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NEWSLETTER

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BE THE 2018 CHANGE 25-27 MAY *Appeal*



"God expects us to do what we can... and let Him do what we can't." I'm not quite sure who said this but I have to agree that there's something to it!

As a community radio station, we rely on gifts from members and listeners to keep going. At present it costs around \$360 per day to stay on air, which translates to over \$11,000 every month. And to build further into our community with the message of hope in Jesus, Rhema will need an even greater source of income.

On **May 25-27**, Rhema will present another opportunity for you to support your station through a special appeal. Our target this year is \$35,000. You'll be invited to come in to the studios and meet visiting announcers who will happily "invade" your airwaves for the weekend. Come, have a cuppa and join in the fun!

What a great way to earn yourself a tax deduction while supporting your Christian radio station. And even if you don't need a tax deduction, please give generously. Also, you can be an advocate for Rhema by encouraging your family and friends to be a part of this necessary support. All gifts \$2 and over are tax deductible.

We hope you keep Rhema in your prayers, which is vital, but we also need your financial support.

Go to rhema.fm/donate.

- Alan

STREAMING is almost here!

Rhema 99.9 can soon be heard online. So when you go on holidays you can take Rhema with you. Modern car radios can stream via bluetooth from your phone (through the TuneIn app) and you will be able to listen on your laptop via a button at the top of our web page at rhema.fm.

Music Survey

Rhema has a survey form available and we want to hear what you think of our music. If you'd like a copy of the form, please email us at admin@rhema.fm and we'll email you a copy to print out, along with instructions. It's important that we are playing the music you want to hear so please do the survey.

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Fresh Changes

By Berni Dymet

Change, even good change, can be difficult to adjust to.

Take Israel for instance. They'd spent four and a half centuries in slavery in Egypt ... another forty brutal years in the wilderness ... and then, finally, finally they're about to cross over into the Promised Land; the Land promised by God to their ancestor Abraham over 500 years earlier.

A promise they'd been clinging to. And now, a promise that was about to be fulfilled. Finally! But (there always seems to be a "but" doesn't there?!) God's plan, wasn't that the Promised Land would be delivered to them with ease, like a home delivered pizza.

No ... no, no!

God's plan was that they would have to take the Promised Land, battle by battle, from all the tribes and nations that currently inhabited it. Battle by bloody battle! (God, what were you thinking, exactly?!)

So ... what is that God says to their newly minted leader, Joshua, before they head off across the Jordan River for their first battle?

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

In fact, three times God tells Joshua to be strong and courageous.

Whatever change is in the wind for you, good or bad, positive or negative, anticipated or dreaded, listen again to the Word of God, fresh for you today:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. ■



GM Spot

Most of us like change don't we??...NOT!! There's a reason why young children watch the same DVD over and over again and enjoy it the same every time. It's because the predictability of their viewing experience provides a sense of comfort. As God's children we are encouraged to pray, yet we can't expect a less desirable situation to change if we keep on doing the same thing. Also, it might be comfortable and familiar to do what we've always done, but I don't believe God's plan for us is to remain the same... and to be comfortable about that.

Rhema 99.9 has already begun to implement its five-year strategic plan. And a major part of that plan is to employ new strategies that will raise the profile of the station and better reach the general community, as well as building up Christians in their faith.

Please stand with us and pray for God's continued leading in making changes that will reach more people for Jesus and bring glory to our Heavenly Father.



Rhema helps the Bible League

"BRINGING HOPE BEHIND BARS"!

Thank you to the team at Rhema Port Macquarie for being a part of this year's Bringing Hope Behind Bars Campaign. We really value and appreciate your partnership and to-date the listeners from your station have funded 21 Prison Bibles - that is 21 prisoner's lives transformed by the power of God's Word!

Together with 10 other stations we had a great campaign over 3 weeks. I loved the day I spent on air in your studio and it was awesome to witness the response and warmth of the Rhema listeners. Live on-air time is always the best way to get the word out and your listeners responded very positively!

It is wonderful when so many Christian radio stations partner for Kingdom purpose which allows for us to continue to supply Bibles into Aussie prisons for another year. With so many amazing testimonies coming out of Aussie prisons, we are continually overwhelmed by what God is doing when each of us says: "Here I am, send me!"

Hilton Edwards



URGENT ADMIN HELP NEEDED!

If you have good office admin skills and would like to join the Rhema team, please send an email to admin@rhema.fm or phone 6584 1246 and let us know you're interested. This is a volunteer position and open to anyone who can spend one or more days in the Rhema office.

Social Media

Rhema needs an experienced volunteer to upgrade our social media outreach alongside our revamped programming. If you have experience with social media and have a heart to see Rhema expand into the community through social media, please contact our General Manager, Werner Egger, on 6584 1246 or email him at werner@rhema.fm. You will need to be (or be willing to become) a member of Rhema and complete a volunteer application form which is available on our website, rhema.fm.



The Times They Are a'Changin'!

Well the program times on Rhema that is. Included with this newsletter is a new Program Guide and you'll notice a few changes plus some great new programs added. Rhema 99.9 is putting in place an outreach strategy to appeal to more of our unchurched community with engaging radio that's safe for their whole family. This means some programs have been moved to new times.

Programs Added

FRESH - 9-11pm Saturdays - a youth oriented program from Hope 103.2

Screen Talk - 10am Saturdays - Movie reviews

Real Faith - 8:30pm Saturdays - Interviews with real people who have real stories

Aussie Grown Across the Nation - although it's been running a while now it's a relatively new program that features Australian Christian artists and is heard at 7pm Fridays.

Also we are producing locally a new program about health & fitness hosted by Adele Grobler who is a qualified Personal Trainer registered with Fitness Australia. The program is scheduled for 7pm Saturdays when it starts. And we are talking to another local presenter about a program called "A Call To Prayer".

Programs Moved

Insight for Living has moved from 6am to 5:30am and also from 9:30pm to 9pm weekdays.

Derek Prince Legacy Radio moved from 9am to 6:30am weekdays.

TCM News moved to 10:30am Fridays.

Focus on the Family has moved from 11:30am to 6:30pm weekdays right after Adventures in Odyssey.

Family Life Today has become part of our nightly weekday programs moving from 1pm to 9:30pm.

Voice for Values has moved from 9am to 7:30am Saturdays.

Today's Christian Music (TCM) has moved from 6pm Saturdays to 4pm.

Programs Leaving

While most of our programs can be podcasted, **Leading the Way** has moved to podcasting only.

The Word for Today, which was locally produced by us, has left the airwaves *temporarily*. We are seeking someone with the right voice to start up the production again.

There will be more program shuffles in the future also as we seek to provide the best form of outreach to our community under the "We're for families" banner.

Please keep the Program Guide on your fridge.



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