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From Communications
and Fundraising Officer,
Richard Nottingham



Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. – Ephesians 3:20

I was recently reminded by a listener of how Jesus prayed into the storm. What a wonderful example we have at TWR of perseverance for the kingdom – in spite of the odds and with God using the most surprising situations.

It is more than 35 years since Bertie Dosti stumbled upon Trans World Radio while working in the military for the strictly atheist communist regime in Albania. Captain Dosti began listening out for enemy signals but ended up coming to faith, planting churches, and even broadcasting Christian radio programmes! In this latest edition of *Listening World* we are delighted to tell a part of Bertie's incredible story.

We're also pleased to update you on our forthcoming schedule and brand new in-house productions. As a charity and listener-supported station these are only made possible through your generosity and regular support, and we are immensely grateful for how **TWR-UK** is underpinned by YOU – the very people blessed by our output.

Finally, I am delighted to share that James Maidment-Fullard has become the new Chief Executive Officer of TWR-UK. James has led the production team for many years from our Manchester studios, and we are very grateful for his leadership and vision as he now leads the organisation forward. Do pray for James as he stewards the team and works with the trustees to further this valuable ministry.

Thank you so much for your prayer, thank you for your support, thank you for partnering with us in the Gospel.

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The Albanian Army Captain Who Risked Everything

Berti Dosti grew up in 1980s Albania, then the world's most isolated country. After training as an elite army radio captain, Berti was put in charge of monitoring the airwaves for foreign enemy signals until, with a providential turn of the radio dial, he heard a forbidden broadcast that would transform his life and ultimately spread Gospel hope across what was a strictly atheist communist regime.

Here is some of Berti's story as told by John Butterworth in *God's Secret Listener*:

"If you want to find out more about God we will meet again tomorrow," said the presenter, one night in late 1989.

Berti was intrigued; but dare he take the chance? It was bad enough to be caught watching a cowboy film in Italian, but to be found listening to a Christian radio programme would be a

second, and far more serious, offence. God was never mentioned while he was at school, so why should a 15-minute programme from the enemy in the West intrigue him? To this day he doesn't know why, although "something deep down was telling me to listen." He added: "Religion was a total mystery, but I wanted to find out more, particularly about creation."

Berti knew the risks of being caught, losing his job and the effect on his family, especially as by now Berti and Tatjana had a second child, a son Dorian, born on April 23, 1988. So, he decided to talk to Tatjana about the idea.

"I was worried," she admitted, "but I have always supported Berti and knew he would be very careful."

Berti thought it was a risk worth taking, and remembering what had happened in the TV incident, he used his military brain to reduce as many of the dangers as possible.

He knew the programme came on at 8.45pm when he would again be alone on the base with just a soldier on guard duty.

Firstly, he checked the soldier was on duty at the entrance to the base and told him to phone through immediately if there were any visitors.

Then he walked into his office, which was only about 10ft by 10ft and was full of radios, and carefully shut the door. At least he would hear anyone coming into his office this time. He went to his desk, put on his headphones, and settled back to tune in to Trans World Radio. With the TV, there was no remote control so he could not change channels easily if someone walked in.

However, with the radio, he could move the dial easily. Even better if someone did see him with his headphones on, as he did most of the day when he was on duty, they would presume he was doing his job of protecting Albania's defences from a surprise attack.

The programme asked 'Who is God?' a question Berti had never considered before. The presenter finished by saying: If you want to find out more, write to me, Luan Mateu at PO Box 349, Monte Carlo, Monaco.

However, it was a while before Berti would pluck up courage and write to the radio station. What he didn't know then and would find out much later was that the address was a postbox for Trans World Radio and Luan Mateu was a nom-de-plume. He was, in fact, Sali Rahmani, an Albanian born in Kosovo, who was now recording the programmes in England where he worked for the European Christian Mission...

Another early letter writer to ECM via Trans World Radio was Berti. As well as providing a good business, one of the other advantages of

the kiosk was that it was a safe postal address for his correspondence to ECM through Trans World Radio.

"What are you interested in?" they wrote back after one of his letters in 1990. "I want to know more about God," said Berti. "The answers are in the Bible," they said. "What is the Bible?" replied Berti, who then asked for one to be sent to him, which they did.

Trans World Radio and ECM also recommended a correspondence course to him, which he persuaded another friend, Kashmiri, a Kosovan engineer at a food factory, to translate...

One day Kashmiri warned Berti: "You had better be careful, people are watching you."

"I hope they are," replied a confident Berti, "I hope they find God."

Berti ended up becoming a key Christian leader and pastor in Albania; the call on his life coming into fruition just as the regime of a now deceased Enver Hoxha fell in the early 1990s. This enabled Berti to plant key churches in Albania, while he even went on to record and broadcast Christian programmes on Radio 7 – launched by TWR and local group **Waves of the Gospel** in 2002.

