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CHRIST TO THE WORLD BY RADIO

The first radio broadcast in human history took place on Christmas Eve of 1906. From a 128-meter high transmission tower in Massachusetts, the Nativity Story from Luke 2 was told. The angel's proclamation on that Holy Night was ringing in the air with violin music: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Radio broadcasting seems to have existed for the spread of the gospel. Christ's tremendous redemptive grace has been proclaimed to every corner of the earth ever since. Its power of penetration is unquestionable. Over the past century or so, the church has made good use of it and yielded fruit in various locations, bringing people to the Father's mercy seat and supporting spiritually exhausted pilgrims to go on their way. God's holy word borne on the airwaves is brought over distant hills and fields, into many lonely hearts.

FEBC was founded in 1945 on the vision of "Christ to the world by radio". In four years' time, under the guidance of the Father, FEBC was already broadcasting the gospel to the vastness of China. July 29, 1949 is a memorable day, Radio Liangyou's debut after picking up the baton of gospel broadcasting. Having pressed on for 60 years, we trust this commission is still being honored in spite of the sweeping media metamorphosis.

Ministry touching on the heart

The voice is affable and human. Broadcasting involves only the voice, but it can draw people nearer and touch the heart. Among all evangelistic ministries, broadcasting may not enjoy high audience rates as before, but productions coming from the heart can create echoes in the depth of the soul. A little tune with a couple of warm regards can tingle and inspire. This is "deep calling to deep".

Broadcasting is so unadorned and yet so profound and unfathomable that the gospel can be passed on via various carriers. The very tiny memory card (micro-SD) can store over a thousand sound files, is easily portable and the contents can be played on smart phones. Another extension of broadcasting is on the Internet and social platforms, which is boundless dispersion. This is dissemination "in numbers".

Service that navigates space


Radio Liangyou's transmitters are in the Philippines and South Korea, geographically very strategic. Airwaves traveling over the oceans and on the wings of the clouds bring well-produced programs to extensive stretches of land, crossing political divides, over rolling hills and billowing waters. Of course the megacities in China are now served by efficient transport systems

like the express rail crisscrossing the whole country, but there are still villages and towns set in remote areas where infrastructure is wanting. When the airwaves carry the good news to these places, they just penetrate, especially in distant regions inhabited by the underprivileged, and the gospel is heard, through broadcasting.

To visit ethnic minority believers, we had to change trains several times and eventually reached our destination. But there was still the climb up the mountain, and hopping on a tractor midway. Then the path was so steep we had to get off to do some pushing. Because of the high altitude, we were wheezing away just after taking a few steps. When we finally got up the mountain and the sun was going down, we switched on the radio and heard the program sent from afar. We were caught up in emotions. A co-worker's voice was ringing in our ears: "Look! On the hill opposite is another group of believers. It takes roughly a day's time to get over there."

Over this range of rolling hills, the airwaves carry hope and the good news of salvation. They travel far and wide and span unlimited space. And then all is gathered in a tiny radio. Broadcasting is an effective means to bring the gospel to these distant communities. In China, there are tens of millions of minority groups scattered over the southwest, northwest and northeast who have never heard the gospel. It is definitely not easy, but FEBC is driven by this Christ to the world vision, to pass the baton on through radio broadcasting. This is coverage by "breadth".

Legacy by duty

Thank God that our forerunners saw the opportunities and embraced broadcasting technologies to fulfill the Great Commission. Over the six decades, the Father has raised many gifted pioneers who have laid beautiful foundations by faithfully sowing the seeds when the bamboo curtain was lowered over the mainland. We have picked up the broadcasting microphone and have led many into the kingdom of God. Now we are witnessing the rise of China. May our love for souls never falter! May the Lord raise more workers for this land, to go in the line of broadcasting, to pick up the baton once more, to sustain with all wisdom the commission of gospel broadcasting, to be the Lord's fishers of men in depth, in numbers and in breadth! 





Couple Camp Never Ends

Yvonne Chou (Senior Producer)

Marriage grows and blossoms in Biblical love. A strong mind will not make you immune to frustration. Marriage and families are major life subjects for learning, in particular for the Mainland families. "Radio Counselling Corner" does not only listen to and care for the needs of our audience, but also applies the Bible's teachings to their daily life more practically and specifically through training and interaction. As such, we were confident to design and plan the "Radio Counselling Corner" Couple Camp five years ago. Each year, more than ten couples coming from different regions in the Mainland live and learn alongside others in the Camp, experiencing the sweetness of marriage in real-life interaction. With the mission to share the Good News with the world, we have recorded the essential parts of the Camp and broadcasted the programs for the benefits of all audience. The annual Couple Camp has become a nation-wide live show to make the most effective use of the broadcast media.

Each year the participating couples come from various provinces and sometimes some of the spouses are Gospel seekers who then become followers being touched by the spiritual atmosphere in the Camp. The Camp concludes with a visit to the radio station and sharing of testimonies, facilitating participants to experience the amazing power of the Holy Spirit. Extracts of responses from participants of the 4th Couple Camp (2015) are provided in the following paragraphs. Let us thank God for their exposure to everything in the Camp and pray for them:

Sister Shang, Xinjiang Province

I would love to share with you the good news that my husband, Uncle Xinjiang, turned to believe in God! We have been listening to radio programs on cell phones after returning from the Camp. I have made some adjustments to my work, family and church involvement to enhance our relationship and understanding.

Brother Shi, Anhui Province

We have got along with each other very well after the Camp, particularly about the way we teach our child. We have benefited a lot from your programs and no argued due to disagreements arising from different views.


Brother Yang, Tianjin City

Our relationship has improved since we returned from the Camp. We have understood each other more and argued less. We no longer just hold on to our own views but try to understand and consider the other party's opinions. We speak no offensive words to avoid conflict intensification.

Brother Zhou, Shanghai City

Before the Camp, I thought that my husband had not cared about me and had not spared me his time. His reluctance to take care of his health made me mad. After the Camp, I began to understand and care about him. It is not easy for him to support our family. I do not blame him anymore and now even make breakfast for him every morning.

Brother Yang, Gansu Province

I have benefited a lot from the Couple Camp. My wife called to share her views and experience with friends on the way back home. We were invited to share at the couple cell gathering of the church. Thank you for your teaching and thank you all teachers and staff. 



*Footprints of broadcasting
Witnesses of accompany*




God's Word Heals

Brother Li, Guangdong Province

I have been suffering from ankylosing spondylitis since 1983. The chronic pain then deprived me of sleep every night. At around midnight one evening, I listened to a program on Radio Liangyou. At that time, I barely understood anything nor knew anything about Christianity, but simply listened to the Bible as if it was a kind of historic stories.

My condition was unstable and my health continued to deteriorate. I was diagnosed with severe disabilities more than 20 years ago. I kept listening to Radio Liangyou periodically while living in poverty with many challenges. In 2012, a family church in Guangzhou had accommodated me in their place, and my living condition slightly improved. A sister of the church gave me a radio and I listened to the programs almost every day since then.

Thank Radio Liangyou for sending me the message from God to save my soul and give me an eternal life. I am given hope, comfort and encouragement to live with the disease. I am grateful for the kindness of the church to give me a home when I was in need. My heartfelt thanks to all brothers and sisters of the church!

Ours is a church comprising people with a generally low educational level, and most of us are illiterate or semi-illiterate. Thank God for touching the heart of an unknown sister to give me a radio. I have shared the radio with my brothers and sisters to encourage them to listen to Liangyou programs every day. 

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