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**CBN NEWS CHANNEL
24/7 on the World Wide Web**



Far Beyond Our Borders

by MICHAEL LITTLE

Because *The 700 Club* is so popular here, people may think our primary audience is in America. But over 60 percent of CBN's viewers are outside the U.S.!

For example, in French-speaking West Africa, our programs like *Le Club 700* are aired in French on 43 stations in 17 countries. There isn't a TV in every home, but there's one in almost every village – and people gather excitedly to watch CBN programming.

Recently, I traveled to West Africa and met Ivory Coast's president, Laurent Gbagbo, who is a believer. When I asked how we could help his country, he asked us to pray for him and for his nation. I am so thankful that through your prayers and support, you are proclaiming hope across his nation, throughout Africa, and around the world.



African villagers gather to watch *The 700 Club*.

NEW ON CBN.COM

Test-drive CBN TV today!

Check out the new and easy way to access all the resources available on CBN.com.



CBN Live features a variety of CBN programs, including *The 700 Club*, *Christian World News*, *NewsWatch*, and other exciting CBN productions.



CBN Español offers Spanish-language content from CBN's ministries around the world, including *Club 700 Hoy* and *Mundo Cristiano*.



CBN News Channel delivers news 24/7 with updated morning, midday, afternoon, and evening programs – plus, special features from *The 700 Club*.

Do you know someone who needs encouragement today? Send them a faith-building story like the ones below, from CBN.com. It's easy. Just click on CBN TV.

Watch Now!



Rick and Sandi: Recovering from a financial setback

After their finances took a \$100,000 hit, Rick and Sandi tried an extraordinary plan that led to growth in the millions.

Val: Second breath of life

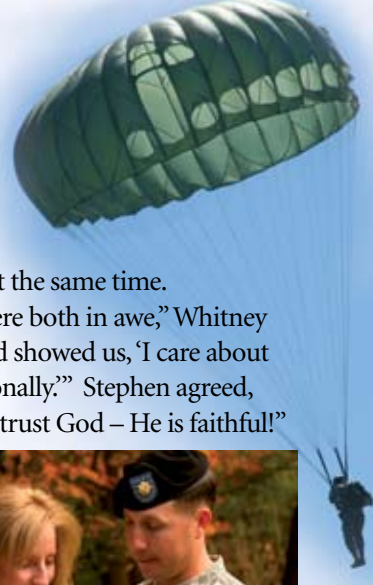
Val suffered three heart attacks and had no brain activity. See what happened when her family removed her from life support and asked God to take over.



Josh: Free to live

Could Josh forgive his drug-addicted father? Not until he realized that his own hatred was hurting him worse than his dad's addiction. Find out what transformed his life and how you can be set free too.

“I made my peace with God” Divine Intervention Saves Paratrooper



Some people want to fly planes. Stephen, a U.S. Army paratrooper, wants to jump out of them.

“I’m an adrenaline junkie,” he said. “I just love the thrill it gives you when you jump out of a plane going 130 mph.”

Sometimes the thrill – and the danger – happen apart from the jump. Such was the case one day when Stephen’s plane began experiencing mechanical problems. “The pilot told us, ‘We’ve got a problem with the flaps – prepare for an emergency landing,’” he recalled.

Death was a real possibility, so Stephen did the only thing he knew to do. He prayed. “I made my peace with God,” he said. “I asked Him to protect my family.” Stephen didn’t know that at that very moment, a CBN prayer counselor had called his wife, Whitney, asking if she had a prayer request. Together they prayed for Stephen’s safety. Miraculously, with the landing strip in sight, the plane’s flaps began to work and the pilot landed safely. Only later did Stephen and Whitney learn that they had been

praying at the same time.

“We were both in awe,” Whitney said. “God showed us, ‘I care about you personally.’” Stephen agreed, “You can trust God – He is faithful!”



CBN partners Stephen and Whitney thank God for answering their life-saving prayers.

OPERATION BLESSING

Karen Returns a Blessing

CBN partners cared for her - now she helps others

It’s tough enough for a working mother to raise a family – for a single mom with a sick child, it’s almost impossible.

When Karen’s youngest son began suffering from a series of health problems, she had to miss a lot of work to take care of him. She lost her job and, with it, the ability to feed her family.

That’s when she turned to House of Blessing, a ministry of Harvest Assembly of God in Chesapeake, Virginia. Because of the generosity of CBN partners, Karen was able to feed her children and keep her apartment. She even began volunteering at House of Blessing, and she was eventually given a full-time job there.