You can read the full story in John Butterworth's book: *God's Secret Listener*, available at 10ofthose.com



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TWRBIBLE

Midnight to 6am

00.00 Max McLean reads the Bible -
pure and simple!



TWRINSPIRE

6am to 12noon

*Join Amy Oakley for inspirational Bible teaching to edify
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6.00 Leading the Way
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6.50 Search for Truth
7.05 Today with J. John
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8.00 The Bible Explored with Rico Tice
8.30 Moody Presents
9.00 All Souls Langham Place
9.30 Renewing Your Mind with R. C. Sproul
9.56 The Sermon
10.10 Know the Truth Weekend
10.35 Living a Legacy
11.00 Steve Brown Etc.

TWRLIFE

12noon to 6pm

*Join Dave Piper for programmes with encouragement
and challenge for the whole family!*

12.00 The Bible Study Hour
12.26 Building Relationships
1.15 HomeWord Weekend
2.03 Team Jesus
2.10 Treasure Box
2.25 Commission
2.40 Paws & Tales
3.10 The Isle of Lewis Revival Story
3.25 Why I'm a Christian
3.40 First Person
4.05 Truth for Life Weekend
4.30 The Same Commission
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6.00 Word Alive from GNBA
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6.55 TWR Wavelength
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- 6.30 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 6.55 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
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12noon to 6pm

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- 12.00 News from our Manchester Studios
- 12.30 Focal Point with Mike Fabarez
- 12.55 Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll
- 1.25 A Different Perspective with Berni Dymet
- 1.35 In Touch with Charles Stanley
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TWR **CHOICE**

6pm to Midnight

Dave Piper presents TWR favourites to help you in your daily walk with God.

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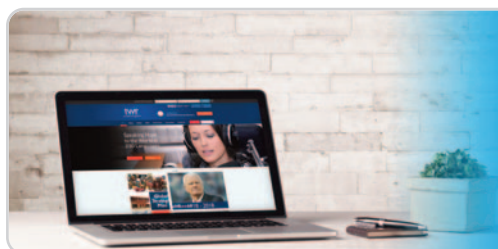
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In Your New Listening Guide

Kingdom Culture

Kingdom Culture highlights the difference Christians make to our culture, across different segments of society, and celebrating stories of God at work in our midst. Episodes feature guests from organisations like the **Association of Christian Teachers**, **Christian Medical Fellowship** and the **Christian Police Association**, looking at the barriers and opportunities facing believers in these settings, and how we can encourage one another to live by God's values, not society's.

**Tune in on Saturday 7am and Sunday 7pm
or listen at www.twr.org.uk/ondemand**



The Isle of Lewis Revival Story

The Isle of Lewis Revival Story presents an intriguing historical narrative on one of the most significant spiritual moves in the UK over the last century. The programme traces the events, people and spiritual dynamics of the revival, drawing out themes of prayer, repentance and renewal that can inspire the church in today's 'post-Christian society'. It offers both a compelling story and a reminder of what God can do in a community fully surrendered to Him.

**Tune in on Saturday 3.10pm and Sunday 3.10pm
or listen at www.twr.org.uk/ondemand**



Why I'm a Christian

A testimony driven series presenting clear, personal accounts of faith. Each episode centres on an individual's story - how they came to Christ, what sustains their faith, and how the Gospel shapes their daily life. *Why I'm a Christian* aims to provide accessible, authentic evangelistic content that speaks directly to listeners exploring or returning to the faith. Each guest is asked not only about their past experience but why, today, they remain devoted to Jesus.

**Tune in on Saturday 3.25pm and Sunday 3.25pm
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All programmes above available as podcasts on iTunes, Spotify, Radioplayer and YouTube.



TWR Bringing Hope in Venezuela's Earthquake

Twin earthquakes this summer have killed thousands of people in Venezuela and left tens of thousands homeless. Our TWR partners were inside their studios when the worst of the quakes struck in June but, praise the Lord, everyone made it out safely.

"There were six of us at the station, and we went through a terrifying moment," said Gabriel Fernandez, the executive director for **RTM Venezuela**. "But thank God, we all came out OK."

Somehow, TWR has continued to broadcast from its severely damaged offices in the city of Maracay, determined to share the good news at such a pressing time.

On the air, the station's personnel have offered special programmes letting people know where they can get help. And remarkably, the team also decided to join the relief effort on the ground, doing all it can to distribute food, water, Bibles and relief supplies to displaced families and rescue workers.

RTM Venezuela have focused particularly on civil defence personnel, providing breakfast meals, drinking water, knee pads, disposable gloves, safety helmets, reflective vests and tools as well as Bibles and evangelistic materials. Along with practical assistance, the team have made sure to take the time to listen to the needs of rescue workers and encourage them spiritually.

