

Multiplying Missions Through Media

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Finding Faith In The Land of Fire and Ice: Lindin Media

Located in the vast expanse of the north Atlantic, Iceland is known as the land of fire and ice. With more than 20 active volcanoes and Europe's largest glacier, it's a well-deserved title.

Yet, in contrast to the extremes of hot and cold found in nature there, Iceland's spiritual climate has been lukewarm at best. Despite a Christian tradition dating back more than a thousand years, spiritual hunger has been on a steady decline during the last century.

Officially, a majority of Iceland's 300,000 people are members of the Lutheran state church, but few actually attend services. And fewer still can be considered genuine evangelical or Pentecostal believers.

In recent years, however, the spiritual climate has been changing and Lindin Media is playing an important part. Begun as Lindin Radio in the capital city of Reykjavik in 1994, the ministry is taking a message of hope and meaning in Christ to more Icelanders than ever before.

"People were not coming to the churches in Iceland", according to Lindin Media Director and missionary, Mike Fitzgerald. "We had to go where they were and media has made that possible."

Mike and his wife Sheila pioneered the station with the help of a handful of

interested national Christians. Media Commission members have also provided counsel, training, and equipment over the years.

God has blessed these efforts in phenomenal ways. Lindin Radio's signal is now repeated on 14 transmitters providing broadcast coverage to more than 80% of the island-nation's population. The station's programming is also streamed live on the internet.

counties in Northern Europe.

Seasonal specials, Christian concerts, and shows for children are some of the programs enjoying a positive response from viewers. Lindin has even produced a biblically-based video documentary on preventing drug abuse that has been endorsed by the government Ministry of Education and is being screened in schools around the country by the Iceland Teen Challenge.



Outreach by Lindin Media is influencing the spiritual climate in Iceland

Currently, Lindin Radio receives nearly 25,000 calls a year from listeners requesting prayer or spiritual counsel.

The ministry has also expanded into video production and programming that is aired on Icelandic national television and carried at times via satellite to dozens of

"The word **lindin** is Icelandic for a spring", Mike says. "Our goal is to provide a source of spiritual life and refreshing to the nation of Iceland using media".

Pray for the continued efforts of Lindin Media to impact Iceland for Christ. Visit www.lindin.is for more information.

The World Missions Summit In Review

From Dec. 30th – Jan 1st, nearly three thousand college students and young adults joined together with missionaries in Louisville's Convention Center to respond to the challenge of world missions service. The historic World Missions Summit, co-sponsored by Chi Alpha and AG World Missions, proved to be a powerful event and it will likely be of eternal significance.

A variety of world and US ministries participated, including the World Missions Media Commission. Under the theme of m4m – media for missions - eight Media Commission ministries or projects were presented. Through six missions experiences sessions, hundreds of students were exposed to these missionary media activities and opportunities.



Spiritual hunger and a heart for service were evident among the thousands attending TWMS



A Media Commission panel fields student questions during m4m breakout sessions

Many of those and more also visited the m4m exhibit area where six Media Commission ministries had displays. Henry coordinated planning and operations for the Media Commission presentation and exhibit efforts.

Interest was high and many students seemed surprised and excited about possibilities for service involving media technologies. And during the general commitment session, almost 700 signed cards pledging themselves to a time of short-term missionary ministry overseas or in the US!

Prayer Point: please pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of students who attended as they seek to fulfill God's call to service.

Family Focus

Time continues to fly by on the home front with a fourth of the New Year already in our rearview. Is that possible???

Recently, Matt has stayed busy with his continued interest in dramatic pursuits. He performed as Dr. Dread in the skit "Super Zero" presented at the Southern Missouri District Fine Arts Festival. His group received a superior rating and has been invited to perform at the national Fine Arts competition this summer in Orlando. Please pray with him about a good part-time job to raise the \$600 needed to pay for the trip.

Drew continues his pre-engineering studies at Evangel University. In April, he

will be honored as a member of the Dean's list and as a recipient of a President's Academic scholarship. Way to go Drew! He's also learning first-hand the "joys" of employment in the fast-food industry under the local golden aches...