Karen went from needing food to helping supply it. “I love it!” she said. “What an honor to be helping others who are in need, just like I was.” Thank you, CBN partners, for keeping the Hunger Strike Force trucks on the road each week, delivering over 2 million pounds of food and supplies to 110 community partners across the U.S.



Karen now works with the food ministry that helped her during her time of need.

AS SEEN ON THE 700 CLUB

The Night Brittany Saw Jesus

Mother’s prayer moves God’s hand

It didn’t seem possible that Jamie’s 5-year-old daughter, Brittany, was at the brink of death. She suffered with epileptic seizures and when her brain began to seize uncontrollably, the doctors said nothing could be done to help. Brittany was sent home to die.

Jamie spent a sleepless night praying desperately for her daughter’s recovery. To her amazement, the next morning Brittany began to speak. She described seeing Jesus:



Years later, Brittany still remembers the day Jesus healed her.

“He had bright eyes, like fire; there were bright lights and angels everywhere.” Jamie took Brittany back to the doctor, where tests confirmed the little girl had been totally healed.

Now in college, Brittany remembers what she saw that night:

“The glory of God shone all around Him ... and you just felt so peaceful.”

Thank you, CBN partners, for making it possible to tell Brittany’s inspiring story on *The 700 Club*. Because of you, millions are hearing about God’s healing power.



CBN INTERACTIVE

Download *The 700 Club!*

Watch Pat, Terry, Kristi, and Gordon on your iPod as they bring you amazing stories and celebrity interviews. Simply go to CBN.com and click on the Podcast icon.

CBN News: Standing for

CBN takes the news 24/7 on the World Wide



**DAVID
BRODY**

David Brody
CBN News Correspondent

On Mission: We as Christians need to stand for biblical principles. As a journalist, I don't feel the need to play a "gotcha" game with liberals. They have a story to tell and I make sure their voices and opinions are heard.

On Family: My wife has supported me 100 percent and has been invaluable in providing important and sound advice over the years. We have been married almost 21 years now and have three children, ages 17, 15 and 6.

**LEE
WEBB**

Lee Webb
CBN News Anchor

On Mission: It's been a privilege to work at CBN for the last 15 years. But even more gratifying is the privilege I have of working with folks who want to glorify God through their work.

On Family: Donna, my wife of 28 years, is a gem that only God could have provided. And few things have given me more pleasure than to watch my children, ages 26, 23 and 18, continue to follow Christ and anchor themselves in His Church.

**WENDY
GRIFFITH**

Wendy Griffith
CBN News Co-Anchor

On Mission: My mission at CBN is to do stories that give God glory. I love praying before every newscast. We acknowledge that without Christ, we can do nothing! Our viewers have a place to turn for truth and answers they can't get anywhere else.

On Family: I'm from "wild and wonderful" West Virginia, and I'm the oldest of 5 children. I went to church as a child, but recommitted my life to Christ as a young adult.

Truth

Web



GEORGE THOMAS

George Thomas
CBN News Senior Reporter

On Mission: My mission is to pursue truth from a biblical perspective – to be salt and light in a dark place. There’s a constant drumbeat of negative news today. I want to be a good journalist and also have a redemptive effect and provide hope through my reporting.

On Family: I was born in India but lived most of my life in Central and East Africa, in areas where Christianity was repressed. My folks have returned to India and are in full-time ministry.

“CBN News has a grand tradition of seeking the truth, playing it straight, and delivering a perspective that can’t be found anywhere else”

~ ROB ALLMAN, CBN NEWS DIRECTOR

Our nation is engaged in a colossal information shift. Newspaper readership has declined by 40 percent since the early 1990s, and viewership of network television news has fallen by nearly 50 percent. More people now get their news from the Internet rather than newspapers. Online news is second only to television, according to the Pew Research Center.

Though television as a source of news ranks No. 1, a recent Harris Survey of network-news viewers revealed a huge credibility gap: 92 percent of Americans surveyed said that networks shape or manipulate news reports to their own agendas. Viewers also noted a prevalence of stories with a negative slant. “People want more positive, inspiring stories, and many feel that because networks don’t want to offend anyone, God has been squeezed off the airwaves,” said John Turver, CBN’s vice president of marketing.

CBN News fills the credibility gap

With more than 19 million loyal viewers each month, *CBN News* is often first to report significant stories that other networks overlook – such as the slave trade in Sudan and the rise of Christianity in China. *CBN News* is uniquely positioned to take news reporting to the next level with the new 24-hour CBN News Channel carried worldwide by CBN.com. “We stand for truth – an objective view – presenting both sides,” Turver said.

