

AHOBAN - more than a radio program!

Dear Christian Friend.

Evangelism is at the heart of everything Global Outreach does. The heartbeat of this organization – from its very beginning – and my heart too - is all about being a VOICE OF THE GOSPEL. That is certainly true with the AHOBAN broadcast – which today is much more than a radio program!!

At the heart of our ministry to the impoverished people of Bangladesh and West Bengal, India is AHOBAN - a daily broadcast following the morning news! Each morning the Gospel is preached to people gathered around radios in the most unlikely places.



Listeners write in – enroll in correspondence courses – accept Christ – and some of these converts have gone on to become pastors and evangelists and now are a voice of the Gospel in their own communities! The results are amazing!

A listener recently wrote – these are her own words:

"I hope and believe that you are all keeping well by His grace. I am a regular listener of your AHOBAN program. I am really blessed and feel His presence in my heart when I carefully listen to the Word of God through your Radio. I get peace, power and patience by reading and meditating (on) the book sent by you."

This letter is representative of how God is using this broadcast to bring people to Christ and then see them grow in their faith and mature in Christ.

Last year we have received 261 letters and around 440 phone calls from the listeners. 602 individuals enrolled in the correspondence course. Through the correspondence course and listeners rallies, 325 accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We have written 730 letters to the listeners, answering various questions.



All of this and more is under the direction of Pradyot and Deepali Mondal - our missionaries who direct the AHOBAN RADIO PROGRAM - and so many other ministries to children, their parents - anyone who will listen to the voice of the Gospel.



Each month it is thrilling to see how God blesses this radio broadcast. I am writing today to share all that God is doing because of this radio ministry which is reaching the **FOURTH LARGEST LANGUAGE GROUP IN THE WORLD** - the **BENGALI** language!

ONE OUTREACH WAS A PEACE FESTIVAL at Keorapukur CNI church where 1000 people heard the gospel. All the pastors, leaders, evangelists and laymen were blessed and spiritually benefited. We had an exhibit where gospel videos, books, cassettes and Bibles were made available.

A GOSPEL RALLY ON THE ROOFTOP of our office - 65 men and children came and **each was enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course.**

THERE IS ALSO OUR MISSION SCHOOL - in the new academic session **55 new children have enrolled in our school** that has over 500 students.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS HAVE PROVEN TO BE A MAGNET FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES - the kids love it in Bangladesh just as they do around the world:

130 children at the Church on Chandrakona Road last summer - spiritual results are still occurring from this ministry!

VBS at Bamanpukur Global Mission School - 116 children participated. The children enjoyed it - learned new songs, had fun doing crafts and heard Bible stories. **The parents were so amazed and asked us why we are not conducting the VBS twice a year?**

At Hastings Chapel at Khidderpur, the VBS was for street and slum children. Almost 200 children attended. On the last day the parents came and we were able to share the Gospel with them. **25 PARENTS ACCEPTED CHRIST!**



On the Island of Sunderbans, more than 100 children – all from Hindu families attended a rally – for the first time sang Christian songs - heard the Gospel – listened to Bible stories and later attended a Vacation Bible School at Kakdip Church.

Samaritan's Purse provided 100 of their "shoeboxes" and each child in our Bible Club was absolutely delighted when we gave them out at Amanpukur and Keorapukur.



At an AHOBAN youth "radio listener rally" at Chandra Kona Road Church 130 young people attended. Some of them have already completed the correspondence course.

A Gospel video, which included our choir team and 3 established singers, was produced for the Bengali speaking people in Bangladesh and West Bengal. It will be telecast through the cable TV network and sold to our radio listeners and to churches.



This past December we had a Christmas rally with the children of the AHOBAN Bible Club and the Global Outreach Mission School. Many parents of the children took part in that program and heard the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Another listener writes:

Good news I want to let you know that I got a job as post master at a post office. I thank God for this. Sad news - I had an accident a couple of months ago and had to take bed rest for 2 months. Please pray for me so that God may heal me completely. And also pray for my new job so that I may achieve success. I am regularly listening to the AHOBAN program and growing in Him personally. Yours truly, Tapan Basak

These are real people - hearing the real Gospel for the first time - they face real problems – and find peace in Jesus Christ as they learn about His love!

Your gift to this incredible ministry is vitally important. As I write this letter, we need \$32,000 for radio time, program production, and the undergirding of these ministries. The correspondence courses, the letters, the rallies, the Vacation Bible Schools require a huge effort on the part of our missionaries. Your gift right now will help so much as we enter this important summer time of ministry and outreach.

The following account of one of the listeners is quite amazing:

"Ashim Naskar, 52 years old, is drunken man. Every evening he used to drink and abuse his wife and children. Our evangelist, Pramananda, frequently visited him and encouraged him to stop drinking and give his life to Christ. **RECENTLY HE ACCEPTED CHRIST** and stopped drinking! Now there is peace in his family and they regularly listen to our AHOBAN program and are growing in the Lord."

That response alone is worth the hard work and financial investment. Think of it – **THE VOICE OF THE GOSPEL** – a program called AHOBAN – in a far away land you have probably never visited – yet together we can bring the Gospel to people who have written these letters!

Your gift now is important – and your prayer support for all that God is doing through our missionaries here is gratefully appreciated!

Sincerely in His Matchless Name,



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P.S. The Lord has blessed this broadcast over the last 36 years. It is the most effective ministry that Global Outreach Mission has for the cause of Jesus Christ.



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