

# ANDEX



## INTERNATIONAL

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### BBC VISITS HCJB



*Reg Kennedy visits DX Party Line*

Many tourists visit Quito and quite a few stop by HCJB. However, it isn't too often we have visitors from other shortwave broadcasters, especially someone involved with another DX program. For this reason it was a special pleasure to welcome Reg Kennedy, the producer of the World Radio Club, to HCJB for a week's visit during February. Reg has been with the BBC for the past twenty years. His last six years have been with the BBC World Service.

Quito was one stop on a trip that was taking Reg to several missionary radio stations on four continents during a period of more than two months. The trip was jointly sponsored by the World Association for Christian Communication and the BBC World Service. Reg has been commissioned to write a book concerning the many missionary radio stations around the world. He is also preparing programs on what he sees in regular missionary work for the BBC World Service. Another subject of interest is the coffee situation in Brazil. As an added bonus Reg will be able to visit his brother who is serving as a missionary in Brazil.

Reg arrived in the United States in time to attend the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters which was held in Washington, D.C. Following this he visited the headquarters of the Back to the Bible organization in Lincoln, Nebraska. Going on to California he met with leaders of the Far East Broadcasting Company, which operates the station in the Philippine Islands. Family Radio, WYFR, and KGEI were also visited. His itinerary then brought him to Quito. Other stops before arriving back home in England include; ELWA in Liberia, FEBA in the Seychelles Islands, the Vatican Radio in Italy, and Trans World Radio in Monaco.

Reg got his start with the BBC as a control-room engineer. Electronic experience during his military service qualified him for this position. After two years he was promoted to be a sound mixer. He feels this engineering background gave him a good knowledge of the radio business and prepared him for his present position with the BBC World Service. Production of the World Radio Club is one of the responsibilities of his present work. Although he does not actually present the program, his voice can be heard frequently. Material used on the World Radio Club is selected to be of interest not only to DXers, but also to the general listening audience.

For two years Reg took a break from his duties with the BBC and accepted a position with the missionary station ETLF, Radio Voice of the Gospel, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This was an interesting experience for him and he would have liked to revisit Ethiopia on this present trip. However, the Ethiopian government recently took over the station and it is no longer operating as a missionary station. Reg found that the high altitude of Quito and the surrounding scenery reminded him a great deal of Ethiopia and the time he spent in that country.



## SERVING ECUADOR

Most DXers are familiar with the shortwave programs broadcast by HCJB in a variety of languages to all parts of the world. Less is known of the Spanish service provided for listeners in the country of Ecuador. Many hours of programming are provided for our Ecuadorian audience on 690 kHz medium-wave and 6050 kHz in the 49-meter band.

For several years Ecuador has been ruled by a military government. More than a year ago this government announced plans for returning the country to democratic rule. As the first step in this changeover, commissions were appointed to draw up two proposed constitutions, one being completely new and the other a revision of the constitution of 1945. On Sunday, January 15, 1978, a nationwide referendum was held to choose between the two proposals.

During the final weeks before the referendum an intense publicity campaign took place in Ecuador. HCJB Spanish Radio participated by presenting a series of 15-minute programs entitled "Conversaciones para el Pueblo" (Conversations for the People). These programs were designed to provide information concerning the contents of the two constitutions. Some of the programs featured prominent evangelical leaders to bring out the Christian viewpoint. Telegrams of congratulations regarding the programs were received from several well-known personalities in Ecuador. Then, on election day, HCJB carried a nearly continuous special coverage of the election proceedings and results as they came in.

The results of the voting showed a preference for the new constitution. All literate citizens of

Ecuador were obligated to vote in the referendum. For the first time women were given the right and obligation to vote. The new constitution will also give illiterates the privilege of voting in coming elections. Presidential elections have been set for July 16, 1978. The various political parties are now in the process of selecting their candidates with the hope of gaining victory in July.