Around the clock and around the world, CBN News Channel offers news and more

The CBN News Channel carries breaking news, national news, and world news throughout the day, from 8 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday. On weekends, the network carries CBN documentaries and in-depth features on health, finance, the Middle East, energy, and the regular broadcasts of *The 700 Club* and *Christian World News*.

HOW TO WATCH CBN NEWS

1 LOG ON TO CBN.COM

2 CLICK ON CBN TV

3 CLICK ON CBN NEWS CHANNEL



GLOBAL IMPACT

Look at what you are doing around the world:

During a recent month:

AFRICA

- 18,978 decisions for Christ were made through 113 ministry events

CIS (the former Soviet Union)

- *The 700 Club* is broadcast weekly to a potential audience of 24 million people.

INDIA

- 85 wells were drilled, benefiting 34,450 villagers
- 45,562 people received medical care through 110 clinics



Dima, in Ukraine

UKRAINE

- Hopelessly paralyzed and confined to a bed in a home for the disabled for five years, Dima's life changed when CBN partners made possible two life-changing surgeries, arranged by Operation Blessing, that enabled him to walk again.

INDONESIA

- 762 people accepted Christ through CBN's prayer center

LATIN AMERICA

- "I was a drug addict when I first contacted your prayer center. Thank you for guiding me to accept Christ. I have such peace and I'm drug free and my whole family is now saved."
~ Martinez, in Peru



CBN NEWS EXCLUSIVE by GEORGE THOMAS, CBN News Senior Reporter

China Discovers America's Secret

Chinese economist says Christianity is key to success

When China's Communist Party members met recently at the National Congress in Beijing, President Hu Jintao did something that had never been done before. He added the word "religion" to the Communist Party constitution.

"The window in China is opening more and more," said Zhao Xiao, a top Chinese economist. Zhao was an atheist and a former Communist Party official when he traveled to the U.S. in 2002 on a research assignment. What he found changed his life forever.

"After my trip I wrote an essay titled 'Market Economies With Churches and Market Economies Without Churches,'" he explained. "I discovered that Christianity was the reason for America's success." His essay became one of the most widely read articles on economic reform. He later converted to Christianity after reading the Bible.

"I meet people in the upper echelons of government and I tell them that China will prosper and be a blessing to the world if it embraces the message of the cross," Zhao said.

And there's evidence that the government is taking a closer look at how Christianity and other religions can create what party officials call a more "harmonious society."

Watch George Thomas' exclusive video report on CBN.com.

For years, CBN partners have been demonstrating the love of God to people throughout China. Through water wells and cisterns, medical outreaches, school tuition programs, food, and clothing, CBN partners have been preparing Chinese hearts to receive the Good News. Please continue to pray for the people of China.



Pat Robertson visits a CBN-supported school in China.

Toxic Fat

Are you in danger?

Left unchecked, toxic fat in your bloodstream can bring disease

Dr. Barry Sears, Ph.D., creator of the Zone Diet, says the typical American diet consists of too much omega-6 fatty acids, too many refined carbohydrates, and too little omega-3 fatty acids found in fish oil.

This can lead to a "perfect nutritional storm," creating an epidemic of inflammation caused by increased levels of toxic fat in the bloodstream.

Once inflammation builds in the bloodstream, due to toxic fat running through it, the result is called "toxic fat syndrome." If left unchecked, it can cause an acceleration of chronic diseases like:



- Allergies
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Type-2 diabetes
- Alzheimer's, and more.

Reverse toxic fat syndrome with omega-3 fatty acids found in fish oil.

In his book, *Toxic Fat: When Good Fat Turns Bad*, Dr. Sears

assures readers that toxic fat syndrome can begin to be reversed in less than 30 days through a combination of a diet of low-fat protein and low glycemic-load carbohydrates, plus high doses of fish-oil. For more information, visit CBN.com and read our special report: "Reverse Toxic Fat." You'll find a quiz you can take to see if toxic fat may be present in your system. And CBN.com has other important health information that can improve your life.

Honoring Our Mothers Memories of My Mother

"Her prayers followed me wherever I went"

by PAT ROBERTSON



Washington, D.C. society in the 1930s seemed tailor-made for my mother,

Gladys Churchill Robertson. A beautiful and gracious Southern belle, she was a credit to the rising political career of my father, who was then a United States representative from Virginia. As the world plunged headlong into the Second World War, my mother reached a crisis of a different nature in her personal life. In a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ, my mother was born again. As she studied Scripture and learned about Jesus, she



Gladys Churchill Robertson

desired that I would come to know Jesus too.

