



HILDA

by Cornelius & Elfrieda Balzer



Just about nine months ago we stood at the airport in Quito observing from a distance the arrival of a long-awaited secretary for the German Service at HCJB. Hilda's gait reflected commitment, joy and determination. We soon experienced the reality of these first impressions when she began her work in the office on August 9, 1976. On May 5, 1977 her work on earth was ended when the Lord called her home as the result of an accident.

According to her own words, Hilda's call into missionary service was not a spectacular one, but rather a continuous growth in obedience and service while walking with the Lord. She sums it up in her application with the words of Genesis 24:27, "I being in the way, the Lord led me." She continues: "During a Deeper Life Conference at Bible School, I felt God's call on my life to

serve Him in a full-time way. I did not feel that this needed to be in foreign service, but I dedicated my life to His service, wherever He could use me. I want to serve Him with all my strength. He has a claim on my life because He created me and redeemed me. I seek to respond to His love by loving others, living sacrificially and following Him in obedience." One of Hilda's favorite songs was:

To glorify Thee, this is my plea,
Work out Thy purpose, Thy plan in me.

This commitment was demonstrated in her positive attitude. She served heartily as unto the Lord. Each morning she glided into the office with her brilliant smile like a breath of fresh air. Her love toward each one of us was unconditional. The challenge that she left with us in the last prayer meeting which she led in the office was First Peter 4:7, 8: "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Hilda made a lasting contribution to the German Service and to our personal lives. A beautiful life on earth has ended; a glorious life in eternity has begun!

At the age of seven Hilda accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour in childlike faith. At the age of twenty-seven she was daily enjoying His presence in her life. At the moment of her death she was prepared to enter into eternity and meet her Saviour. I wonder if you and I are living in this readiness each moment of the day? Your call and mine may also come at any moment. Accept the challenge Hilda leaves us:

Prepare to meet your God . . .
Now is the accepted time;
now is the day of salvation.

MEET THE STAFF

BEN CUMMINGS

BOB BEUKEMA



Ben did not show up for his appointment. I finally found him at the controls of the Nieve board in control room number 3. He was producing Spanish music for a program, Himnos de la Vida Cristiana. The music will also be used for future records and cassettes. These will be distributed all over Latin America.

Ben went to high school in Corpus Cristi, Texas. He later studied at Bob Jones University and the NBC summer institute at Northwestern University in Chicago. He is doing further study at Wheaton College.

He was saved as a teenager and felt the call to serve the Lord while he was a senior in high school. He always thought that this would be as a pastor, but while in college defined it as missionary radio. This definiteness came to him at the end of his sophomore year in college. A sense of inner conviction came to him that this was the thing to do after he had spent several weeks asking the Lord for guidance.

Ben did writing and production of dramas for 2 1/2 years at WMUU. He also worked as an announcer and commercial copy writer at KWBU (now KCTA) in Corpus Cristi. He and his wife Mary Lee, arrived in Ecuador in 1955.

He enjoys fishing. His fish tales will keep you in stitches for hours!

He says that his most unusual experience was standing on the balcony of his apartment in Panama and looking at the street riots.

Ben's future goal is to produce the Spanish version of UNSHACKLED here at HCJB.

What does he enjoy doing the most? If you

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Bob Beukema is as personable in your office or home as he is when you are listening to him over the radio. We could not ask for a better Communications Director for HCJB. Bob's warm friendly personality, administrative abilities, and spiritual depth gain the respect of all the staff members at The Voice of the Andes.

His first contact with radio was in his high school days at Grand Rapids, Michigan in the United States. Infact, he participated in the Children's Bible Hour by playing the organ. It was during these teen years that he received a very definite call to missions. His home church had a number of missionaries going out from it to various parts of the world.

Bob believed on Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour "at an early age, even pre-school age." He was brought up in a Christian home. Later, when he was baptized he "felt as if half of myself was in heaven."

It was during High School that interest was aroused in HCJB and missionary radio. Abe Van Der Puy was pastoring his grandfather's church at that time. His grandfather also owned a shortwave radio. Clarence Jones, the co-founder of HCJB, also visited the church and told about the work. Ofcourse, HCJB was the only missionary radio station at that time.

Bob Beukema is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute's music conservatory. While at Moody he worked at WMBI, Chicago. He played organ and piano and John Peterson played the electric guitar on the "Familiar Hymns" program.

In 1948, Dr. Clarence Jones asked Bob and

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haven't guessed it already: radio production of dramas and music.

Ben and his family will be on furlough by the time you receive this ANDEX bulletin. If you would like to have him speak to your Shortwave Listeners Club, social gathering, home meeting, or church write to: Ben Cummings, HCJB, P.O. Box 3000, Opa-Locka, FL. 33055.

No doubt the greatest contribution Ben has made to the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. was to bring HOXO from a great dependence on WRMF for missionary leadership to a major national leadership and direction.

We have also appreciated Ben's contribution to HCJB as the Communication's Director during the past year.

