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**Subject: Intercessors: Renewed attacks and Radio Stations.**

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Dear Saints

During the past couple of weeks we have received several reports from unrelated sources that prayer people, and specifically Prayer Leadership, in the Western Cape are generally suffering. It seems as if a new onslaught has hit the front ranks of the Lord's army. The reported problems ranged from financial difficulty and car accidents to confusion, isolation, illness, lethargy and blatant spiritual attacks.

What does this mean? It is generally felt that the Enemy - for some or other reason - feels threatened, and is trying to prevent God's people from doing the work of the ministry. It could also mean that breakthrough in one or two spiritual areas is at hand, and that the Enemy wants to avoid that at all cost.

So what are we to do? If you are one of those who are struggling at present, we would like to suggest the following:

1. In your prayer ministry, focus on what God has told you to do - and do that without budging one inch. The enemy wants to distract you. So keep on doing what you know is right, even if the nature of the attacks causes you not to feel like doing the Lord's work.
2. If you experience directionlessness in your spiritual life, take time out to listen to what the Lord has to say. Ask Him to refocus you.
3. The best Spiritual Warfare is to lead a holy life. If you need to repent - do it immediately. Don't wait.
4. Ask the Lord for a new boldness in your ministry. Ask the Lord for a new level of faith. Step out in faith.
5. Review the prophecies over your life. Remind the Lord of them.
6. Pray for your fellow pray-ers. It's amazing what this does for one's own situation.
7. Remember that you are not alone. You are part of a family - the BODY.

Below please find an article from the latest Christian Action Magazine.

For a number of years now, the enemy had relentlessly tried to take control of the air waves in our country. A couple of years ago, we had a huge issue on our hands when legislation was tabled in Parliament which would have enabled government to close down Christian Radio Stations. By the grace of God, that had been avoided.

Now, again, we see yet another strategy. Please read the article below and pray for our radio stations. They are doing an excellent work in the Lord's Kingdom. Let us be the Aarons and Hurs to support them in this time of crisis.

Blessings!

Eben Swart

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**The latest CHRISTIAN ACTION MAGAZINE is available on [Christianaction Website](#) or from Christian Action, PO Box 23632, Claremont, 7735, Cape Town.**

Here is one of the articles from the latest Christian Action Magazine:

**Threats to Christian Community Radio in SA**

8 community radio stations in the country are in danger of being taken off the air. ICASA, the government body which seeks to regulate the community radio stations, has withdrawn the licences for numerous, long established Christian radio stations, including Good News Community Radio. Please do pray for them.

Good News Community Radio is a ministry of Jivannadi Mission. Jivannadi has for over 20 years been reaching out to the Indian people of KwaZulu / Natal, with many Hindus and Muslims coming to Christ. Run by Rev. Greg Denysshchen, Jivannadi is a dynamic ministry which reaches out even beyond the borders of South Africa to Singapore, Sri Lanka and India. Greg recently returned from ministering amongst people in the north east of India, many of whose ancestors were cannibals, but amongst whom a tremendous move of God has brought many to faith in Christ.

Good News Community Radio is literally under fire, not only from the government, but by radicals in their community. Their broadcast tower with an illuminated cross on top, is riddled with bullet holes. They have had violent threats and need our encouragement, prayers and support.

The Independent Broadcasting Act, No. 153 of 1993, gave birth to community radio stations.

In 1994, the first community radio was granted a license to broadcast by the then Independent Broadcasting Authority (since renamed by ICASA after merging with the telecoms regulatory authority). By the end of 1995 there were over 80 community radio stations with one-year renewable licences. Good News Community Radio was one of the first and started broadcasting on 2 September 1995.

Since 1999 the regulatory authority has been granting four-year renewable licenses. As a common feature, it seems that, in competitive situations, the ICASA license has always been granted to the most affirmative action candidate, regardless of the criteria. This is certainly the case in the Durban region. The only way to remedy the situation is to bring an application in the High Court for the review of ICASA's decision. However, it is extremely difficult to win a review case in court unless the applicant can, at considerable cost, show to the High Court that there is clear evidence that ICASA failed to establish a rational link between the supplied facts, the reasons given for the refusal and the decision taken. If the applicant is successful in showing that ICASA has failed to establish such a link, the court will refer the matter back to ICASA for a new hearing as it is not the function of the court to grant licenses. (Such an order, however, does not mean that the applicant will be granted the license.)

Only one new four-year license has been issued to a Christian broadcaster. The application was unopposed in a rural area in Mpumalanga Province and is headed by a person who is physically disabled. No applicants with Christian orientation won in a competitive situation. The only "Christian" stations granted licenses were those who were unopposed in their applications. In terms of other criteria, like diversity, competence and community support for instance, most of the Christian stations are far stronger than the secular stations who were granted the licenses.

The High Court in Durban will be hearing the application of Good News Community Radio against the decision of ICASA, as well as ICASA's defence. Should GNCR win the case, the decision not to grant them a 4-year broadcasting license will be set aside. On the other hand, should the court rule that ICASA's decision stands, one of the oldest community radio stations in the new South Africa, a station with a flawless track record, would be summarily silenced!

For the last 9 years, Good News Community Radio (also called "GNCR") has broadcast from the studios at Shortlands, halfway between Tongaat and Verulam, on 98FM in the Durban area, KwaZulu/Natal. GNCR is known for being "The Family Station with the Good News every day". There are many people who tell of how they have been helped through this station. Through GNCR, families have been saved from shipwreck, husbands and wives have been reconciled, children have been empowered to stay pure, entrepreneurs have been given skills in their projects, many patients with AIDS have received hope and a new purpose in life, scores of community volunteers have been trained in AIDS home-based

care, people with disabilities have been strengthened through the GNCR disability club, patients have been encouraged and helped, crime (including crime against the pre-born children) has been curtailed, and, generally speaking, many people in the different communities have truly been developed - in becoming what they were intended to be.

There never was, during all these years of broadcasting, a complaint lodged against the station with ICASA. It is baffling to try to think how such a station - one that fulfilled its community-rooted mandate and was known to promote harmony and reconciliation - was not given a four-year license to continue broadcasting.

Despite the fact that tens of thousands of listeners again indicated their written support of and preference for GNCR, and despite the fact that many personally contacted ICASA's offices, to the extent that their telephone and fax machine were clogged, ICASA decided not to review their decision. This forced the GNCR community to initiate a legal battle against ICASA's ruling.

What is decided will determine the future of not just the station, but also the aspirations of the more than 90 000 listeners to GNCR. One is forced to ask the question: "Do 90 000 law-abiding citizens in South Africa not have a voice any more?!"

According to scientifically sound, community-based listeners' research (done in February 2003), there has been a steady increase in listenership to GNCR. Two thirds of the listeners are Indian people, while African people comprise one third.

While Good News Community Radio is a "community of interest" radio station and not a "geographic" radio station - in that it is representing the Christian community in the area of its broadcasting - its programming is of such nature and in such a spirit that nearly twenty percent (20%) of its listeners are of other faiths. This is a strong indicator of the station's cultural acceptance in the area.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

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