This is just one of many examples of the way in which HCJB contributes to the life of the people in Ecuador. For them HCJB is the oldest and most powerful station serving them with a variety of programs. They consider HCJB an old friend who visits their homes daily. Many are unaware of the shortwave programs heard by DXers and shortwave listeners all over the world.

## HEART MEDICINE

Did you know that there is a little pink flower that may someday save your life? Meet the foxglove, one of nature's prettiest and most valuable flowers! The foxglove got its name from the shape of its flower petals. It looks as though a little fox put his paw into the flower and shaped it into a glove.

Actually, the ancient Romans named this flower, calling it digitalis, which means "in the shape of a finger." But this Latin word means far more than just that. It's the name of one of the most popular and powerful heart medicines in the world. And it comes from the foxglove plant. In 1785 William Withering, an English medical doctor, gave a dried portion of the foxglove leaf to a patient whose heart was beating too rapidly. Within a very short time the heartbeat slowed to a normal pulse. Dr. Withering had discovered a medicine that eventually would save millions of lives.

Medical researchers have analyzed the foxglove leaf and have found six different forms of medicine useful for the human heart. Digitalis contains all six because it's made from the whole leaf. But the most popular medication extracted from the foxglove leaf is digitoxin, used by millions of people. Digitoxin not only slows the heartbeat down to the normal rate, but it causes the heart muscle to become stronger. This happens because the heart doesn't have to pump as fast, letting the heart muscle get more rest. The result is a stronger, healthier heart.

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Doctors tell us what happens inside a heart that causes it to beat too fast. There is a little marble-shaped organ called the S.A. node. The creator of your heart put it there to control the functioning of your heart. A tiny switch inside the S.A. node turns the voltage on and off, causing your heart to beat in rhythm. But if something goes wrong and it turns on and off too rapidly, your heart will beat too fast. That will tire your body, wear out your heart, and lead to death. This is why doctors give digitoxin. The foxglove is some flower, isn't it!

The Bible says, "And God said, 'let the earth bring forth vegetation'" (Genesis 1:11).

This is how the foxglove plant came into being. Scientists tell us the plant shows strong evidence of a very intelligent design. The designer, Jesus Christ, is the same one who built your heart and put it in operation. The Bible tells us it was because of sin that the human body slowly wears out, and this obviously includes the heart. But Jesus Christ, the creator, put digitoxin in the leaf of the foxglove plant to help sick hearts. He didn't quit there! He came to the earth once and died for you and me, shedding his precious blood for sinful hearts. If your physical heart is sick, you're not going to get better unless you take the cure. Just knowing about the medicine won't help you. You need to receive the medicine into your body.

The same is true about your spiritual heart, your mind. The Lord Jesus Christ offers you total forgiveness for your sin. He paid the full price for it. If you're interested in his perfect cure, just tell him, "Lord Jesus, my sin made you die. Thank you for fully paying my sin debt. I receive your forgiveness and I receive you as my personal Savior and Lord." That is just what the Bible means when it says, "As many as received him (Jesus), to them he gave power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). To assure us that this is absolutely true, God raised Jesus Christ from the dead with a real body, proving to us that he really did pay for our sins.

The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the foxglove for sick hearts, and he gave his life for sinful hearts. Neither will help you unless you take them by faith!

*Adapted from a tract*

## DXer OF THE MONTH



*Wade Moore at his listening post*

With the present energy squeeze in the United States, coal is once again becoming of great importance. It is said that there is sufficient coal in the ground to supply all the energy needed by that large country for several hundred years. Kentucky is one of the leading coal-producing states and is also the home of our DXer of the Month. Wade Moore lives in West Prestonsburg, a city located in eastern Kentucky, near West Virginia, and in the heart of the coal-mining region. Wade spent most of his life in the coal mines until his recent retirement. He now has more time to enjoy his hobbies.

