

RADIO REPORT

There is a great opportunity for Gospel broadcasting in the Republic of Viet Nam. Several types of evangelism are greatly hampered by the continuing conflict. But, radio stations presently in operation cover the major portion of the country. Many people have radios, and thus become potential listeners to the Gospel broadcasts.

I. Equipment.

The modern air conditioned studio in Nhatrang is an asset to the recording work. Two new Sony tape recorders were added during the past year.

II. Outlets. ALL FREE TIME.

One-half hour broadcasts have been carried weekly over the following Vietnamese radio stations:

Banmethuot	Quinhon
BaXuyen (Soctrang)	Quang Ngai
Dalat	Nhatrang
Dong Ha	Tuy Hoa
DinhTuong (MyTho)	Saigon
Hue	Saigon military station
Hoi An	Tan An
Kien Hoa (Bentre)	

In addition, the Far East Broadcasting Company of Manila carries programs recorded here. There are six fifteen-minute broadcasts and one half-hour program weekly.

The following Public Information Halls carry the Gospel broadcasts each week:

Bac Lieu	Hong Ngu
Binh Long	MyTho
Binh Tuy	PhanThiet
Cantho	Phu Bon
Cao Lanh	Pleiku
Chau Doc	Que Son
Chuong Thien	Rach Gia

III. Correspondence Course.

The "Light of Life" correspondence course in English was introduced in 1964. Sixteen persons had completed the course and some fifty others were studying at the end of April, 1965.

The same course translated into Vietnamese was introduced in February, 1965, and about 100 persons were studying at the end of April, 1965.

IV. The budget.

Funds for the operation of the recording studio are provided by the Mission along with an annual budget prepared by the Dalat Missionary Conference. Here is the budget:

	Budgeted '64-'65	Actual	Proposed '65-'66
Electricity	1800	-----	-----
Salaries	8000	-----	-----
Secretary (2)	3000	-----	-----
Tapes	1800	-----	-----
Rentals	1400	-----	-----
Supplies (office)	2700	-----	-----
Travel, Long	200	-----	-----
Travel, conference	100	-----	-----
Repairs	600	-----	-----

Literature	50	_____	_____
Advertising	1000	_____	_____
Unbudgeted expense (Travel	500	_____	_____
& entertainment of singers, Nam, etc.			
Translator & sermon fees	1000	_____	_____
Totals	22,150		

The above budget is on a monthly basis.

V. Personnel.

Four men have served on the Radio Staff during the past year and are presently active.

Rev. Pham-van-Nam has general oversight of the recording work and radio ministry. He receives no salary because he is a full-time teacher at the Bible Institute.

Rev. Phan-sy-Kiem is the assistant chairman. Since he is pastor of the Nhatrang Church, he serves mainly as an advisor.

Rev. Nguyen-van-Long is the technician and does the actual recording and copying. His salary is 4,500 piasters a month.

Mr. Nguyen-Hoa is the secretary. He answers the mail and serves as announcer. His salary is 2,000 piasters a month.

Rev. G. F. Kleinhen has served as liaison with Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila.

Regarding the need for missionary personnel, the Rev. J. H. Revelle has made the following comment, "A missionary is not needed full time to assist in the present radio ministry. This can be and has been carried on quite acceptably this past year by the national staff. This was possible because of the careful organizational work done by Mr. Burt Houck during his last term on the field."

There is, however, a great need for added Vietnamese personnel: a radio minister (to prepare and preach sermons), and an additional secretary.

VI. The Opportunity.

People do hear the broadcasts. Letters from listeners prove this. Here are several samples:

"I have read the booklet that you sent to me two days ago. As a result of reading this booklet I see a way of escape for my soul. To state it more clearly, I have accepted Jesus Christ. From here on I am a follower of Christ." --A soldier.

"I was greatly moved by the fact that your busy staff would take time to write to me. I have received the booklets you sent to me. I have accepted Christ and am having my child write this letter to let you know. (I am unable to write.)" --A listener from Bien Hoa.

People have turned to Jesus Christ as a result of the radio ministry. The major portion of Viet Nam is covered by radio. Gospel broadcasts are aired over all Vietnamese stations and F.E.B.C. of Manila. In the face of numerous restrictions on other types of evangelism, it is imperative that we pray for God's guidance and blessing on the expansion and ministry of Gospel broadcasting to all of Viet Nam!