

THIS BROADCAST WILL BE HEARD IN EVERY STATE EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER — AND CUBA



Roberta Bousman, Ed's first wife passed away July 4, 1980, and we at GIJAPA wish to honor her and remember her by dedicating this issue of the GIJAPA newsletter in memory of her. She wrote the words and music to the theme song, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" for the radio broadcast. Ed searched for an appropriate song to use as a theme song and couldn't find one. Roberta said, "I'll write one." He said, "O.K. I started the broadcast with prayer and it will be sustained by prayer, so write something to do with prayer." You know the rest of the story as you read the words to the song, "God Is Just A Prayer Away". Ed is the voice that we all hear singing it when the radio broadcast comes on and ends. GIJAPA will begin 51 years broadcast this November 2012. Thank you for your gifts and prayers that has kept us on the airwaves, and made it possible for Ed to now be heard from COAST TO COAST.

LETTERS

Dear fellow workers of Christ,

We remember this first year of Ed Bousman's death with sore hearts, but are comforted in the knowledge that Ed is in peace with the Lord. On Tuesday 16th May 2011, Ed Bousman died in the hospital after a short final illness. We give thanks to God for him. Ed Bousman will be remembered for his strong courage as a disciple of Christ. What he started doing under God's guidance continues strong. He will not be forgotten by his brothers and sisters in the Messenger congregation and the whole world at large. It is in the many lives touched, blessed, healed, and transformed that Ed Bousman's record is to be found. Brethren, this world we live in is not our home; we are passing through with a purpose.

John Maseka, Evangelist, Messenger Church of Christ, Solwezi, Zambia, Central Africa

Dear Mr. Bousman,

It's my great pleasure to discuss with you about this few issues with you and your ministry and the administration there. Everything is fine by the grace of the almighty God. Please I am also a worker in the vineyard of the Lord. I came across your Bible courses, and Bible through a pastor friend. So I developed an interest in it. So I am humbly asking to you to send to me some of your Bible Study courses so that I could study more about God's word. We also hear your programme on Bible Voice Africa and would be very grateful to you if you consider this humble request in the sight of God that you also announced at the end of your programme, "God Is Just A Prayer Away". God bless you.

Yours in the Lord's Vineyard, Emmanuel Anim from Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Mr. Bousman,

I hope I have your name right. As you can see, I am incarcerated. I was on the exercise yard this morning and was searching on my radio for some sort of religious service when I wandered onto your program - WIBC 7:30 from Indianapolis, IN. I was the only one on the yard as it was early and a bit cold out so I was able to listen with delight and without interruption. I did however come in a little bit late into the broadcast. None the less I found your material right on point and edifying. I am hopeful that you either have transcript of the program or written notes that are fairly comprehensive. I would like to sit and ponder the points you made of at a little slower pace. The sermon was on, "The cross in the Garden". Forgive me if I do not have all the details right but as I was on the exercise yard with no writing materials. I had to memorize your address and sermon name as well as a few other things I heard during the half hour I was outside. Unfortunately, I do not have any resource to share with you at this juncture but if you can send me your notes and any study material your organization might provide free of charge I would appreciate it. I appreciate your ministry and you.

May God bless you, Michael H. from New Castle Correctional Facility, New Castle, IN

Dear Beloved Sister Naomi Bousman,

Holy greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by whose grace we are O.K. and do hope the same with you all. We pray for you and your family members. This is the memorial month of May our beloved Brother Ed Bousman went to be with the Lord one year has passed away from our sight.

Please send the needed used clothes for our people. Once again thank you so much for your email which you have sent to us and since then we are remembering you in our daily prayers. Please kindly help us with clothes and shoes. Please kindly send your monthly GIJAPA newsletter. With much love and prayers.

Yours in His service, Brother Alphonse, Calvary Church of Christ, India

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steven and I am currently incarcerated in Regional Correctional Facility in Arkansas. I was wondering if you could send me a Bible dictionary. I have already received a wonderful Bible from your ministry and the Bible studies. On behalf of a lot of inmates here at RCF in Osceola, I would like to thank God for your ministry. Through your Bible studies and Bibles a lot of people have come to know Christ. Thank you in advance for the Bible Dictionary.