BOB BEUKEMA

Winona to come to Ecuador.

From 1956 to 1966, he served as program director and station manager at our sister station HOXO in Panama.

From 1966 to 1968 he returned to serve as the business manager at the Children's Bible Hour.

What is Bob the happiest doing? "Programming." What is his favorite type of program? "I would say that my favorite is the easy going d.j. format." Music is his first love. He enjoys playing the organ, especially the classics.

Bob Beukema is a constant inspiration to all of his colleagues here at HCJB. We are exceedingly happy and appreciative of Bob and are grateful that he has graciously accepted the responsibility as the new Director of Communications.

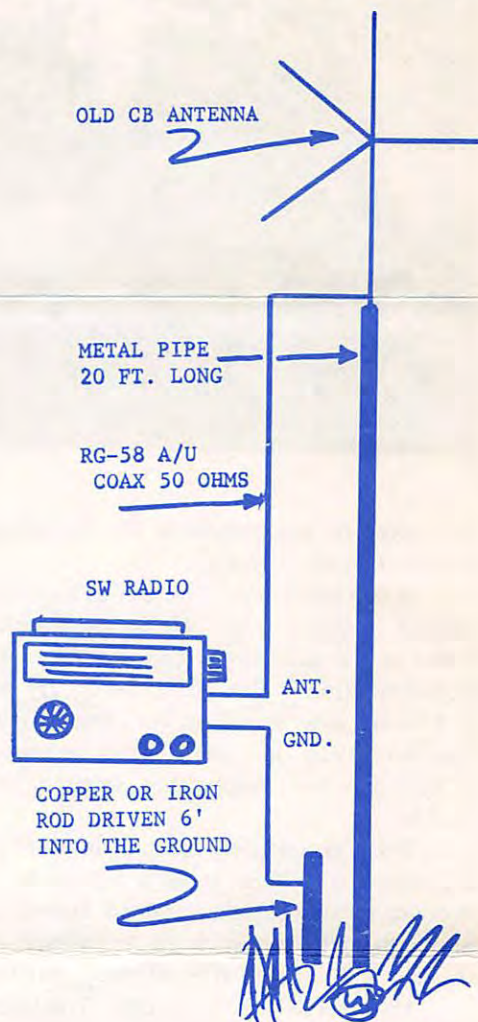
FREQUENCY CHANGES

Roger Stubbe informs us that following frequency changes are in effect as of May 1st. for HCJB English broadcasts.

| TIME (GMT) | TARGET AREA | FREQUENCY |
|------------|---------------|-----------|
| | METER BAND | |
| 0040-0700 | North America | |
| | 31 meters | 9560 kHz |
| | 49 meters | 6095 kHz |
| 0700-0830 | Europe | |
| | 25 meters | 11835 kHz |
| | 31 meters | 9585 kHz |
| 0630-0830 | South Pacific | |
| | 25 meters | 11900 kHz |
| | 31 meters | 9745 kHz |
| 0630-1215 | 49 meters | 6130 kHz |

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William Burgin of Omaha, Nebraska suggests a good use for an old discarded CB antenna. The following diagram should be self explanatory.



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DXER OF THE MONTH



Our DXer of the Month is Mr. Bev Sesink of London, Ontario, Canada.

It is a pleasure to have Bev as a member of ANDEX, number 276. He is a relatively new comer to the shortwave listening hobby. Before graduating from Clark Road Secondary School in London Bev served as the president of the communications club. He is also a member of the CIDXC and the membership secretary of the ODXA.

Bev is also actively involved in other groups and activities. While in High School he was a reservist in the Canadian Armed Forces, ambulance attendant for St. John Ambulance and an assistant cub master at local pack, number 13.

His receiver is a Zenith Trans-Oceanic. Listening activity is usually confined to about two hours a day, from 2100-2200 and 0000-0200. His antenna is a loop.

Bev enjoys contests and would like to see more on the air courses for beginners on the DX Party Line.

In addition to shortwave listening he enjoys stamp and coin collecting, sports and army cadets.

Best of DXing to Bev Sesink!

Ed. Note: If you would like to be a DXer of the Month send a biographical sketch of yourself, your shack, your interests, etc. to ANDEX. Be sure and include a black and white glossy photo of yourself with your receiving equipment.

WELCOME ANDEX MEMBER 2500!



Robb A. Gutzler, Saint Joe, Texas is ANDEX member number 2500! Robb is fifteen years of age and has been listening to HCJB since 1976. He uses a Realistic DX-150 receiver with a Hallicrafters SX-28 antenna. Congratulations Robb on being our newest member. Thank you for helping us reach a new goal.

ANDEX CLOTH BADGES



We have just received word from Clayton Howard that the request for ANDEX cloth badges have been excellent. Over three hundred members have already received theirs. "The first 200 ran out and we had to have more made. We have a good supply on hand now again . . ."

Order yours now while the supply lasts!

The price is \$1.00 to cover the cost of the badge, handling, and mailing. Send your check or money order to:

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U.S.A. 60187

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