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POST CARD PROMOTION PROVES POPULAR



By John Adams

When we introduced the Post Card Competition on the English Language Service we never envisaged such a solid-listener response! By the middle of July we had received 450 cards from 35 countries around the world. We were greatly encouraged with this concrete evidence that friends 'out there' were listening. But the fun had only begun. We still had to choose the ten top entries which proved to be a bit of a problem for our four judges.

Val Gray (Australia) and Kay Emery (United States) from the English Service served on the

judging panel. They were joined by Clayton Howard of the DX Party Line program and Cornelius Balzer from our German Language Service. You should have seen the agonizing choices the judges had to make as they eliminated some very attractive cards in favor of others which were perhaps just a little more unique or slightly more beautiful. As a result, in addition to the ten top winners chosen, five others were included in an honorable-mention category.

With the difficult task of judging completed, the plastic-tile oil paintings depicting typical Ecuadorian scenes were soon on their way to the winners

as a token of our appreciation. There continued to be a great amount of work to be done, however. The hundreds of cards needed to be placed in scrap books and on our large world map in the office area for our visitors to enjoy. We trust that our English-Language staff will also gain motivation for the programs and correspondence as they view the cards.

As we Herald Christ Jesus' Blessings we realize afresh that there are individuals listening all around the world. No matter what their geographical setting or whether they ever write, each can, and hopefully does, profit from the message of Love and Life that we delight in sharing. In turn, we've learned a bit more about many of our listeners and where they live as a result of this special promotion. Consequently, we may well consider having a similar competition again next year. But don't YOU wait that long to let us know you're tuning our way!

Our sincere thanks to everyone who responded and made HCJB's 1979 Post Card Competition a great success!

EVER BEEN LONELY ?

We live in a world where loneliness is one of man's worst problems. People move from one area to another and change jobs frequently. They don't get their roots down anywhere or establish deep and permanent friendships. There is no place where loneliness shows up quicker or more strongly than in one of the large cities of our present civilization. How terrible it can be to find oneself in the midst of a thronging crowd of people without a single friend!

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Is it necessary to suffer loneliness? Can anything be done about it? Is there a true friend who can meet your need? The answer is yes. Listen to what God has to say about this common problem. Read these few verses taken from the Living Bible.

“He is close to all who call on him sincerely. When you draw close to God, God will draw close to you. He is not far away from any of us; for in him we live and move and are!

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit or stand. When far away you know my every thought. You chart the path ahead of me, and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment, you know where I am. You both precede and follow me, and place your hand of blessing on my head. You love me. You are holding my right hand. You will keep on guiding me all my life with your wisdom and counsel. I shall live forever in your tabernacle; oh, to be safe beneath the shelter of your wings! How greatly to be envied are those you have chosen to come and live with you within the holy tabernacle courts! What joy awaits us among all the good things there.

“He gives families to the lonely. Now you belong to Christ Jesus, and though you were once far from God, now you have been brought very near to him because of what Jesus Christ has done for you with his blood. Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country. Jesus replied, ‘I will reveal myself to those who love me and obey me. The Father will love them too, and we will come to them and live with them. Look! I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.’ He has put his own Holy Spirit into our hearts as a proof to us that we are living with him and he with us. God is love, and anyone who lives in love is living with God and God is living in him.

“Just as the mountains surround and protect Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds and protects his people. The Lord God says, ‘Although I have scattered you in the countries of the world, yet I will be a sanctuary to you for the time that you are there.’ Be sure of this, that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”

DXer OF THE MONTH



Sergey's well-equipped listening post

For the first time we are happy to introduce a DXer from eastern Europe to our ANDEX membership. Sergey Borisov has been an active DXer for the past six years and his interest in shortwave goes back even further. Sergey lives in Russia's second-largest city, Leningrad. With a population of several million people, the city is one of the industrial centers of the U.S.S.R. It is situated about 400 miles northwest of Moscow, right at the eastern end of the Gulf of Finland. Leningrad was formerly the capital of Russia. It is famous for its many beautiful old public buildings, palaces, museums, and art galleries.

Sergey uses two receivers in his DX corner. One of these is a Urals-112 domestic radio made in the U.S.S.R. The other is a Spidola-252 transistorized portable made in Latvia. With these two receivers, and using both indoor and outdoor antennas, he has verified 172 stations in 83 countries. He does most of his listening during the early morning hours or in the evenings, from 0200 to 0600 and again from 1800 to 2200 GMT. Even with his busy schedule as a student he finds time for two hours or more of shortwave listening each day. Other DXing gear include a tape recorder, earphones, and the latest WRTH. He is also interested in pop music, post cards, LP recordings, pennant collecting, hockey, and soccer. It would appear that Sergey leads a very active and varied life.