Back at base, radio producers have had to battle water leaks and structural issues compounded by heavy rains. Not to mention that both of the building's elevators are now out of service – and with **RTM Venezuela** situated on the eighth floor!

Nonetheless, the team has continued to work three days a week for five-hour shifts, dodging unpredictable power outages as much as possible.

That included carrying boxes of the *Alimento Para el Alma (Food for the Soul)* devotional down 14 flights of stairs – two flights and a landing between floors – to distribute to displaced families and rescue workers.

This is just one example of the team's dedication and perseverance at this extraordinary time, and **RTM Venezuela** is now asking the church to pray for the following:

- That the Lord would strengthen the team and keep them united as they serve amid significant daily challenges.
- God would grant them protection, wisdom and perseverance as they navigate ongoing infrastructure issues and frequent power outages.
- Resources would be provided to enable the team to continue to share the message of hope with faithfulness and joy.

♥ Thank you for keeping Venezuela in your prayers. ♥

The True King by Alistair Begg



This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

– Luke 22:20

Jesus fulfils God's promises and dispenses His every blessing. He has ushered in the new covenant and assumed His long-anticipated role as the true King. From Jesus, every blessing flows. Through Him, every promise is kept. To Him, all the glory is given.

Christians acknowledge these truths at the Communion table when we take the cup and remember that Jesus poured out His blood, the blood of the new covenant, for the forgiveness of our sins. On the cross, Jesus died to take the penalty that we deserve so that sinners, who do not deserve His mercy and grace, may enjoy the blessings of forgiveness.

This means that when we place our faith in Jesus, we may be sure that He has taken our sin and its judgment and given all His righteousness to us in exchange. Jesus died the death we deserve. He lived the perfect life we could not live. God has wrapped us up in the blanket of His forgiveness through the provision of His Son. We should never fail to be amazed that these things are true, by faith, of us.

The Old Testament prophets were clear: there was going to come a King who would be a descendant of David, and He would fulfil God's promises. He would establish God's rule, introduce a new age, and deal with the effects of evil. Jesus may not have looked much like a king as He hung on the cross, but it was His moment of greatest victory. And when Jesus strode out from the tomb, His resurrection declared that He was not simply the son of David but also the Son of God, able to conquer even the grave.

All authority rests with Him, and through Him flows an unending stream of grace and mercy. Only the one who is the source of such power can transform a heart and prove worthy of our souls' affections.

Jesus right now rules and reigns at the right hand of the Father, but He also reigns in the hearts of those who trust Him. There is no better day than today for the lost to give up their arms of rebellion, humbly bow before this worthy King, admit that He is the very Saviour they so desperately need, and ask Him to reign on the throne of their lives. Is Christ your King? Then as His subject, worship and praise Him, and as His ambassador, go and let others know about this hope you have found.

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You can listen to Alistair Begg every day on TWR-UK.

Tune in for *Truth for Life* at 11.10am, 5.10pm or 11.10pm each weekday; or at 4.05pm on Saturdays and Sundays.



Prayer Matters

Speaking Hope

From October to December we invite you to join us in praying for **TWR**'s ministry in different languages around the world and (at the weekends) in the UK.

PRAYER DIARY

MONDAYS

Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere, that those in repressive countries would draw on the example of Bertie Dosti and maintain the courage to stand up for their faith in spite of huge risk to their lives and families.

TUESDAYS

Pray for Albania, the churches planted by Bertie, and those who have supported and helped to grow his ministry over the years. Thank God for renewed religious freedom in the former communist country, and pray this would continue.

WEDNESDAYS

Pray for **RTM Venezuela** as the team continues to reach so many with the good news at a time of profound disruption and suffering as the country recovers from devastating earthquakes.

THURSDAYS

Pray for TWR's many programmes blessing millions around the world, including *Heralds of Hope*, *The Way of Righteousness*, *My Story With God*, *The Prophets*, *Women of Hope*, *Men of Courage* and *Every Man A Warrior*.

FRIDAYS

Continue to pray for people around the world who connect with us through **TWR360**. Pray they are encouraged as they listen to Bible teaching in their own heart languages; that souls will be saved and lasting fruit produced.

WEEKENDS

Please pray for TWR's ongoing work in the UK.

Praise God for the appointment of James Maidment-Fullard as CEO of **TWR-UK** and pray he would know the Holy Spirit's peace and power as he adjusts to his new responsibilities.

Pray for the whole **TWR-UK** team as they work with James, that the good news would always motivate and inspire day-to-day production and output.

Pray for new UK programmes *Kingdom Culture*, *Why I'm a Christian* and *The Isle of Lewis Revival Story* – that listeners will be blessed as they are broadcast from this month.

Prayer is the backbone of TWR – and we are so grateful that **you** stand alongside us in intercession! God delights to change people's lives and we are amazed and humbled that He allows TWR to be a part of it all.