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## Your Missionaries Using Technology to Teach a Lost World about Jesus!

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### Going for the Gold!

This is the year for the Olympics! On August 8, 2008 the athletes will convene in Beijing, China to run the race that they have trained if not all of their lives, most of their lives. They will be applying all of the knowledge and training that they have developed.

On May 30 we had the honor of seeing Phillip receive the gold that he has worked hard for the last 10 years to obtain. Phillip earned his Gold Medal of Achievement in the Royal Ranger program. He has been working hard these last several years to complete the paperwork, work on projects, many hours of community service, writing a 500 word essay, and doing a service project.

We were greatly moved when Phillip chose his service project to do. One of the requirements for the project was that it had to impact his community. Our community includes China because of our daughter Hope. Phillip chose to

collect infant and toddler socks to send to the orphanage. He worked hard and lead a great team of boys to collect over 200 pairs of socks to send to Fuling. God had a perfect plan in laying that project on Phillip's heart. The day before the socks arrived in Fuling, the horrible earthquake brought severe devastation close to that region of China. The socks were able to be used shortly there after to help take care of children that were brought into the orphanage!



As Phillip has finished his race for the Gold Medal of Achievement, it should also challenge us to be very sensitive to do what God wants us to do as well!

"You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win!" 1 Corinthians 9:24

One of our projects this quarter was the production of ten **JourneyAnswers.com** videos for our sister ministry, Network211. These videos are featured on JourneyAnswers.com and are geared to reaching people who need Jesus. **Globalreach.org**, our Internet Discipleship project, is nearly upgraded and ready to launch soon!

Users on both sites have the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and be discipled! Please **pray for those who will be browsing in search of God!**



### The Yes! Button

It's a simple green button at the bottom of a webpage. Developed by Network211 to be placed on its websites and **GlobalReach.org**, it uses the latest technology to match the user with someone who can best minister to them. It's power lies not in technology, but in the anointing of the Holy Spirit! Please **pray for those who will be responders** for the Yes! Button.



### Phillip, Stephen and Hope's Corner

Well the school year has ended and now I'm enduring the tortures and toils of band camp. As the weeks go on I'm reminded of a quote from Transformers. "No sacrifice, No victory" Not only does this quote apply to war with alien robots and marching bands but also to Jesus' story. Without His sacrifice we would have no victory over sin. Just like our marching band would have no victory over the other bands without the sacrifices of band camp. Everyone is doing great here. Stephen just got back from Royal Ranger Pow-Wow where he got to sit in a Huey helicopter! He had an amazing time. Hope is getting ready to turn four in a matter of days. She is getting big so fast! My band, Amethyst, is getting ready to upload our first song to our Myspace.



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# The Digital Television Transition

## The Change from Analog to Digital Television

**Note:** This article is a revision of the article printed in our last email. We have revised and reprinted it due to the changing nature of this important change in video technology. Revised items have been highlighted in Blue.

### **What is DTV, HDTV and why are we changing?**

DTV stands for Digital Television. Our present signal is transmitted as various voltage levels and is known as analog transmission. It has its roots in the 1920's and was last revised in the 1950's. DTV will be transmitted digitally (like signals inside a computer). This allows the use of many new technologies and the transmission of sharper images. HDTV stands for High Definition TeleVision. HDTV looks a lot sharper in the details.

### **Is it worth it?**

Beauty is, of course, in the eye of the beholder. If you enjoy seeing the details in a scene in a picture or the movies, then you will probably appreciate the better picture that HDTV has to offer you. Costs for the television sets are currently between \$300.00 and up past \$2000.00.

### **How will it affect me?**

On February 17, 2009, all television stations in the United States will stop transmitting analog signals. After this date, only digital television (DTV) signals will be transmitted. If you are receiving your signals through an indoor or outdoor antenna, you will not be able to receive the digital signals and you will most likely see static or snow on your screen. If you are receiving your signals through cable or satellite, then you probably will not be affected. The FCC has mandated that all cable and satellite systems maintain analog signals until 2012.

### **Do I need to change anything?**

**If you receive your signals through an indoor or outdoor antenna**, you will either need to purchase a new DTV-compatible television with a digital tuner, or you will need to purchase a set-top converter for your existing television.

**If you receive your signals through cable or satellite**, your cable company will continue to provide analog signals compatible with your present television set until 2012. You do not need to change anything until then.

### **What about the coupons?**

The US government will be issuing up to two \$40.00 vouchers to households with analog television sets. These vouchers are good ONLY for one set top converter each. We saw a converter locally for around \$50.00. For more details on the coupons for the converter boxes go to <http://www.dtv2009.gov>

### **When should I make my move?**

As of the revising of this article at the beginning of June 2008, coupons are still available, but may be running out soon, so make sure you do not wait too long! The coupons are only good for 90 days from the day they are issued, so apply for the coupons only when you are ready to purchase a box. Quantities are limited on the coupons.

### **Will I need a new antenna?**

One recent engineering survey indicates that people residing further than 30 miles from the TV towers may have difficulty receiving DTV signals and should install an outdoor antenna. If you would like to check for yourself, go to <http://www.antennaweb.org>

### **What about Low Power TV (LPTV) stations?**

Many religious stations on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) and Ion (formerly PAX) are operating under a low power TV license. These stations are exempted from the February 17, 2009 analog cutoff. Most of these stations will probably continue broadcasting with their analog signals. However, set-top converter boxes might not allow these signals through to your TV set. If you watch these stations through an antenna (and not cable or satellite), you might look for a converter box with an "analog pass-through" option. As of the time of this revision, 22 of the approved set-top converters have this option. For the most part, though, they are only available via the Internet and not at the major retailers. Also, some of these may not be eligible for purchase with the coupons. See <http://www.keepuson.com> for more details.

### **Is HD-DVD the same as Blu-Ray?**

No. HD-DVD disks will not play in a Blu-Ray player and vice versa. HD-DVD is a dead format. Several studios have announced that they will no longer be offering product in HD-DVD format. And its manufacturers will not making any more players. There are a few "Combination" Blu-Ray/HD-DVD players on the market; and HD-DVD and Blu-Ray movies will play back in them. If you have purchased HD-DVD movies, we recommend that you purchase a combo player. If you have not invested in any Blu-Ray movies, we suggest that you wait.

### **What about Wireless Microphones?**

Wireless microphones work on the frequencies presently used by television stations. Many of the frequencies above 700 MHz will be shared with other services after February 17, 2009. However, devices are not likely to be sold until late 2009. These devices are supposed to detect wireless mics and stay away from those frequencies, but it is unknown whether they will actually do this. At the time of this revision, it appears as if a "wait and see" stance is the best policy for now.

### **Additional Websites:**

<http://www.DTVanswers.com>

<http://www.dtv2009.gov>

<http://www.DTVtransition.org>

<http://www.antennaweb.org>

<http://www.CE.org>

<http://www.keepuson.com>

*All facts presented are current as of the writing of this article on February 29, 2008 and its revision on June 12, 2008. Please check for any changes before following any advice given in this article.*