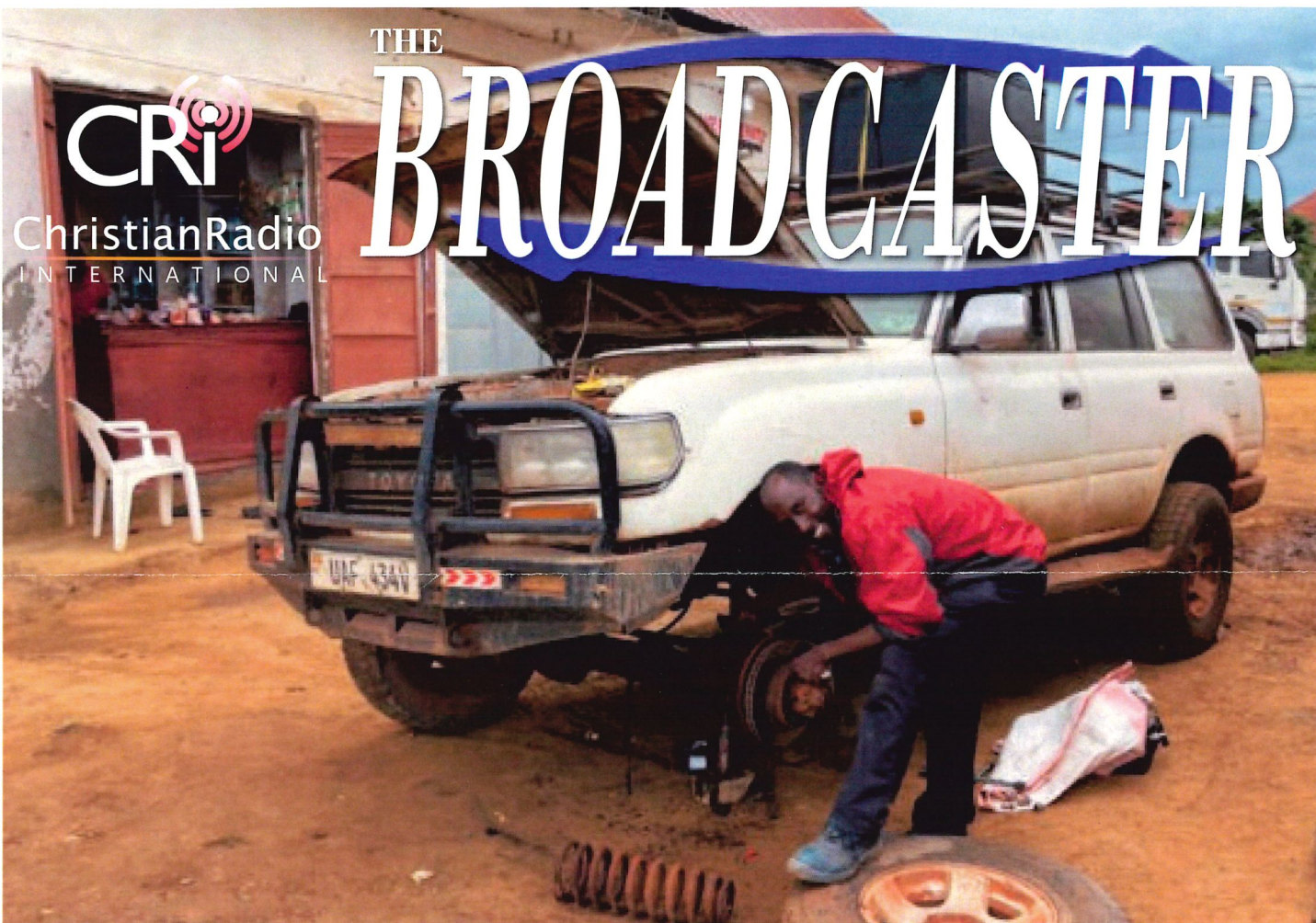




What Does a Missionary *Really* Do?

When Missionary Gregg Schoof planned to make a 900-mile, round-trip journey from Uganda to Burundi in his 30-year-old truck, he knew to expect problems. Anything could happen during the the forty-eight hour trek. It always did! Gregg loaded the truck with tools, pipes for a new bathroom, roofing supplies (water had been dripping onto the radio console for weeks), extra tires, and parts for anything that could possibly break on the truck. Then he welded supports on the roof and added an extra thirty-five-gallon gas container. (No gas is available in Burundi—none!)

