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PUBLIC AFFAIRS



What a great month we have had at TBN/WRBJ-TV in Jackson, Mississippi. Our outreach to statewide ministries has expanded as we connect with Christian organizations from Gulfport to north Mississippi. Many ministries are staffed by volunteer social workers and medical professionals, along with ordinary church goers who strive daily to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus. Love from His great heart is given freely each day to homeless men and women, needy families, and orphaned children.

Weekly prayer at Jackson City Hall with the Mission Mississippi staff has produced a fine new Mayor from the recent elections. There are signs of progress in the city as streets are being repaired and the fountain at City Hall is back working again! This is evidence of God's gracious love and His response to the Good News going forth through TBN's programming and our staff's ventures outside the studio to make TBN's presence known.

## JOY IN OUR TOWN



Pastor Jamane Williams of the Bridge Church in nearby Pearl has provided some of our most insightful commentary and questions during his recent interviews with The Baptist Children's Village and The Center of Hope shelter. A particularly poignant and touching segment was taped this month with Kenneth Phillips, a homeless resident of Billy Brumfield Shelter House on

Gallatin Street. Mr. Phillips is not what you would expect in a resident of a shelter for the homeless. He is a former law enforcement professional and worked for a time in the airline industry. He is an educated and articulate spokesman for those going through a tough time. He describes his situation as being a series of bad breaks after a heart attack.



"A friend drove me from Mendenhall to Brumfield House and they welcomed me!" At this local shelter, operated by Stewpot's church supported ministries, Mr. Phillips found clean clothes, a warm bed, good food, and loving council. The ministry provides shelter and compassion to men who are at a point of desperation and therefore ready to hear Christ's saving message, maybe for the first time in their lives!

Another *Joy in Our Town* host, Jana Barraza, related to us that she meets fans of the show quite often! She takes these opportunities to talk about Jesus



face to face with the community. That affirmed to all our TBN/WRBJ staff that Jesus' message is getting through each time *Joy in Our Town* is aired.

Other guests on our broadcasts this month include Renee Smith, Director of Joyce's Hope Home for Girls, Clark Rumfelt, attorney and founder of Buried Treasures Home for released women prisoners, Erin K. Good of the Center for Pregnancy Choices, and Mark Wall, minister and volunteer at Grace Place, a downtown ministry to the homeless.

There is never lack of guests who truly love the Lord and obey His command to love others as He first loved all of us. A great example of this is the very literal ministry of Ann Lancaster's staff at We Will Go Ministries. And they really go!



Volunteers and staff of this mission organization live and serve deep within one of the most blighted neighborhoods of the capital city. They regularly welcome gang members, mentor teens, witness and teach in local jails, and rescue prostitutes off the streets to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Volunteer interns from around the globe have flocked to this pioneering missionary ministry where WRBJ recently attended an open house for their supporters. We experienced a real piece of the Kingdom of God on earth! The powerful testimony of a former street pimp and drug addict, who is now in full time service for Christ, was unforgettable.

This is just one example of the many people we have met who are serving Jesus in Mississippi, and the staff at WRBJ-TV is privileged to know these heroic people and be part of spreading the word about their amazing ministries.

## SUCCESS OF NATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMING



This past month we were delighted to get wonderful feedback of *Praise* with Matt and Laurie Crouch. Reverend John Gray, Associate Pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston and host of *John Gray's World*, was their guest. Reverend Gray is forthright, funny, and right on in his expression of what makes a

victorious Christian! He pointed out what our priorities should be and how to maximize them while being a living witness for Jesus' love. Reverend Gray's musical gifts bless many and his honesty makes it easy to identify with his witness for the great Savior he serves!



Pastor Gray's personal testimony including his family's health struggles, his simple beginnings, and his use of all his talents is a great example for the young people he mentors. We should never hesitate to be light and humorous, as he often is, and at the same time be serious about lost people around the world.

The *Praise* program always brings a powerful message to our broadcast audience where so many are looking for a way forward for their lives and the lives of their loved ones. Matt and Laurie, along with all the hosts and guests of *Praise*, send out a message of hope to a world often dominated by the darkness of evil.

## MAJOR ISSUES IN THE MID-MISSISSIPPI AREA

Many people in Mississippi love and serve Jesus with sincere hearts. But there is also a different lifestyle of darkness, addiction, and gang-induced evil that stalks the streets of our state. Innocent victims of abuse, exploitation, and even murder are prevalent. It cannot be ignored!



Social violence and crime is without a doubt one of the most urgent issues in Mississippi. The only real and lasting solution is Jesus!

All the more reason and great need for the Trinity Broadcasting Network in Mississippi working along with countless local groups of believers whose churches have special ministries to address the problem. There is but one solution for the escalating crime rate in Mississippi, and that is wholesale revival before the return of Christ. Nothing else will be enough.

The Trinity Broadcasting Network will continually beam out the hope and salvation of Jesus across the state. The twenty four hour message of the love of Christ is the best medicine for a hurting Mississippi! We cannot personally reach every single person among the nearly 3 million residents, but almost every home has a television, computer, or cell phone.

TBN/WRBJ highlights the works of God's grace and mercy through our local guests and local broadcast partners to send out a powerful and effective counterforce to evil and despair. We know the command of Jesus is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature! TBN is leading the way!

