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*... honor her
for all that
her hands
have done ...*

— Proverbs 31:31



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DID YOU KNOW?



Don't miss the downloadable activities from **Adventures in Odyssey** each season—this month, watch for the "Summer Reading List" from the AIO team!



joni&friends

Located near the Joni's House El Salvador, **Joni and Friends** has just celebrated the grand opening of its first International Wheelchair Restoration Center. To launch the program, the ministry sent 520 wheelchairs, parts and supplies from one of its 12 U.S. restoration centers.

Focus on the Family has opened another location for "Hope Restored"—located just an hour from the Phoenix airport (Arizona).

**HOPE
RESTORED®**

Check the website for an extensive list of events offered here as well as Missouri, Michigan and Georgia.



With founding speaker Dan Warne moving into a full-time pastoral role, **El Faro de Redención** has a new speaker and

director as Danny Rojas steps into that assignment. The Spanish broadcast by Haven Ministries continues to impact all of Cuba and much of the Spanish-speaking world. In addition to his theological depth, Danny is also a talented musician. He and wife, Luann, call Miami home.



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Just a reminder that you can grab resources for your on-air, social or web use in our holiday Tool Kits—including for this month, National Day of Prayer and Mother's Day. Go to our website and help yourself!

NEW TO AMB-OS!

Real Life Radio with **Jack Hibbs** is now available via Amb-OS satellite and FTP. Pastor Hibbs is best known for his prophetic study of the Bible and his passionate expositional teaching of God's word.

The daily Bible studies travel verse-by-verse through the Bible, tackling current issues and important topics, but always through the filter of God's word.



Jack Hibbs is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, located in Southern California.

To request permission to air Real Life Radio Daily, Weekend, Ministry Minute or the Weekly Promo visit our permissions portal or contact Gary Zelasko at 951-329-0817 gzelasko@reallifenetwork.com.

UPDATE FROM DICK BECVAR



Several folks have inquired about the progress of on-boarding our next-generation satellite/Internet receiver, the AMR-200 – **We're happy to report that the Alpha testing portion of this new hardware platform has been completed and, with the gracious help from six station beta testers, we've begun the final phase of our pre-release tests.**

The new receiver builds upon the design of our current AMR-100 architecture and fully meshes with our existing command/control/transmission infrastructure. **We're deeply indebted to the Lord for connecting us with Canada-based International Datacasting Corporation** to manufacture the 200 hardware platform under a unique agreement that enables us to develop our own unique operating software.

Some years ago when we embarked upon the journey to find a capable vendor who would be compatible with our existing system (instead of purchasing a complete new system) we found that the notion of providing a stand-alone hardware component was a non-starter for virtually all potential parties except **IDC**. They've proved to be a superb partner working with **our talented in-house software developers, Dr. Boyd Gafford and Dave Allen!**

The Lord also has allowed us to bring online a third high-bandwidth transmission site just down the street from our TOC in Irvine, CA. The additional site will power a new transmission mode, debuting first with the AMR-200 but later added to existing AMR-100 capabilities.

For well-Internet-provisioned station sites this new transmission mode will afford virtually the same real-time transmission capacity as our satellite carrier but will utilize a low-latency Internet connection. For many years we've had the ability to send pre-recorded and live programs to AMR-100s via Internet, but the **additional mode and facilities will maximize our end-to-end capability and functionality.**

We'll provide more information about these and other enhancements as the days go forward – Stay tuned!



See You At NRB 2023

NRB
2023

May 22 - 25 | Orlando World Center Marriott
The countdown begins!

We are so excited to see you at this year's NRB Convention! Whether you are looking to schedule an interview, or simply spend time fellowshiping, we hope you will enjoy the ample opportunity to meet with the ministries we serve.

