



Missionary News From Henry & Janet Marsh Spring 2007



Preview

Media and Missions. You might not immediately associate them, but they represent a potent combination. In a world where billions of people are still waiting to hear the Gospel, we have been gifted with powerful technologies to help us reach out to the lost, disciple the found, empower the Church, and glorify God. The potential is tremendous!

As media specialist missionaries, we're called to impact our generation through these tools. God is providing unprecedented possibilities and we are doing our best to respond effectively and strategically. Your partnership in prayer and financial support makes this possible. Together, we are multiplying missions through media!

Henry & Janet Marsh



On Location in Bangladesh

Amazing... miraculous... incredible! These words summarize my feelings about a door God has opened for Bengali Media Ministries. Recently, I traveled to Bangladesh where I spent several weeks doing onsite media training and production on a children's television project with BMM.

BMM is a partner in the AGWM Media Commission and they have been given the opportunity to air a weekly, Biblically-based show for kids on a major Bengali satellite network. The ATN Bangla channel has millions of viewers in Bangladesh and around the world. It's carried on cable systems across Bangladesh, in India, and even in London, Tokyo, and New York City. Bengali is now the 5th largest language group in the world.



This favor and openness is not an accident. It's the result of the faithful "seed planting" of workers over the years, and the watering of that seed by the prayers of the saints. Despite many restrictions and challenges, God is responding and the church is now growing in Bangladesh at an unprecedented rate.

Media has already played an important part, especially radio outreach. Radio broadcasts of the "Great Questions of Life" program have reached listeners who later went on to Bible college. Several now pastor churches or are currently preparing for ministry. Both now and in the future, the potential of media technologies is significant. Given the reality that less than 1/2 of one percent of the 150 million people living in Bangladesh are Christians, we need to use every available tool to "multiply missions".

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BMM's *Children's World* is reaching out to Bengali kids

To have this kind of opening in the country with the world's second largest Muslim population is nothing short of amazing. More miraculous is the fact that the network is airing these programs for free! Incredibly, while I was there, ATN even commissioned BMM to produce a special children's program for the Bangladesh Independence Day and they are paying the ministry to do that production!!!



Henry reviews a program segment with a video editor

Factor in the added challenge that over 40% of Bengalis are illiterate, and it's clear that media is a vital key for many to "hear and see" the Good News.

Now, satellite broadcasting is helping to take a message of God's love to millions of Bengali children who have no other way to hear it. Every week *Chotoder Prithibi (Children's World)* is communicating positive values and Biblical principles to kids in an entertaining and inspiring program.



Dressing the set in the BMM studio

Please pray that these spiritual seeds will take root and bear good fruit in many young lives. Also pray for us as we continue to assist in this outreach. I will be returning to Bangladesh to provide additional training, along with input on improving and expanding the BMM production facilities.

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Almost 1/2 of the Bengalis are age 15 or younger



Coming Attractions: Destination Romania

Since the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe, many changes have taken place. In Romania, hundreds of thousands have become believers in Jesus as doors to publicly share the Gospel have opened. Hundreds of churches have been planted across the country and there are now two Bible Colleges.

The newest of these, Eastern European Bible College, is located in the historic city of Oradea in northwestern Romania. The vision for the school is to train new leaders with both the spiritual and communication skills to impact a new generation in Romania.

As part of these efforts, EEBC is introducing a new media minor to the curriculum to better equip students for contemporary ministry opportunities. After months of planning and preparation, the program will launch at the end of 2007. Henry has been invited to teach the first course in "Media Communication Theory" there in November. Pray for him as he prepares materials for the one-week, intensive course.



Family Focus

In May of 2006, Janet underwent surgery on her shoulder for a badly torn rotator cuff. After months of physical therapy and recuperation, she's now much improved and the persistent pain of her pre-surgery condition is gone. Thank you for your prayers! Please continue to remember her as she works toward greater strength and mobility.

Drew has just completed his second year at Evangel University. He's enjoying some time off from class and "battling evil" in the online world of *Lord of the Rings*. Matt recently performed a major role in the Kickapoo High spring play as Martin Vanderhoff in the classic "You Can't Take it With You". He'll complete his junior year in a few weeks and then spend most of the summer "home" in Georgia working at AG camps.

In addition to his ongoing responsibilities with the AGWM Media Commission, Henry has also spent much of the past six months itinerating. Many more miles are ahead through the end of the year. Please pray for safety as he travels and divine favor in gaining approximately \$1400 in much needed additional monthly support. God Bless you!!!!

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About Us

Henry & Janet Marsh are veteran missionaries, having served more than twenty years on three continents. As Appointed Media Specialists their missions work is unique. Henry has utilized his media education and expertise on projects in nearly 30 countries from Iceland to South Africa.

Over the years their service, along with sons Andrew and Matthew, has included assignments with International Correspondence Institute, International Media Ministries, Southern Africa Media Ministries, and Global University. Currently, Henry serves as Facilitator for the **World Missions Media Commission**, assisting missionaries and ministries around the world with production, training, and consultation projects. Janet provides accounting services for Network 211, an AGWM international ministry.

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