For one month, Gregg and his helper Kenneth (*pictured above*) rebuilt the leaking radio station roof, installed an entire bathroom (pipes, drains, fixtures, and tile), finished the septic tank, and built an office on the first floor for Pastor Rama, director of the station.



Everything was moving in a slow, predictable, African pace, until the day Gregg and Kenneth prepared to leave. The radio station voltage regulator died! They found a new one and installed it. It did not work! The Outback system rejected the electricity because the frequency was both too high and too low. (Don't ask for an explanation!) Eventually, a supplier found something that kicked the electricity from 135 volts to 220 volts. IT WORKED!

Then the men installed some timers (brought from the good old U.S.A.—Yeah!) that would turn off the unstable Burundi power during the day so that the station could run on solar. A second timer shut down the station at night to conserve battery power. COMPLICATED—but the station was running great!

Finally the exhausted men could begin their **short** twenty-four-hour trip home.

NO SUCH LUCK! After thousands of hours of pot-holed driving, the truck decided to revolt! First, two tires rebelled! Then three lug studs sheared off and had to be welded back on. The replacement tires Gregg had brought along did not fit the truck exactly and could not be tightened properly. As they continued driving, other bolts, already weakened by years of stress, loosened or snapped. The caliper mounting bracket broke, the tires locked up, and the mounting for the springs cracked. **Forty-five hours later**, and too many breakdowns to count, the men reached home...

So what is the moral of this story? If you don't know electric, plumbing, carpentry, electronics, car repair, computers and technology, don't become a missionary.

And what is the reward for all this stress and aggravation?

FRUIT THAT REMAINS!

Gregg recently learned that seventeen pastors in Tanzania listened for five years to the station he built in Rwanda until it was closed by the government. "We learned all our doctrine from you. Before the station, we knew nothing!" they reported.

In Burundi, once a month, Pastor Rama invites other pastors to be guests on his four-hour radio broadcast. They present Bible doctrines according to their beliefs, and Rama answers them with Scripture. This program has been hugely successful because the people hear God's exact words compared to man's religious ideas. Many listeners have begun attending the two Baptist churches in the area because of the radio station. Another group who live too far away (four miles walking) have contacted the station to send someone to start a church in their area. One of the biggest surprises is the children (*pictured front page lower*) who listen with rapt attention to their parents' cell phones. Radio reaches everyone—everywhere!

And the people in Burundi are hungry to hear!

UKRAINE - Testimony of Broadcaster and Pastor Paul Dudka

Years of faithful preaching in the mountain villages and on television are producing abundant fruit. When we started twenty years ago, children's meetings would number ten or twenty. Now, every village has 100, 200, and 300 in attendance with 40 to 50 adults. The war has changed our hearts. Everyone wants to hear the message of hope from God himself.



Remote village in the Carpathian Mountains



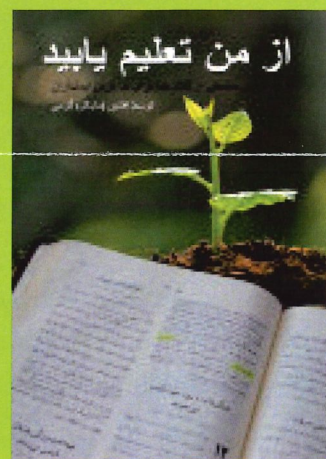
NIGERIA Minna - Testimony of Broadcaster and Pastor Andrew Martey

We thought the kidnappings had subsided, but two months ago Boko Haram terrorists targeted three schools and took more than 100 hostages. Our people are afraid. No one wants to be on the streets especially after dark. Night service attendance has dropped to zero, but our program on the Muslim station has experienced a spike in listenership. Praise God! Ten more Muslims have accepted Christ since April. Radio is the way to reach them, and they are listening!

ARMENIA AND IRAN - Testimony of Broadcaster Michael Germi

On my recent evangelistic trip to Armenia, Vahid picked us up at the airport. He was a refugee from Iran who had been in the country about two years. "I know who you are," Vahid said to me. "You wrote the discipleship book *Learn of Me*. We have been printing it in Iran and have dispersed it to thousands of new Christians and interested seekers!"

I was shocked! I wrote that book twelve years ago, and I use it to disciple new converts that I have met on line, but I never knew how to get it distributed in Iran. God knew my heart and distributed it for me.



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