» **Jay Flowers** and team | **Grace to You**

» **John Fuller** | **Focus on the Family**

Meet & Greet Tuesday 5/23 10 - 11:30AM; Wednesday 5/24 2 - 4PM | Available for Interviews

» **Jim Garlow** | **The Garlow Perspective** | Available for Interviews

» **Ron Hutchcraft** | **Ron Hutchcraft Ministries**

Meet & Greet Wednesday 5/24 10:30 - 12PM | Available for Interviews

» **Rob Kirkpatrick** | **Focus on the Family**

Meet & Greet Tuesday 5/23 10 - 11:30AM; Wednesday 5/24 2 - 4PM | Moderator: Workshop - Podcasting: Don't Leave Home Without It! Thursday 5/25 1:15 - 2PM

» **Brian Krause** | **Focus on the Family**

Meet & Greet Tuesday 5/23 10 - 11:30AM; Wednesday 5/24 2 - 4PM

» **Tom Mathis** and team | **Revive Our Hearts**

» **Brad Mattes** | **Life Issues Institute**

Panelist: Living in the Dobbs Era: Life After Roe Tuesday 5/23 9 - 9:45AM | Available for Interviews

» **Barry Meguiar** | **Revival Outside The Walls** | Available for Interviews

» **Charles Morris** | **HAVEN Ministries** | Available for Interviews

» **Adriel Sanchez** | **Core Christianity**

Meet & Greet Tuesday 5/23 10:30 - 12PM | Available for Interviews

» **John Sorensen** | **Evangelism Explosion**

Meet & Greet Wednesday 5/24 1:30 - 2:30PM | Available for Interviews

Let us know you're coming by sending a note to marketing@ambaa.com! **See you soon!**

Meet the Team!

These Ambassador team members will be at the Convention to help you with anything you need ... and take your picture!



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Want to be featured in our summer Update? We'll be there — cameras ready — so say "cheese"!

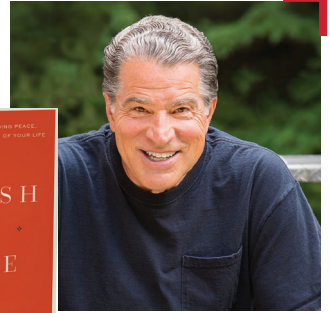
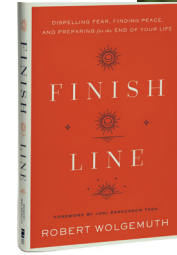


ALL
NEW!

A New Book ... a New Chapter

It was a dual celebration when, just a few days after a milestone birthday for **Robert Wolgemuth** (and news of his forthcoming retirement from Wolgemuth & Associates after 40 years serving authors), his latest book was also released.

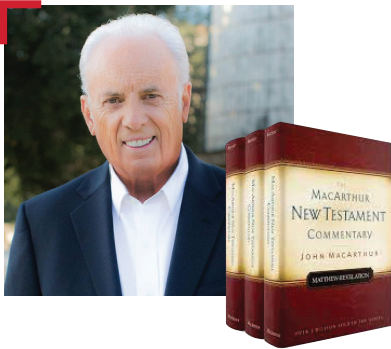
Finish Line: Dispelling Fear, Finding Peace, and Preparing for the End of Your Life provides practical and biblical help on topics such as finances, blessing others, end-of-life choices, heaven, and caring for those you leave behind. Pray that God will use this resource to help readers approach their own finish line with hope, joy, and peace.



A New Project for John MacArthur

With completion of Commentaries from John MacArthur on the New Testament (a decades-long endeavor), the decision has been made to pursue similarly with The MacArthur Old Testament Commentary series. First up—commentary on the book of Zechariah which John has preached in entirety. With help from faculty at Master's University and Seminary, this will be joined by other books of the OT in the days to come.

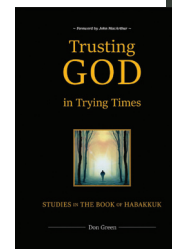
You can request a copy of the soft-cover edition of the Zechariah commentary from Charley@ambaa.com. The ministry would be delighted to share that with you!



More from the Old Testament

New from **Don Green** ("The Truth Pulpit") is *Trusting GOD in Trying Times: Studies in the Book of Habakkuk*. It's a timely study that boldly speaks to how we can trust God when hard times come—which we know they will. Digging into Habakkuk provides lessons on how to move from trials to spiritual triumph, even if circumstances don't change.

In addition to teaching on the broadcast, Don is founding pastor of Truth Community Church (Cincinnati OH) and a former Manager of *Grace to You*. He's also a dedicated family man—he and wife, Nancy, have six grown children and three grandchildren.



And ... a New Leg for Amadou

As the Global Mercy has begun its first surgical field service, four-year-old Amadou is the first patient to receive surgery on the ship—actually two surgeries to correct malformed legs.

It's expected that more than 800 surgeries will be performed by Mercy Ships volunteer physicians over the next several months as the ship dually serves the countries of Senegal and The Gambia. While docked in Dakar, staff will also be in the field to serve in other areas of medical concern including training for in-country professionals.