In February, we marked another missions milestone as it has now been 25 years since Henry began his first overseas assignment in Brussels, Belgium. And in May, we start itineration for another term of service as Appointed Media Specialist Missionaries. It's hard to believe that 16 years ago we took our family overseas for our first term!

We're grateful for the continued opportunity to serve. We're also thankful for God's faithfulness expressed through the support and prayers of churches and individuals over the years.

Please continue to remember us as we face this year of travel and fundraising.

We also have a special prayer request on Janet's behalf. On May 11th she will undergo shoulder surgery to remove a bone spur and

repair a torn rotator cuff. Please pray with us for a successful procedure with a speedy recovery and return to full mobility.

God bless you!

The Marshes



Henry, Janet, Drew, & Matt Marsh

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URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

As we were finalizing this newsletter, we received word of a tragedy at Unsi3n's main facility in Cuenca, Ecuador. On March 29th, the production studio, master control, and satellite uplink were all destroyed in a fire. It was accidentally sparked by a welder working on the steel structure for a new roof.

Thankfully, none of the staff were injured, however, nearly \$500,000 in damages was incurred and at this writing the network is off the air.

Please pray for the Unsi3n team as they deal with this crisis and work to get the network operational again. They urgently need God's wisdom, direction, and provision in great measure.

Dateline Quito: Unsi3n Network Media Consultation Held

From February 27th to March 2nd, the Unsi3n Network held a media consultation in Quito, Ecuador. National church representatives and missionaries from 10 Latin American countries gathered to explore partnerships to expand Unsi3n's availability and impact across the region. Henry also participated and conducted a media production workshop during the event.

Unsi3n started 2005 with nearly 300,000 potential viewers and by the end of the year that number had grown to almost 3 million. The goal for 2006 is to see continued growth of the network on local cable systems and broadcast outlets in Central and South America making Unsi3n's family-valued programming accessible to at least 30 million viewers by 2007.

In every location where the network is seen, general market share is growing. Most important is the reality that viewers' lives are being touched and changed. Last year, nearly 11,000 people phoned Unsi3n's "Un Buen Consejo" (A Good Word) counseling center in Ecuador in response to evangelism commercials broadcast on the network. Almost 6000 of

them prayed to accept Christ as Lord and Savior and are now part of an ongoing program of discipleship.

Similar follow-up programs are projected in other countries as the network expands. This will offer the potential to provide a unique Hispanic network with both international appeal and local impact. Please pray for Unsi3n as they continue their efforts towards making positive programming and spiritual hope available to more and more Spanish speaking people across the Americas.

Also pray for the Media Commission and Henry as they work to assist Unsi3n in providing media training to national church teams who will be producing new programs for the network. Henry will be traveling to several countries in Latin America in coming months and funding is needed to cover expenses for these important projects.



The World Missions Media Commission



Media is everywhere. From rural huts to urban high-rises, access to electronic technology is rapidly expanding around the world. AGWM missionaries are using these powerful tools to impact our generation for Christ.

As a forum for enhancing communication and

partnership among media missionaries and ministries, the **World Missions Media Commission** helps foster these efforts.

Our goal is to significantly increase the effective use of electronic media to glorify God, evangelize the world, train disciples and build the

church by developing vision, strategies, and networking

Opportunities to work with Media Commission members exist around the world. Christian media professionals, students, technicians, and media teams from churches are needed to help with a variety of projects. If you are

interested in more information about these possibilities, contact: **facilitator@agwmmmedia.com.**

You can also learn more about ministries participating in the Media Commission by visiting the agwmmmedia.com website.

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About Us



Henry & Janet Marsh are veteran missionaries having served more than 20 years on 3 continents. As Appointed Media Specialists, their work in missions is unique.

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.

Henry has utilized his education and expertise on missionary media production, training, and consultation projects in nearly 30 countries from Iceland to South Africa.

Currently, he serves as the Facilitator for the **World Missions Media**

Commission. He also acts as a Producer and Director for Global University missionary media projects and Janet assists in the Global University Accounting Division.

Your prayers and financial investment help make their service possible. Thank you for your commitment and generosity!

For more information about their missionary ministry, contact them today.



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