A year ago Sergey became a member of ANDEX and received membership No. 2982. He is one of several members living in eastern Europe. He has joined a number of other clubs including the Radio Portugal DX Club, Radio Berlin International DX Club, Radio Budapest Shortwave Club, Polskie Radio DX Club, Radio Prague Monitor

Club, Radio Tallinn DX Club, Radio Bucharest Listeners Club, and the BBC World Radio Club. He also serves as an official monitor for the Adventist World Radio and WYFR.

We were glad when Sergey sent us three pictures of himself and his shortwave equipment. The picture reproduced here bears witness to his successful DXing activities. The cards and pennants hanging above his receiver, the Urals-112, come from stations scattered all over the world. We trust listening conditions in Leningrad will continue to be good for Sergey Borisov during the coming months and years. We are glad he is a member of our club!

FRIENDSHIP FEATURE

For some time we have felt a need to help ANDEX members become acquainted with each other. A recent letter from Peter J. Spaziano emphasized this need. He wrote that he would like to correspond with others who are interested in DXing and in HCJB. What better solution than to start a friendship with another ANDEX member!

It does not seem practical to try to publish a complete ANDEX membership list. It would be very expensive and would require constant revision. Also, many members would probably not be interested. So, we have decided to include, with each of our ANDEX mailings, a listing of members who desire to make new friends. Only the names of those members who specifically request this service will be included. As requests are received, the lists of names will be made up, and as many as possible will be included with the next regular mailing.

If you would like to have your name and address included in such a list so that other ANDEX members will be free to write to you, let us know. Of course, you will be able to write to those whose names are listed even though you might not want your own name in the list. Send a letter, telling us of your desire, to ANDEX, Box 691, Quito, Ecuador.

As a start, here is the name of the one who spurred us on to this new ANDEX service. Why not write him a letter and get the ball rolling? He is 19 years of age.

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HCJB SISTER STATION



Stan Swanson, KVMV-FM engineer

Take a man with a dream, surround him with willing workers, be certain of God's approval, season with the prayers of faith, and you must see success. In 1966 KVMV-FM was formed in the mind of John Pankratz, a missionary living on the Mexican border. John, with the help of several Christian businessmen and ministers, formed the Rio Grande Family Radio Fellowship, Inc. with the intent of establishing a Christian radio station. The original idea of an AM station had to be dropped, so application was made for an FM permit.

Months of planning were filled with hard work on the part of many volunteers. Many obstacles were faced. A cross section of the residents of the area was surveyed to determine the interests and needs of the people to be served. Another community survey was made of business, professional, and working people to find out which community problems should be covered by the new station, musical and non-musical preferences, and seeking suggestions for types of programs which might serve the public interest. A strong desire was expressed from the beginning to serve the needs and interests of the potential listening audience. The population of McAllen, Texas, was becoming aware that something exciting was about to happen in local radio.

On March 9, 1972, the phantom radio station had finally hurdled the many obstacles and became a reality. It went on the air at 3:15 P.M. using the call letters, KVMV-FM, and operating on a frequency of 96.9 MHz. The station was licensed under the legal name of the Rio Grande Family Radio Fellowship, Inc. and continues to operate under that name. The RGFRF, Inc. is incorpor-

ated as a non-denominational, religious, non-commercial, non-profit, Texas corporation.

In 1978 KVMV-FM became affiliated with the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc. which operates HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. This has been a big step forward for KVMV-FM. Dr. Abe Van Der Puy, president of the WRMF, Inc., is now also president of the RGFRF, Inc. Mr. & Mrs. Stan Swanson, who formerly served with HOXO, a station in Panama affiliated with HCJB, are currently working in McAllen, Texas. Mr. & Mrs. Hardy Hayes, also former workers with HCJB, have now joined the staff. Hardy is the present station manager at KVMV-FM. He was also the person who started the DX Party Line broadcast on HCJB while he was working in Quito a little over eighteen years ago.

KVMV-FM is located in the corner of a cotton field and is presently broadcasting nine hours a day with programming in both English and Spanish. The station covers a fifty-mile radius with an ERP of 100,000 watts. This includes most of the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and northeast Mexico, a growing area with approximately 1,000,000 inhabitants. The station uses an RCA transmitter with an output of 20 kw. A 280-foot tower supports a ten-bay, circular-polarized antenna.

With the installation of Hardy Hayes as the new station manager in June, 1979, many changes have been made in English and Spanish programming, broadcast hours, personnel, and music format. Mr. Hayes is reported by those who work with him to be one who knows and loves radio. He is eager to learn the idiosyncrasies of the unique valley culture so that KVMV-FM will become a success as it ministers to people in two languages. Mr. Hayes applies Christian principles as he works with members of the staff, both missionary and volunteer, and as a result a strong team spirit of unity is being developed. The management is presently investigating the possibility of operating two separate stations. One would serve the English audience and the other would beam programs in Spanish into Mexico.

The dream of 1966 has become a reality and success is being seen. Priorities are being kept in their proper relationship. Above all, Jesus Christ is being exalted. All of us at HCJB are happy with this new sister station and are glad to have a share in its operation.