TAKE
A LOOK



His passion for prayer is a hallmark of **Carter Conlon's** ministry (his 1:00 daily feature is titled "It's Time to Pray") and in this all-new 25:00 special he creatively reminds us of what *prayer* means in the life of the believer.

With reflection on Mark 11:22-24, "*What If I Am the Mountain*" examines how our lack of faith can sometimes be the "mountain" that seems insurmountable—but is not!

NOTE: Stations airing the weekly "Call to the Nation" will be provided this in the regular schedule; all others, please check your Amb-OS receiver for content and/or contact Rebecca@ambaa.com for more details.



Thanks to **Ken Boone** (We Kids Radio) with wife, Carolyn, who toted a copy of Update on a recent trek to Israel. "Mr. Nick" (as he's known on the show) retires at the end of '23 after 37 years on the air. (The cap is courtesy of KHCB-Houston.)

Also in Israel, **Bill Bumpas** and **Troy Kreichbaum** tucked a copy into their luggage as well. When not in the Holy Land, they operate the array of stations in Tyler TX under the Encouragement Media Group umbrella.



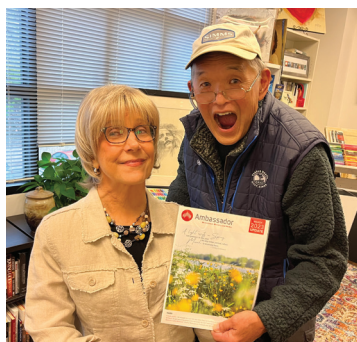
Update Spans the Globe!



Our friend **Clive Welsh** (STN in Belize) didn't need to bring Update along ... he brought himself to our offices in Irvine for a visit. BTW—if you are in SoCal this summer, in addition to a visit to JAF's HQ, please come see us too!



Meanwhile, **Mike Shelley** (NewLife Radio in Georgia) headed to Ecuador to deliver solar devices with over 150 hours of seminary teaching loaded. Photo was taken at Nate Saint Memorial School.

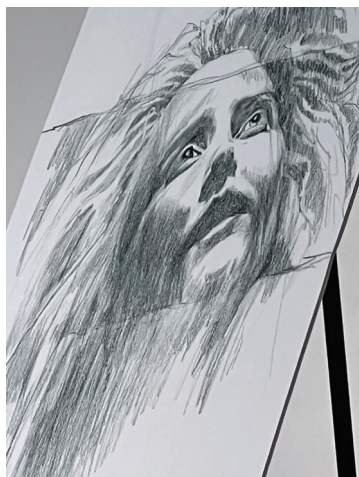


Not to be outdone, this great pix of **Joni & Ken Tada** came right from the International Disability Center (IDC) in Agoura Hills CA. If you are in SoCal, we highly recommend a visit that always includes singing a hymn or two in the building chapel.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

KWVE Celebrates Disability Awareness with *Joni and Friends*!

While it's a privilege to be involved with ministries who have Kingdom impact in a global arena, it's also a joy to be able to experience that right here at home. That was the delight recently when **Joni and Ken Tada**, along with the team at Joni and Friends, were at Calvary Chapel (Costa Mesa), hosted by **KWVE GM Lance Emma** and his crew.



Nearly 200 wheelchairs and other mobility tools were donated as the campus was buzzing with families visiting booths as well as enjoying activities. The event concluded with a message from Joni that spoke to the hearts of both able and disabled in the audience. Just a thoroughly great day!

Welcome to My Bookshelf!

How appropriate that her role is Director of *Boundless* at Focus on the Family because **Lisa Anderson** is “all that” in every measure—boundless in enthusiasm for this ministry to young adults as well as in so many other aspects of her full life.

A reader (as evidenced by the pix she generously shared upon request), Lisa is also an author (*The Dating Manifesto*) and contributor of two of the most favorite recipes in our AAA Family Cookbook (!).

While some may not want you to know that the shelves of their personal library are a jumble of random, unread books, true to her transparency in all things, Lisa “tells it like it is” ... just look!