Wade has had an interest in radio for a number of years. In 1955 he qualified for his amateur radio operator's license and received the call sign, K4GAG. However, at present he is inactive on the ham bands but finds that he has been bitten by the SWL bug. In order to pursue this new hobby he purchased a Kenwood R-300 receiver and erected a 100-foot randomwire antenna. Within a short period he logged 60 countries and received verification from 34 of them. Countries heard include China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Argentina, India, and most of those in Europe. In addition to joining ANDEX, member No. 2672, he is also a member of the North American Short Wave Association and the United World Radio DX Club. He finds his memberships in these clubs to be very helpful.

Now that he is retired, Wade is able to find between two and four hours a day to spend with his R-300. Most of his listening is done between the



hours of 2000 and 0200 GMT. In addition to the R-300 receiver, he also uses a Sankyo ST-60 cassette recorder and an MFJ frequency standard. These can be seen in the picture to the left of the receiver. A world map and a globe help in locating the countries as he listens to them.

Other hobbies include reading, travel, and photography. During the last four years he has combined travel and photography in an interesting way by making three tours of the Middle East. Of primary interest has been Israel where he especially enjoyed visiting the places he had read about in the Bible. It has been a thrill for him to see the places where Jesus was born, lived, died, and is soon to return. In Israel he took hundreds of slides and has had a real ministry as he has showed these to different churches and interested groups.

At some future date he would very much like to make a trip to Quito and visit HCJB. When he does he will no doubt take many more pictures of HCJB and the beautiful Ecuadorian scenery!

Congratulations to Wade Moore, retired coal miner, for being selected as our ANDEX DXer of the Month for April, 1978.

## LANGUAGE PUZZLE

L N O P S A M X B L A R T K Q M S E H Z A F B R N O  
 Y P A U B C L U D R C A N T O N E S E R B N O S V X  
 E R M A N D A R I N F Z Y W V R I W P O L I S H I K  
 P B O W R E D D C H J L E G F D E S L A I G B C Y L  
 M A E S E U G U T R O P O C E O B A T R N D O R T P  
 O Z P W A D F U B D A R U W H R L Y N A M I P C S D  
 L T H A I R T E N G L I S H Q I M O D B S P S J Y B  
 M U M H O A C K J R V M T L U A N A P I R V A H I A  
 D R N I E L D I Y E D O B A I T J L N C T Y S E D R  
 B K C L Z B O A R E Y H J D L N A I R A G L U B D C  
 H I L I Y A F R I K A A N S B I P R U J O B X R I M  
 W S K B O N B R L X D U T C H O A P D B U R M E S E  
 U H I E C I N U E O J S D W P Y N N T L N P R W H I  
 K M J N P A D K A N Y A M S Q U E C H U A S D T M U  
 T R U M A N I A N X C P L R U S S I A N P R H B A N  
 S L O B U D Y C B L U H F M L O E U T C I Y L P S T

In the block of letters above, the names of a number of languages are hidden. All are well-known languages spoken by large groups of people. How many can you discover? All names are spelled in a straight line. They may run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and be spelled forward or backward. If you could understand all of these languages it would be a tremendous help in identifying the stations you hear on the short-wave bands!

Next month we'll include the answer to this puzzle. In the meantime, see how many you can find. With patience you should be able to uncover at least 32 interesting tongues.

## ANDEX BADGES



Perhaps some of our new members are not aware that ANDEX badges are available. They are made of cloth and are very colorful. Every member should have one! The price is only \$1.00 U.S. which covers the cost of the badge, handling, and mailing. The badges measure over four inches across the base and are sewn with red, white, and blue thread.

To get your badge, send one dollar, check or money order, to the following address:

ANDEX  
 P.O. Box 3000  
 Opa-Locka, FL  
 U.S.A. 33055

## HELP WANTED

We would like to have more member participation in the ANDEX International bulletins. You can help by sending articles, puzzles, cartoons, or anything else you think would be interesting. Articles can be of a technical nature or perhaps you would like to tell about the most exciting experience you have had as a DXer. We do not promise to use every item received and we reserve the right to edit material as we see fit. However, we do promise to send an attractive Ecuadorian souvenir to the originator of every article or item we use.

Here's your opportunity to see your name in print. We'll expect to receive a lot of mail from many of our ANDEX members in the near future.