over my body when I heard this report."

Whew! What do you think? Pray for these people. Just identify them as the people to whom angels gave radios. I'm sure the Lord knows who they are.

Praise His Name,
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