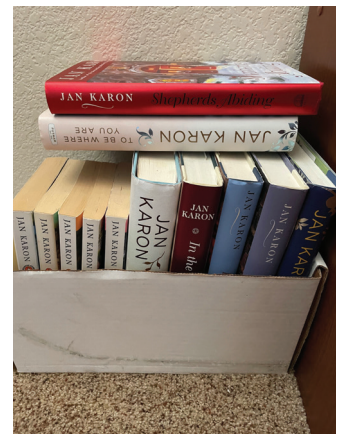
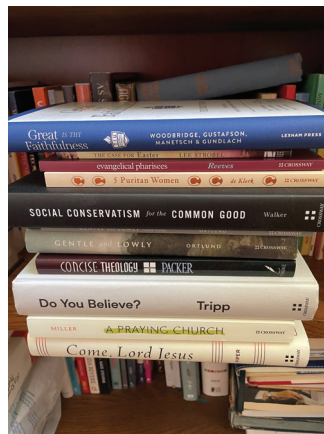
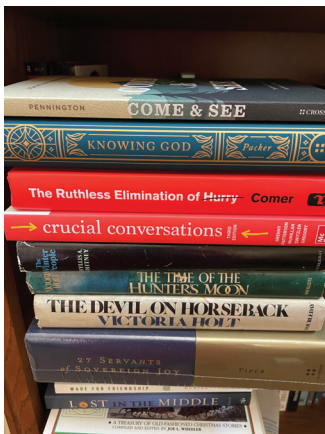
Lisa Anderson

“My main bookshelf at home is complete chaos right now because — as an aspiring minimalist — I will read most of these books and then pass them along to others.

The categories run the gamut from leadership to self-help to theology (thanks to Crossway for making me look uber-spiritual) to gothic romance and mystery to memoir. My latest book purchase is a history of my alma mater, Trinity International University.

On Christmas Day, my neighbor went to be with Jesus at 97 years young. She bequeathed to me her entire collection of Jan Karon "Mitford" novels. I haven't started them yet, but my mom read the whole series, so on the recommendation of these two ladies I will tackle those as well.

I've set up my Goodreads app this year to track my progress because (#truth): Social media and Netflix have cannibalized my reading time. Ten books completed so far this year, which is already behind on my annual goal. But I persevere! ”



Did You Know?

Boundless is an award-winning ministry of **Focus on the Family** with the goal of helping young adults embrace responsibilities, own their faith, date with purpose, prepare for marriage and family, and above all, honor God in everything. Through a menu of impacting tools (including a robust website with resources such as articles and a group blog, a weekly podcast/broadcast, newsletters and more), *Boundless* exists to help young adults navigate the path to maturity with biblical wisdom and intention in the context of strong community.

The popular *Boundless Show* is 26:00 length, hosted by Lisa includes a lively mix of interviews, discussion, Q&A opportunities and more. Via Amb-OS, the program is also available for customization with your station ID. If you don't yet air *The Boundless Show*, we urge you to take a listen for fresh, compelling content ... then contact Jennifer@ambaa.com for clearance.



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Let's Hit The Road in May!

"It's that time of year"—only it's a different time this year as we gather in Orlando in May for another outstanding NRB Convention. Of course, that's not all that's on the calendar for this month—just take a look!



May 4: "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much" (James 5:16b) is the theme for this year's **National Day of Prayer** (see Page 5 inside for more details on special programming).



May 14: "... being a mother, more than any other thing, has taught me that I need God." – Anne Graham Lotz
Happy Mother's Day!



May 19-21: Designed to strengthen the relationship of couples living with disability (spouse or child), **Joni and Friends** hosts its *Marriage Getaway* these dates in Millersburg OH.



May 21: Sending best birthday wishes today to **Anne Graham Lotz** with gratitude for her faithful teaching of the Word and the privilege of serving "Daily Light for Daily Living" and "Light in the Living"!



May 22-25: Looking forward to inspiration and fellowship at **NRB's 2023 Convention** (check out Page 3 inside for much more on Ambassador's plans for the event or visit our website for details).



May 25: Bring the balloons for **Jim Garlow** who also celebrates a May birthday—this year it'll be at NRB so please be sure to tell him "Happy Birthday" when you see him in Orlando!



May 30: Join **Anne Graham Lotz** with daughter Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright for a remarkable Bible study trip to Israel for women to "Refresh Your Faith"!

Worth Considering.

"The love of a mother for her child—is there a love any deeper? Woven through scripture, like the ribbons on a newborn's quilt, are gentle reminders that God's love is like that of a mother: deep, unrelenting, bold." — Max Lucado