God bless, Steve M. from Osceola, AR

Dear Sister Naomi,

I do hope you are fine with the children. Praise be to God. We have received six boxes of used clothing and children Red T-shirts. We are very grateful, beloved sister Naomi. You are helping us a lot on this hard soil, thanks so much. If the Lord is willing, the children of our congregation here will have their program this week and I will try to let a photographer take a picture of them and post to you. We baptized two Muslims here last week.

Sister Naomi, we are willing to plant a congregation at a Muslim stronghold town here. Some people there have all along been listening to the radio message and have decided to give themselves. This has been happening since last year up till now. It is time we plant the church there now. Remember us in prayers. This nation has a Muslim population of 94%. My aim is to spread the gospel in all places here, planting churches of Christ in cities, towns and villages here. God has been good to us ever since the missionaries lost hope and sold the only church plot and the few brethren called me from Ghana to the rescue. I met only one congregation here from Ghana, but through the grace of God we now have four, if the Lord is willing we shall soon plant another one unto His glory. I salute the entire brethren there. To God be the glory through Christ our Savior, Amen. Thanks, sister. God is with you.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God, The London Corner Church of Christ, The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Evangelist Bousman,

Thank you for your tireless efforts to make the truth known to many so that they are set free. I have been listening to your broadcast "God Is Just A Prayer Away" on Radio Africa at 6:00 PM on Monday evenings here in Ghana for some years now. What this programme has done in my life can never be explained or expressed by words. Your programme of Bible Study and teachings both on air and printed page, has helped me all these years to become a full evangelist. God bless you and kindly send me a Bible to help me in my work along with the free Bible studies you offered at the end of your programme. Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

In Him our Lord, Asante A. from N. Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of a gentleman inmate who wants to participate in your correspondence Bible study course. His name is John C. and he is also housed at The Larry Gist Sate Jail Unit 7 in Beaumont, TX. He is a new neighbor of mine who happens to be getting along in his years and suffers from increasingly poor vision. Thank you so much for providing these Bibles and study courses to us prisoners free of charge as well as the envelope to mail our lessons back to you for grading. This is very generous and you will be blessed beyond your imagination for this and the good work you are doing for all of us prisoners.

God bless, John

Thanks A Lot Madame Naomi, for keeping us in your thought & prayers at GIJAPA. We owe you a great deal and we are being uplifted in your presence with us.

Madame, thanks so much... I know not what to say but I am overwhelmed with joy right now... it is past midnight here! Please relay our heartfelt gratitude to those who have sent memorial gifts in memory of my father and to those who have shared our sorrows in prayers. Tell them we are grieve by heart with the passing of our father, but our souls are in thankful to them in sharing our grief and in carrying out our family responsibilities. May God bless you all. Meantime, I am so sorry to know at early age you had lost your father, & lately with a heavy heart for our Ed Bousman! We keep on thinking of you in our prayers in the presence of our children & brethren... we love you and regards; take Care, and God Bless!

Ed Domingo from Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

Dear beloved,

Greetings in the name that is above every other name Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. It is a great moment to share with you that I have been blessed by your God Is Just A Prayer Away radio ministration that is broadcast to us by Radio Africa on SWZ, 7190 KhZ each week. It covers West Africa countries and other parts of the world. I would kindly request the materials you announced available to us at the end of your programme along with a Bible. May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to broadcast his glad tidings message across the world. I wait to hear from you.

Olusegun from Nigeria, W. Africa

JUST A REMINDER

As you can see from these two pictures, we still desperately need Bibles and Clothes - especially babies and young children's clothes to send to our poor churches around the world that hear the "God Is Just A Prayer Away" radio broadcast. It cost, \$60.95 to send a large flat rate box of clothes or (13) Bibles out of the US. We shipped 18 boxes of Bibles and clothes out of the US last month and 200 large print Bibles to our prisoners. The Large Print Bible cost, \$10 each and \$3.31 to send to a prisoner along with the first five lessons of a correspondence Bible course. We appreciate your extra gifts you've sent so that we are able to buy the Bibles and ship them. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.



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