Her prayers followed me wherever I went – in the Marine Corps, in law school, and later when I entered business in New York City. I eventually grew disillusioned with my work. My mother told me, "Pat, God has a plan for your life, and you will never be happy until you

are in the center of that plan." I hoped to fill the spiritual void I felt by becoming a minister.

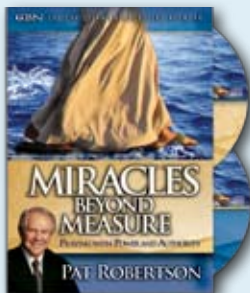
Mother was delighted to hear the news, but said, "There's no use going into the ministry, Pat, unless you've first surrendered your life to Him." Wisely, she put me in touch with Cornelius Van de Bragen, a missionary who led me to the Lord.

Soon I began to appreciate what a prayer warrior

Mother was. While I was struggling to secure finances to launch CBN, she was interceding and had a vision of God providing everything we needed. As events unfolded, even Mother was amazed at the prophetic nature of her vision.

Over the years, God has provided for CBN in truly miraculous ways – just as my mother had been shown.

Never lowering her standards of witness, testimony or prayer, she had been privileged to look into the very heart of God. And in God's faithfulness, He revealed His intentions to my faithful, praying mother.



Coming soon!

MIRACLES BEYOND MEASURE

The latest teaching from Pat and Gordon Robertson.

Watch your mail for details.

A CBN Partner Exclusive

THE 700 CLUB IN CANADA

Praying for Revival

by GEORGE WOODWARD, President of The Christian Broadcasting Associates

New Brunswick was named for its original German settlers. Its religious background is 54% Roman Catholic, 11% Baptist, and 10% United Church of Canada. The capital, Fredericton, is home to two major universities and has a Francophone population of 32%.

Prince Edward Island was named in honour of Prince Edward, the father of Queen Victoria. It is the smallest in land mass and population of all provinces. Of the 93% English-speaking residents, 47% are Roman Catholic, 20% are United Church of Canada, and 5% are Anglican. It is connected to the mainland by the 12.9 km Confederation Bridge.

God is not wanting any to perish and is yearning for revival in the hearts of all those in this magnificent province. Please join with us as we pray for them.



New Brunswick



- **Capital:** Fredericton
- **Population:** 747,302
- **Joined Confederation:** 1867
(one of the founding provinces)

Prince Edward Island



- **Capital:** Charlottetown
- **Population:** 139,818
- **Joined Confederation:** 1867

Serve the Lord With Gladness ~ PSALM 100:2

Experiencing the joy of the Lord by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer

Recently, I spent the weekend meditating on what it means to serve the Lord with gladness. It's so easy to get caught up in the day to day of living that we completely lose our joy. As I studied the Scriptures, I began to see over and over again how joy leads to fruitfulness. Joy leads to creativity. Joy leads to strength. The fact is, God created us for joy. Psalm 100 goes on to tell us: *Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.* As our Father, He rejoices when His children are able to have joy and gladness of heart.

In 1 Chronicles 16, we read the account of King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem. It was a day of great celebration and joy. The Bible tells us that *David danced before the LORD with all his might.* Then in the middle of Chapter 16, David's song of praise is recorded. It's in this psalm that we find some important keys to experiencing joy: *Oh, give thanks to*

the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

The first key we find is to ... *give thanks.* Sometimes that's hard to do. We want to tell God all the things that are going wrong. But instead, God wants us to give thanks in everything. I'm reminded of my early time in Manila, when "things going wrong" was a daily occurrence. It was then that I came up with this phrase: "Without any struggles, there would be no victories." Obstacles lead to overcoming, and overcoming leads to joy.

Another important key is to ... *make known His deeds ... talk of all His wondrous works!* Why do we review the wonderful things God has done? It builds our faith. We can be assured that He will help us again. Except this time, He'll be even more creative! He will always find a way to deliver us. Instead of talking about our problems, talk about His wonderful works. Have you noticed

that when you start talking about God's power and provision, your problems start getting smaller?

As you find joy remembering the things that the Lord has done for you, start singing – even if all you can do is make a joyful noise. Paul told us in Colossians 3:16, *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Today, may your day be filled with praise. Spend time meditating on the psalm of David in 1 Chronicles 16, and let the joy of the Lord fill your life. Then you will be able to "serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing."

All Scripture is from the NKJV.

GORDON ROBERTSON is Chief Executive Officer of CBN. He also co-hosts CBN's original flagship program, *The 700 Club*, and is actively involved in all aspects of CBN television and Internet programming.



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