



Fred, Crystal, Phillip, Stephen and Hope Kovach

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

Volume 14, No. 3 Winter 2008 AGWM Account #243344 9

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Having a three children in the house means that there is never a dull moment! We have started to decorate for Christmas and as we do that, we have a book that we try to read each year called "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" I highly recommend this book to anyone. We started reading this book several years ago when Phillip was small. Well the other day, Hope wanted to read a story at bed time and she couldn't make up her mind which one she wanted to read. So I told her that I would choose a book. I found this book on our shelf and pulled it out and started to read it.

Needless to say in the days to come everyone has now managed to find their way into the living room during story time to hear about a group of siblings that are some of the roughest kids in this town start to come to church just because they heard that there are snacks! The kids then decide that they want to be in the annual Christmas pageant! They managed to secure all of the major parts in the play which just floored the people of the church! But then the touching part is this.....When the director of the pageant starts to read the Christmas story, she finds that this group of siblings have never

heard the true Christmas story! They had no idea what the true meaning of Christmas was!

I won't give away the story, but it really made me stop and think this year...How many other "Heardman" children out there that have never heard the "TRUE Christmas" story! We so take for granted that in America there seems to be a church on every corner and that everyone goes to church. Not the case! People say that they believe in Jesus, but do they have a relationship with him? There are people around this world that, just like the "Heardman family", have never heard about Jesus and how he came to earth as a sweet baby in a manger, grew up had an amazing ministry, then died on the cross for our sins, went to the grave and rose again!

May we never take for granted that everyone knows the true meaning of Christmas! May we never get tired of hearing the beautiful story of God's faithfulness to his children to send a savior, a precious baby to take our place on the cross! The greatest gift of all!

Merry Christmas!!

Kovach Praise and Prayer

- † Praise God for supplying translations for Cebuano, a language in the Philippines. This is our twelfth language for discipleship materials on GLOBALreach.org!
- † Please pray for the new believers we and our team are discipling via the Internet and the 121 Discipleship Connection. These people prayed the prayer of salvation on our websites! Two of these need prayer support: **Jacob**, a Nigerian who needs prayer for strength to conquer sin in his life; and **Raju**, a student from India needs prayer for strength to live for God in front of his unsaved family.
- † Praise God for His provision for our ministry this past quarter! Please pray for God to continue to supply the monthly financial needs of our missionary ministry.

Phillip, Stephen and Hope's Corner

The fall has officially moved out and Ol' Man Winter is making his presence here known. We've already had our first snow of the year. It's beginning to look like Christmas around here.

Marching season wrapped up pretty well. We had 3 top 5 finishes and won Best Drumline at three contests as well. Now that marching season is over, I get to do Jazz Band and Winter Drumline. I also obtained my driver's license just in time to do some Christmas shopping. So lookout 'cause no one is safe. If you're on MySpace or Facebook, look me up.

I'm not the only one with accomplishments in this house. Stephen has completed three levels of swimming lessons and Hope has completed four. Needless to say we have a few fish in the house now. Hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Fred and Crystal Kovach, 3229 W. Countryside Drive, Springfield, MO 65807 417-882-6213

Email : fredk@fredcrystal.com eNewsletter signup: <http://newsletter.fredcrystal.com>

<http://www.fredcrystal.com>

AGWM Acct # 2433449



Email subscriptions and archives of past eNewsletters are available at <http://newsletter.fredcrystal.com>

The Digital Television Transition

The Change from Analog to Digital Television

Note: In past issues of the Kovach Missions eNewsletter we have been discussing the coming Digital TV transition occurring on February 17, 2009. This time, we will be updating you on how wireless mics are affected. If you have not read our Summer or Fall 2008 article, you can download them at <http://newsletters.fredcrystal.com>

The Proposed Ban on 700 MHz Wireless Microphones

What's this about Wireless Microphones?

Wireless microphones work on the frequencies presently used by television stations. Some wireless mics, especially those three years or older, use the 700 MHz frequency band. Many of the frequencies above 700 MHz will be shared with other devices after February 17, 2009.

These devices (called "White Space Devices") would help expand wireless Internet service. These devices are supposed to detect wireless mics and stay away from those frequencies, but it is unknown whether they will actually do this. **[Updated Information]** Because of issues discovered in the testing of these devices, the FCC has recently decided to close the frequencies in the 700 MHz band to wireless mics after February 17, 2009. Several entities have appealed to the FCC to reverse this decision, but it is pretty much final now.

How do I know if our wireless mics are affected?

Look at the manufacturer's sticker or the digital readout of your wireless microphone or its receiver. If the frequency reads between 698 MHz and 806 MHz, then your wireless microphone system is probably affected. If you can change the frequency on your system to below 698 MHz, then you are okay. If you can't find the frequency or have any other questions, please feel free to contact us.

If our wireless microphone system is in these frequencies, what should we do?

You should strongly consider converting to wired mics, changing the frequencies (if your system permits that) or purchasing a new wireless system. The manufacturer may also be able to change your frequency, but that may be costly and should only be considered for expensive systems. If by some chance, this proposal is not passed, your 700 MHz system will still be subject to interference by White Space Devices. If you want to wait and see, the FCC is expected to rule on this proposal in about six weeks.

A good technical solution would be to convert to wired mics. Wired mics are less noisy and sound better. They also do not require a license and are not subject to the winds of political and technological change.

Can we sell our 700 MHz Wireless Mics?

Yes, before February 17, 2009. The FCC sale after that date. One website humorously suggested selling the mics on eBay to South America! Realistically, finding a buyer is going to be difficult. It would be unethical to attempt to sell them in the United States before that date.

Additional Websites:

<http://www.DTVanswers.com>
<http://www.DTVtransition.org>

<http://www.dtv2009.gov>
<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 August 31, 2008. Please check for any changes before following any advice given in this article. You can feel free to contact us with any questions at fredk@fredcrystal.com

Copyright 2008, Fred P. Kovach