

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO 2024 ANNUAL OFFERING READING

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Imagine learning about God through a message in a bottle! That's exactly what happened to a devout Muslim in Israel, who found a bottle containing a flyer for Adventist World Radio's video Bible study series.

It made him curious, so he, his wife and their 10 children decided to watch. His daughter Sarah gasped during one of the videos. She'd recently started having dreams where she was learning about the Bible, and she exclaimed to her family, "The woman in this video is saying exactly what the man in my dream told me!" After watching these videos, the entire family decided to get baptized.

This wasn't an isolated incident. AWR's radio station in Nazareth has started broadcasting programs in Israel, the West Bank, Palestine and beyond, and hundreds have been contacting the station and studying the Bible as a result.

But the Middle East isn't the only supposedly "impossible" place being reached with the Gospel! Last year, in Europe, 1,530 churches across 38 European countries participated in AWR and Total Member Involvement's *Christ for Europe* initiative. Attendees included everyone from refugees in Ukraine, to people who found out about the meetings during Coronation celebrations in London. Additional churches are holding meetings this year—including locations in Paris just before the Olympics.

Another incredible story comes from the island of Mindanao, Philippines. A woman named Mary thought she was joining an altruistic charity, but it turned out she had enlisted with anarchists! After eight months of being held hostage by the group, Mary was hungry and exhausted. She learned about AWR during this time and wanted to know the peace and freedom that other rebels—in both Mindoro and Mindanao—had found in God. This sparked hope inside her, and one day while heading into town for supplies, she spotted military soldiers and ran to them. She begged them to save her and connect her with AWR. She has now been baptized and is partnering with AWR to serve her community in the ways she'd always hoped to.



There's not enough space here to share everything that's happening, but here are a few more brief updates:

- AWR has partnered with Gideon Rescue Company to place portable solar-powered audio Bibles into the hands of soldiers on the front lines in Ukraine. An AWR semi-truck is also meeting both physical and spiritual needs across the country.
- The ministry is publishing and distributing the *Great Controversy* with QR codes that connect readers to young missionaries at AWR's Center for Digital Evangelism, who are eager to pray with anyone who contacts them, and are ready to answer Bible questions.
- Seminary students from Adventist universities are partnering with AWR and the General Conference to preach evangelistic meetings, gaining "boots on the ground" evangelistic experience before leading their own congregations.
- This year, AWR has set a goal of 100 new radio stations in 100 languages, adding to the 2,000 stations currently beaming the Good News around the world!
- More than ever before, AWR is receiving reports of Sunday churches becoming Adventist churches after learning about the Sabbath and studying the Bible with AWR Bible workers.
- AWR's ambitious plans for 2024 are already in full swing, including evangelism in Tanzania and Rwanda, plus a massive evangelistic and medical outreach program across Papua New Guinea in April and May.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Adventist World Radio. As the Lord continues to demonstrate year after year, no one is "impossible to reach" when it comes to the Gospel! Please keep these and AWR's many other ongoing projects in your prayers.

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